

Samuel Taylor Coleridge Cryptograms — Set 1

6 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: F = L

Easy · 40 letters

X F K H O , X F K H O , -

X F F , X F F X F K H O ;

X F K H O K H X T B I O ,

T B I O Q O X .

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: G = E

Expert · 40 letters

U T U O J D E F P T J
F T U O U K K P G ,
A G U R Q E Y R T
G W F G G O E L M T J .

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: R = E

Medium · 44 letters

M P G C R R I ! N E N G U

J R Y E C R E P N Y J ,

S R C M L R T Q O M A I M C R

E M I M C 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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

4. Clue: A = T

Hard · 44 letters

X P X P T P A E P Q C T N A

A E H A P Z P T W J T N A

C R A V A E H A N C Y P R A

N P 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: B = E

Hard · 52 letters

A B N F B Q R O B O C G L V

I C I V A B H Q I N B V V ,

E Q I O E T I J M Q C Q

A B N O J D B O C Q B V 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

6. Clue: C = E

Hard · 52 letters

Y A B X E I B O T J C C M C ,

Y A B X E I B O B A K C ,

H X C H B C O K A C H Y A B X

I Z J A P X B V C C 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. "Alone, alone, - all, all alone; Alone on a wide, wide sea."

— Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1798, *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, Part IV* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "A lady richly clad as she, Beautiful exceedingly."

— Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1816, *Christabel; Kubla Khan, Part I* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "Oh sleep! it is a gentle thing, Beloved from pole to pole."

— Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1798, *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, Part V* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "We were the first that ever burst into that silent sea."

— Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1798, *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, Part II* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "Her gentle limbs did she undress, And lay down in her loveliness."

— Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1816, *Christabel; Kubla Khan, Part I* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

6. "Without a breeze, without a tide, She steadies with upright keel."

— Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1798, *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, Part III* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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