

Samuel Johnson Cryptograms — Set 8

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: S = E

Medium · 83 letters

Q L W A T S H E S M I W D Y A W

Q M L H I : A S Q L W A U

I K Z O S N Y W K X I S T R S I , W X

A S Q L W A A V S X S A S N U L

D M L H M L D W X F U Y M W L

K C W L M Y .

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: T = N

Easy · 95 letters

K X W A W D U T I K X D T Z

B X D H X X L U G W K V W W T

H I T K A D E W R V G J L T V G

B X D H X U I J N H X

X L M M D T W U U D U

M A I R N H W R L U V G L Z I I R

K L E W A T I A D T T .

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: U = T

Easy · 102 letters

P X G S U , Y P U D Q P E R K U ,

P Y W Z R K U G Q R P Y , B Z G

E S O U K M P Q M S E V P Y V

K U V E S G O B Q R U R Y J

D Y U G D M Z S W , P Y W

U G D M Z S W Y G U Z R Y J U Z P U

Z S W R W Y G U P W G Q Y .

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: N = E

Easy · 109 letters

Z H G N X P N Q T N F D D S

O G Z R U O G F O O G N T N Z Q

R P X Z Q O Z R M O Z P R

K N O I N N R B Z T O V N F R X

B Z M N , I G S , Q Z T , I G N R G N

D N F B N Q P V T G P V Q N Q D N O

V Q M P V R O P V T Q E P P R 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

5. Clue: W = A

Easy · 113 letters

K C P H L U D Z M W F Y P
Y B L D L Y D N J W N M J U D W
K W D Y P H W D I W B B U W H U Z
L D N J W N O J W H W O N U H [W F
W D W R N J Y H], J U
Z U F U H G U Z N Y J W G U J L F
K U H L N F J W D Z F Y K U Q C
W Q Q Y M U 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

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. "Knowledge is of two kinds: we know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it."

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

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

2. "There is nothing which has yet been contrived by man by which so much happiness is produced as by a good tavern or inn."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell)*. Vol. VI. Chap. III. 1776 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "A Poet, Naturalist, and Historian, Who left scarcely any style of writing untouched, And touched nothing that he did not adorn."

— Samuel Johnson, 1776, *Epitaph on Goldsmith* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "If he does really think that there is no distinction between virtue and vice, why, sir, when he leaves our houses let us count our spoons."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell)*. Vol. II. Chap. V. 1763 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "My friend was of opinion that when a man of rank appeared in that character [as an author], he deserved to have his merits handsomely allowed."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell)*. Vol. VIII. Chap. III. 1781 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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