

Publius Syrus Cryptograms — Set 8

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: Q = H

Hard · 49 letters

N Q O B I Q H D E H R U Q

N Q O C O P T H W H N

J P K K B N Q O I Y W T C

Y W N Q O Y K Q P W T 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

2. Clue: F = E

Medium · 50 letters

X G Q F C C A F H U F F O C

T U F C F U I F A , J R F

E O U C J T Q W L F O C

C W E F E Z U G Z Z G F .

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: U = E

Medium · 52 letters

B T T C W U Y Q K W Y V C

B T T C A U V A U Y G U

K N T T J Q F J U ' A

B G U Y K U A K

P Q U A A F V B 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: A = I

Medium · 54 letters

C M N I Q F X B M M A Q

N Q X F Y M I ' B

V N C N K A F D F Y M A C C B

P Y A V Y D X W B Y X W C U

N L X A U .

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: C = E

Hard · 58 letters

N E L K Q O C B D J B P C

V J R D D , - K S C

X L B V S K C L K S C

V J B K K C L , K S C G E L C

C R D B J M X L E P C O .

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

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 UP AN GO NO US AM
Most common 3-letter words	THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE 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 (I'd)

Answer key

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1. "They who plough the sea do not carry the winds in their hands."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 759 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "Unless degree is preserved, the first place is safe for no one."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 1042 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Good health and good sense are two of life's greatest blessings."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 827 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "Learn to see in another's calamity the ills which you should avoid."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 120 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "Fortune is like glass, - the brighter the glitter, the more easily broken."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 280 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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