

Thomas Babington Macaulay Cryptograms — Set 2

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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: R = E

Easy · 99 letters

C J R R Q J S H R , F M R F C

Q D R U J R S Q R W Q

I A R W W X M U W B D X T D S

U F E R J M P R M Q T S M

T F M C R J F M S

N R F N A R , X W X M

S A P F W Q R E R J V

T F K M Q J V

K M N F N K A S 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

2. Clue: X = E

Easy · 104 letters

G R X E D W K D F B U G P D W

D K R P J B P W V H U J

J L E R G R U G

H R U G X C X F H U J

A P G G A X J X X B X V G D

R P B N F X U G , U W V

H R U G X C X F H U J

N F X U G J X X B X V G D

R P B A P G G A 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

3. Clue: G = E

Medium · 112 letters

E P G K G R G K G

N G Q E X G W G Q M Q U

E P G K G R G K G C G M W G Q

O Q E P G Q M H B S T

A P M K X G C O O . I Z E

E P G C G M W G Q R G K G

Q S E N G Q E X G W G Q ,

M Q U E P G N G Q E X G W G Q

R G K G Q S E C G M W G 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

4. Clue: X = E

Medium · 122 letters

V B X X A N Y E T B

H E H Y X, - P H L L Q

I B E R B E S

X O X U M V B E A N X Y T X

E A L C U Y P A N C P N X

T B L C Y J F X U E T B,

I L C Y J P Y L A X

T C S S E R X V L T B L I

V B X I B L Y X X K V X A V

L S E V T H X P C V M P A J

F L I X U.

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. "Free trade, one of the greatest blessings which a government can confer on a people, is in almost every country unpopular."

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

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

2. "The conformation of his mind was such that whatever was little seemed to him great, and whatever was great seemed to him little."

— Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1833, *On Horace Walpole*. 1833 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "There were gentlemen and there were seamen in the navy of Charles II. But the seamen were not gentlemen, and the gentlemen were not seamen."

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

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

4. "The English Bible, - a book which if everything else in our language should perish, would alone suffice to show the whole extent of its beauty and power."

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

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