

Richard Brinsley Sheridan Cryptograms — Set 2

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: D = T

Medium · 78 letters

D Z B T A V S S B J O G V

E B S F Q S B D D F

T A V S S B J V G O D

G D V W I G ; R B G Z U A J I

U W J F G Q U O J O D L F

D S F O W M D U B Y Q J V O W

O 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

2. Clue: B = E

Medium · 79 letters

M B M J Z Z Q W D

R Q D J N J A R D B D T B

A R U D ; U W K J Q H ,

G W E Q C A B W A Z B , -

W E I

I B D I W U A B N D J W Q

M J Z Z X B R Z Z D W D T B

P E D E I 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

3. Clue: R = E

Easy · 88 letters

M P M N R D N R V R A H

W A Q O V M A E M A O V M K

F U N G H , M O M K O V R

I K R U P T Q

U N W Y I G W N O U A E I R ,

W A H W A M Y R

H R N W A E R T R A O U P

R D M O W D V K !

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: D = O

Easy · 101 letters

D Q E J A T G N K D E N J E G

F G E I C D D L B W A L D M

M D O B N ; U Q K K X G I

J E G K X G O J N K

V G D V O G W N X D Q O L

T X D D N G K D X J F G J

F W N W K W A C

J T P Q J W A K J A T G

S W K X .

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: F = E

Easy · 126 letters

A I F M F U X J O J F Q X !

X V Q , A I F G O Q F A I F

B N X A W V Y Y O M N L X ,

Y V S F M A V N L X ,

O R N B V M O R Y F ,

V M Z F Q M O Y - M N A

A I O A V F W F Q Q F O H

A I F B ! M N , V B O P F V A

O Q L Y F M F W F Q A N

Y N N P V M A N O

M F U X J O J F Q .

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. "The quarrel is a very pretty quarrel as it stands; we should only spoil it by trying to explain it."

— Richard Brinsley Sheridan, 1775, *The Rivals*, Act IV. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "We will not anticipate the past; so mind, young people, - our retrospection will be all to the future."

— Richard Brinsley Sheridan, 1775, *The Rivals*, Act IV. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "If I reprehend anything in this world, it is the use of my oracular tongue, and a nice derangement of epitaphs!"

— Richard Brinsley Sheridan, 1775, *The Rivals*, Act III. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Our ancestors are very good kind of folks; but they are the last people I should choose to have a visiting acquaintance with."

— Richard Brinsley Sheridan, 1775, *The Rivals*, Act IV. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "The newspapers! Sir, they are the most villanous, licentious, abominable, infernal - Not that I ever read them! No, I make it a rule never to look into a newspaper."

— Richard Brinsley Sheridan, 1779, *The Critic*, Act I. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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