

Robert Burton Cryptograms — Set 1

6 puzzles · Standard 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: R = E

Medium · 41 letters

Q A R I C A R N J E R J C E S D R ,

 C A R N K S C A R E R J F C A R N

 F R R K S I R .

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: C = I

Hard · 42 letters

X W H K U W C X I J C S

 Q J U U G I P Z C X W X W G C I

 B H C S X P Q H Z S Z J I 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

3. Clue: N = E

Hard · 42 letters

D O F N L W N S T L N G X N A

L W T L G Z S Z A N S T B T A E

D Z Z F T A Z L W N 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

4. Clue: D = E

Medium · 44 letters

G N D Q Y M M D W I D D I F U G

J M M G N D L J G D W G N J G

X U D I A C N Y I Q Y M 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

5. Clue: O = E

Expert · 44 letters

B Y V G K O U J J Y N O B O V D K ,
 A M U W M D Q C U P J B Y P J Y C O
 O L W O T P U Y 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

6. Clue: S = T

Hard · 45 letters

S F O K N W U H S F O V U N O W L
 D Q Q E C G V S F S F O Z W S Q Z
 Q S F O U C ' G Q U E 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

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. "When they are at Rome, they do there as they see done."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy, Part III. Sect. 4, Memb. 2, Subsect. 1* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Though it rain daggers with their points downward."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy, Part III. Sect. 2, Memb. 3* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Like the watermen that row one way and look another."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy, Democritus to the Reader* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The miller sees not all the water that goes by his mill."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy, Part III. Sect. 3, Memb. 4, Subsect. 1* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "No rule is so general, which admits not some exception."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy, Part I. Sect. 2, Memb. 2, Subsect. 3* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "They lard their lean books with the fat of others' works."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy, Democritus to the Reader* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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