

Sir Walter Scott Cryptograms — Set 3

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: J = E

Medium · 99 letters

V K J L A O T Q G A A , P K G B K

G E E O G N V Z K O M J

O S S Z W S B J N V K J

V I O C J N T Z U K O F A J V ,

V K J B K O I O B V J I Z U V K J

L I G S B J Z U N J S F O I R

Q J G S C A J U V Z W 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

2. Clue: L = O

Easy · 111 letters

X L P I Q , X L P I Q S O T

N K J B C L I , E C K K S O T

E C E T ! S L J K K S O T

X T I X P J K Y L B K Q

W B L N K J C F , L I T N B L Y Q T Q

O L P B L E H K L B C L P X K C E T

C X Y L B S O J I J H T

Y C S O L P S J I J F 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: Z = A

Easy · 112 letters

V W , O Z H Q Z F W Z Y A Z A

L Z H G V O F B H A Y S H G F

O Z L N A W B Z L E W B L

I S A A I B O B Z H A ! Z H G

O Z H Q Z J V L G Z A L Z H G V O

F C V N B H O Z Q F V V A W B , V L

J V X H G , Z W B Z L A A W Z A ' F

U L V N B 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

4. Clue: C = I

Hard · 112 letters

K C X S J K B R Z P W R E C Z J P

R E C Z S L R K L Y, E V M

K P H L M J P O K L E M,

K E W L V J, E V M T I L; T I C J

K C X S J K B Y P V, E V M

T S P Z J - K C H L M O E C V, R P Z

W P V E Z Q S T T L K M P W T C X S

C V H E C 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

5. Clue: S = E

Easy · 130 letters

Q C Q G U S L G R W A Y P W

A R O W Y L U Y L

C R W S L Q W P L S R O Q

F S X A Q B R X, Q F S L S

G Y L Z R B H F Q O Y B; R I A S

N Y O O S O O S O O Y F S

Z B Y G C S T H S Y I W A S O S,

A S F Q U D S B W P L S W Y

X Q C C A R F O S C I Q B

Q L X A R W S X W.

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. "The playbill, which is said to have announced the tragedy of Hamlet, the character of the Prince of Denmark being left out."

— Sir Walter Scott, 1825, *The Talisman*, Introduction (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Sound, sound the clarion, fill the fife! To all the sensual world proclaim, One crowded hour of glorious life is worth an age without a name."

— Sir Walter Scott, 1816, *Old Mortality*, Chap. XXXIV (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Oh, many a shaft at random sent finds mark the archer little meant! And many a word at random spoken may soothe, or wound, a heart that's broken!"

— Sir Walter Scott, 1815, *The Lord of the Isles*, Canto V. Stanza 18 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Lightly from fair to fair he flew, And loved to plead, lament, and sue; Suit lightly won, and short-lived pain, For monarchs seldom sigh in vain."

— Sir Walter Scott, 1808, *Marmion*, Canto V. Stanza 9 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "A lawyer without history or literature is a mechanic, a mere working mason; if he possesses some knowledge of these, he may venture to call himself an architect."

— Sir Walter Scott, 1815, *Guy Mannering*, Chap. XXXVII (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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