

Robert Louis Stevenson Cryptograms — Set 3

6 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: A = I

Hard · 58 letters

A X A B K G X X G O X Q

E A D G C U N K G N Q U G

F A X W A X, X W C U X Q

N A G N C A E P A U X W G

B A Z H O Q Q J .

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: H = T

Medium · 59 letters

U H U X M O R U M O M S C

Q D V M O V H E R S U Y J

H V O O X, D F M F E H

F O D V S C X E Q D V M H E

X U H X H U S S.

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Medium · 60 letters

Q N Q B B J I H K M

P H M Z L W V W Z J P N

N E V N A H Z A K H

B E Z J K W P H V C Z Z W

W H V K Q W K H Q L

M Z J N E .

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 = S

Medium · 61 letters

D H D C I P C H B Q J S V

H B C J V H T J H J L U

C T B P N R Z U

I B F C D R U S U R,

Z U I J P C U D H I B Q U C

N J C H .

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: Z = T

Medium · 61 letters

F Z F Q J P Z Z P H Z K

D K Q P T P W D Z T D F E P

W Q L P G N Z T H F Y Z

Z T W G Z K I W Q Z P F Z

D F E P W A F Q P H .

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: R = E

Expert · 61 letters

J F R D P O H J P H

G R O J S P Q W L

C O P V F J R O , C M J J F R

H R G Y Q B H J S V R P H

J F R Z Y O R

X R S G R D 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

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

Answer key

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1. "It is better to live and be done with it, than to die daily in the sickroom."

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, *Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

2. "It is decidedly harder to climb trees, and not nearly so hard to sit still."

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, *Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

3. "It is surely beyond a doubt that people should be a good deal idle in youth."

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, *Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

4. "It is customary to say that age should be considered, because it comes last."

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, *Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

5. "It is better to lose health like a spendthrift than to waste it like a miser."

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, *Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

6. "The first is certainly brighter, but the second stage is the more peaceful."

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, *Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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