

# Publius Syrus Cryptograms — Set 5

5 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: P = E

Hard · 45 letters

L G P F P T S

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P G A P T J T L Y P

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M K G Y L W P T E C P T P

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S K B E K B V W M K X P

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K B A .

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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: L = E

Expert · 45 letters

**X T L C E S M L J H**

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**P N Q S L Z Q L S K T L Q**

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**X T L P U J Z J Q D R J H**

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**D P W E J X X L 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

3. Clue: A = T

Expert · 45 letters

Y K Y Q J A L D E S D Z

B G Q A L B L O A D A Z

R T Q F L O Z Y Q B D C C

R O J U G Q D A .

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

4. Clue: C = I

Expert · 46 letters

**Q Y N B G W M C L W Y B**

**L E B C L Q C M I O C B T**

**C W Q R C K B C W A Y W M**

**K E R E F C B D .**

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: M = O

Hard · 46 letters

A W G U M T N U M H T A W U

H M S W N D P W U H T A M

G U M T N U M H T A W U H M

N L W Q G .

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 |

### Solver's cheat sheet

|                            |                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Most common letters        | E T A O I N S H R D L U                                                                                                                                       |
| Most common 1-letter words | A I                                                                                                                                                           |
| Most common 2-letter words | 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                                                                                    |
| Most common 3-letter words | 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 |
| Common double letters      | LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC                                                                                                                                 |
| Common word endings        | -ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST                                                                                                                         |
| After an apostrophe        | 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. "In every enterprise consider where you would come out."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 777 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

#### 2. "The judge is condemned when the criminal is acquitted."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 407 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

#### 3. "Everything is worth what its purchaser will pay for it."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 847 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

#### 4. "Fortune is not satisfied with inflicting one calamity."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 274 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

#### 5. "He knows not when to be silent who knows not when to speak."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 930 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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