

Samuel Butler Cryptograms — Set 2

5 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: G = I

Medium · 50 letters

F J K F N K S U P B Q G J V

N M N G T V K F G V H G Q Q G V

U D F G V U H T U B G T G U T

V K G Q 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

2. Clue: J = N

Expert · 51 letters

A E X F V J R E Z Q L F H Q W D

H D V P A R N Z Q J D H D C V Q F

V J H J W V G Z F Q E S H J

Z Q J 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

3. Clue: Z = E

Hard · 52 letters

L E F Z ! R Y L C H Z W O G B V K

Z A N O W K A C Y Z F L A C Y L C

F Z V V G Z B R O C Y P K G V

O W K 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: S = E

Hard · 52 letters

E M W F H Y S V V H A S

O Y S U V W K S X V U V N K S U H

M D F S X R N G A S U H S E U V

H M G A S U 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: P = E

Hard · 56 letters

U D B Z P M P Q I O P C Z N O

 O H E X W N S G E N Q P T H Q ,

 T H Q P M P Q R U D R D P D B W B

 U D P Q P T H Q 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

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. "He that complies against his will is of his own opinion still."

— Samuel Butler, 1678, *Hudibras*, Part III, Canto III. Line 547 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Love in your hearts as idly burns as fire in antique Roman urns."

— Samuel Butler, 1664, *Hudibras*, Part II, Canto I. Line 309 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Ay me! what perils do environ the man that meddles with cold iron!"

— Samuel Butler, 1663, *Hudibras*, Part I, Canto III. Line 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Doubtless the pleasure is as great of being cheated as to cheat."

— Samuel Butler, 1664, *Hudibras*, Part II, Canto III. Line 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Whatever sceptic could inquire for, For every why he had a wherefore."

— Samuel Butler, 1663, *Hudibras*, Part I, Canto I. Line 131 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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