

Thomas Babington Macaulay Cryptograms — Set 1

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: C = E

Medium · 72 letters

A U F R E E

B F C C V H I E E Q N C R V

X F C V C W V Y R B F Y H

F R M A S L T C U B C S T C T

N C E Y P X F C T A L S A X Q

Y H F A U X Y V 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

2. Clue: C = I

Medium · 74 letters

J C N C G R M C F R E C U F

T A N A G D B A Y E J A

Z C F M N U X R F

U N E T C O J . C E

A F R D B A Y J C G E U

T I F , E J U I M J F U E E U

N U R 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: O = I

Medium · 81 letters

M K E I H M I H

A B K R G S R V K A H

Q O X O R T V H T A S A G J K

U Q O G O A J B T U V O R O I

H I K H C O G A

B K Q O H X O R S V C O G A

H C N H Q S V O G 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

4. Clue: C = E

Medium · 85 letters

Y C S U J K P S F P P S C

E U A P Y U D K C T O N J

F D K A I J C D K R K

I T U U O U O H C D R N A

R A F H T C F P I U C E

I T U K N Q C K R D F

Q R B R J R W C K F H 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

5. Clue: G = S

Easy · 96 letters

L Y V Y A G L P H K P S

E T L A P E G, A E L Y V

G V E G V A E B Y A D Y A

J G V L Y V B P H F, A G

P S L V E U V G L

G L J F A V F A E B P H Q G

E P L Z H P S V G G V F X K

Y A G L P H A D T 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

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. "I shall cheerfully bear the reproach of having descended below the dignity of history."

— Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1849, *The History of England, Vol. I. Chap. I* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "His imagination resembled the wings of an ostrich. It enabled him to run, though not to soar."

— Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1828, *On John Dryden. 1828* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "We know no spectacle so ridiculous as the British public in one of its periodical fits of morality."

— Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1830, *On Moore's Life of Lord Byron. 1830* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "We hold that the most wonderful and splendid proof of genius is a great poem produced in a civilized age."

— Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1825, *On Milton. 1825* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "The history of nations, in the sense in which I use the word, is often best studied in works not professedly historical."

— Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1824, *On Mitford's History of Greece. 1824* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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