

Samuel Butler Cryptograms — Set 3

4 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: U = A

Hard · 57 letters

D U F G U M L U O Z P G G A

U E

S U C C G V Z - S V U L R A C ,

U A S T A G U A T E D G V

J M U K K G V - J M U L R A 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

2. Clue: O = I

Hard · 57 letters

V R O P P U I K L K T V U H S

W K H S U H S F O P P O H N ,

P O D X J C O P O J U H S

I U L A K H U

V C O P P O H N .

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: D = O

Medium · 62 letters

C P S V P D N R F L D E

U D L V U W O L U O P K B O

B K U K E W D L K V C O R R

K V D E P O G U D N G E V D '

E P ' L K E W D L ?

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: R = E

Medium · 102 letters

C R W C F W G H T L U R U

F J L F W C H F X R U G W ,

J L W C R W C F W M L N

E L J Q R J G R J E R

W F X R U G W ; W C R J C L Y

E F J F J B H F J S R

U F G V W L S N R F X F J

L F W C C R J R Q R N

H F V 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

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. "Have always been at daggers-drawing, And one another clapper-clawing."

— Samuel Butler, 1664, *Hudibras*, Part II, Canto II. Line 79 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Still amorous and fond and billing, Like Philip and Mary on a shilling."

— Samuel Butler, 1678, *Hudibras*, Part III, Canto I. Line 687 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Why should not conscience have vacation as well as other courts o' th' nation?"

— Samuel Butler, 1664, *Hudibras*, Part II, Canto II. Line 317 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "He that imposes an oath makes it, Not he that for convenience takes it; Then how can any man be said to break an oath he never made?"

— Samuel Butler, 1664, *Hudibras*, Part II, Canto II. Line 377 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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