

Benjamin Franklin 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: I = O

Medium · 55 letters

O E X S O C Q C E X O

G I W O X S E A R Q I C X S

C O B J E A R I C J I

G I W O X S E A R Q I C X S

J I E A 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

2. Clue: M = E

Expert · 57 letters

K I B H H , P W U S B , B S T

Q M N A V B V U X S B Q M

M B H U I R P Q B P C M T ,

B S T S M G M Q J M I I

F M S T M 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: J = T

Expert · 57 letters

R U J N R I H G A V Y

U G J N R U E K X U Z M

I X R Y J G Z M

K M A J X R U , M P K M C J

Y M X J N X U Y J X P M I .

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: H = E

Easy · 59 letters

Y V J H R D L U D K C

L P S H R L O, L Y H U X D C

K O H Z H C H E P J H.

Z Y P L ' O P O K R J V P S

V R L Y H O Y P J 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

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 wordsOF 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 apostropheT (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "Either write something worth reading or do something worth doing."

— Benjamin Franklin, 1738, *Poor Richard's Almanack*

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

2. "Glass, china, and reputation are easily cracked, and never well mended."

— Benjamin Franklin, 1750, *Poor Richard's Almanack*

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

3. "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

— Benjamin Franklin, 1789, *Letter to Jean-Baptiste Le Roy*

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

4. "Hide not your talents, they for use were made. What's a sundial in the shade?"

— Benjamin Franklin, 1750, *Poor Richard's Almanack*

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