

# Publius Syrus Cryptograms — Set 6

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: Y = T

Hard · 46 letters

R Y K Q Y Y S U B E V Y

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Z O Q Y C V J Q U S

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Y O V J W O Y Y V I S , I J Y

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Z O Q Y C V J Q U 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: Y = N

Expert · 46 letters

**D H Y T J G G X H Y H T H Z K**

**T V Z O C G X G C W J**

**Y J A C C W X Y I C H**

**X Y Y H D J Y D M .**

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: S = E

Hard · 47 letters

**V R V I F K S G W O F G M**

**T J M S G R F P V J D R N**

**I S S P R N Q Y S F I S**

**S K S G W C N M W .**

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: B = T

Hard · 48 letters

**F U B B U T A Z U**

**I U K M V M R U Z N B B P U**

**S A B Z U B B P N R N B**

**B P U X N Z B I S I U R B .**

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: H = E

Medium · 48 letters

P H S F H A Z I H F H N I H Y

A Z L I K H F N P K H Z

I K H E S F H

A Z I H F H N I H Y A Z W 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 |

### 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. "It matters not what you are thought to be, but what you are."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 785 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

#### 2. "Confession of our faults is the next thing to innocence."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 1060 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

#### 3. "It is a very hard undertaking to seek to please everybody."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 675 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

#### 4. "Better use medicines at the outset than at the last moment."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 866 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

#### 5. "We are interested in others when they are interested in us."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 16 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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