

# Publius Syrus Cryptograms — Set 3

6 puzzles · Large print · answers on the last page

Every letter has been swapped for another letter. The same cipher letter always stands for the same letter, and no letter ever stands for itself. Write your answer in the blank under each letter. Answers are on the last page.

1. Clue: H = S

Hard · 42 letters

P I B Q D B V G M Y W

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P A H I W H G B S W H G V B K

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H I W D A V H G Q J F W H

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Q J S .

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Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M |
| N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |

2. Clue: B = N

Hard · 42 letters

**S U L S H E W N U B X H B**

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**F H E B I U Y E V R M B**

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**B U Y U C L M B X**

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**H R R M W E H B .**

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Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>I</b> | <b>J</b> | <b>K</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>M</b> |
| <b>N</b> | <b>O</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>Q</b> | <b>R</b> | <b>S</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>U</b> | <b>V</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Z</b> |

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3. Clue: P = E

Hard · 43 letters

**P U P S B A Z B M O H F J A**

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**Q P E Z M M P A Z M X V X D**

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**K P S P D H Q P H F S**

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**J Z M D .**

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Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M**

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**N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

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4. Clue: K = O

Medium · 43 letters

G A B E V G V X O K F O K  
O A B C W , G V K I O V C  
Q B X X K Z J  
K F F K J O Z C B O N .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M |
| N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |

5. Clue: I = T

Medium · 43 letters

**U I I Z E K T Z X S V N**

**I U Q K I S L H U V N**

**K Y P K X X K V P K I S**

**Q Z I F H U I C .**

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M |
| N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |

6. Clue: D = T

Hard · 43 letters

**Q K X K M Z L K J U D S Z J Y**

**M U C F H S E M Q S E D Q K**

**U F Y S D J U D D U S E N K .**

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>I</b> | <b>J</b> | <b>K</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>M</b> |
| <b>N</b> | <b>O</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>Q</b> | <b>R</b> | <b>S</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>U</b> | <b>V</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Z</b> |

### Solver's cheat sheet

|                                   |                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Most common letters</b>        | E T A O I N S H R D L U                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Most common 1-letter words</b> | A I                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Most common 2-letter words</b> | OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY<br>UP AN GO NO US AM                                                                                    |
| <b>Most common 3-letter words</b> | THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE<br>OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE<br>TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT SAY SHE TOO USE |
| <b>Common double letters</b>      | LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Common word endings</b>        | -ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST                                                                                                                         |
| <b>After an apostrophe</b>        | T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D<br>(I'd)                                                                                                 |

# Answer key

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### 1. "Whom Fortune wishes to destroy she first makes mad."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 911 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

Cipher key: A=I B=O C=X D=F E=Q F=K G=T H=S I=H J=A K=Y L=P M=U N=G O=L P=W Q=M R=B S=D T=C  
U=V V=R W=E X=Z Y=N Z=J

### 2. "He who is bent on doing evil can never want occasion."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 459 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

Cipher key: A=P B=N C=R D=F E=I F=D G=X H=O I=G J=M K=Q L=W M=A N=B O=K P=Z Q=U R=C S=H T=J  
U=E V=L W=S X=T Y=V Z=Y

### 3. "Every day should be passed as if it were to be our last."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 633 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

Cipher key: A=D B=Y C=G D=T E=P F=U G=Q H=O I=J J=L K=W L=C M=S N=K O=H P=E Q=B R=M S=R T=X  
U=V V=F W=Z X=I Y=N Z=A

### 4. "While we stop to think, we often miss our opportunity."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 185 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

Cipher key: A=H B=I C=N D=A E=L F=P G=W H=C I=F J=R K=O L=X M=Z N=Y O=T P=G Q=M R=B S=J T=V  
U=D V=E W=K X=S Y=Q Z=U

### 5. "It takes a long time to bring excellence to maturity."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 780 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

Cipher key: A=P B=W C=Y D=F E=K F=U G=H H=R I=T J=Q K=E L=B M=V N=G O=D P=C Q=M R=J S=O T=S  
U=I V=N W=Z X=L Y=X Z=A

### 6. "We desire nothing so much as what we ought not to have."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 559 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

Cipher key: A=B B=J C=M D=T E=A F=U G=X H=C I=L J=N K=E L=R M=S N=V O=P P=F Q=W R=Y S=H T=K  
U=O V=Q W=Z X=D Y=G Z=I