

Samuel Johnson Cryptograms — Set 5

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: W = O

Hard · 61 letters

U H U L S U F P M S

I T W Z A W O V W H H U P C ,

F W P N W K G I M P W

S F V W C I W K X D F C D N

P W N M G F K C N S H O .

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: D = E

Medium · 61 letters

V D F D C Q Q V D W P X D

P Q R V G O V Q V D

R U J F E Z J D R T P F D ,

Q U T U G W Q P X U J P F ,

U J P E U J W P Q P F 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: P = E

Medium · 62 letters

U A W I F C O P W Z

I U F B P F C B R S S R L H J

G P I I P O

O P S P S G P O P Z I A W L

U A W I F C

I O W L C B O F G P Z .

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: A = O

Medium · 65 letters

Y P N C V C F K S V R N

H P F V C A H Y P S N C

I F E C V J N C V A G ; Z A F

K A G A C H V G K V C

N O A G Y Y P A R R

B S A B E S .

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: B = L

Medium · 65 letters

M B S S Z Y J S W M A ,
A I E A I V F I S K S V N
W S A X M W K I M N
Q V B B O F M B B I E U K B O
X M W K E W O A I M W T
V B N V .

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. "I live in the crowd of jollity, not so much to enjoy company as to shun myself."

— Samuel Johnson, 1759, *Rasselas*, Chap. XVI (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "He left the name at which the world grew pale, To point a moral, or adorn a tale."

— Samuel Johnson, 1749, *The Vanity of Human Wishes*, Line 221 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "What is read twice is commonly better remembered than what is transcribed."

— Samuel Johnson, 1760, *The Idler*, No. 74 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Gratitude is a fruit of great cultivation; you do not find it among gross people."

— Samuel Johnson, 1773, *Tour to the Hebrides*. Sept. 20, 1773 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "I look upon it, that he who does not mind his belly will hardly mind anything else."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell). Vol. II. Chap. IX* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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