

Samuel Butler Cryptograms — Set 1

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: R = N

Medium · 48 letters

D L U G V L G R

F R N P M A U L R P P W

I R W B F K P D L U W W R

N D F R L G P K A T T W M

R 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

2. Clue: B = A

Medium · 48 letters

J R Q X B J V B F L

U I P C E T C J E T B

X L B P V X B V ' J V I A L

U L V R T Y R N T E J X L P .

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: E = H

Expert · 48 letters

H M R C J X U ,

J I U E P D R E E M E J B

Z D O E H W U , E M H J T

S M C A T E A P G D T W X R

W 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

4. Clue: G = O

Medium · 50 letters

Y P E I G A I G J Y I

U G K A V I Q ' L R G J Q K :

T Q A T P A Y L N G J I

B P I U P Z Z I G Z G J Q 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

5. Clue: R = A

Medium · 50 letters

Q A F T A Y Y Q R I ' C
Y Q R I , R T O I Q R I ' C
R C Q K D Q R C
Z A I R H Q G C K M Y K I
M R T U B 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

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)

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Answer key

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1. "He made an instrument to know if the moon shine at full or no."

— Samuel Butler, 1664, *Hudibras*, Part II, Canto III. Line 261 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Such as take lodgings in a head that's to be let unfurnished."

— Samuel Butler, 1663, *Hudibras*, Part I, Canto I. Line 161 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "We grant, although he had much wit, He was very shy of using it."

— Samuel Butler, 1663, *Hudibras*, Part I, Canto I. Line 45 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "I am not now in fortune's power: He that is down can fall no lower."

— Samuel Butler, 1663, *Hudibras*, Part I, Canto III. Line 877 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "He knew what's what, and that's as high as metaphysic wit can fly."

— Samuel Butler, 1663, *Hudibras*, Part I, Canto I. Line 149 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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