

Benjamin Franklin Cryptograms — Set 3

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: A = E

Medium · 62 letters

L I L R I L H , M S P A

Q R E B K R E N P E B N E

K L D A L K P A C A N K ,

Q A A U P M K R E K A N E

N P A C V M R G K N E R A .

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: J = T

Medium · 66 letters

Y L T J J S L N V L B P

V U Z P ? J S P C Y L C L J

T M N F C Y P E J U A P ,

Z L E J S F J U T J S P

T J N Z Z V U Z P U T

A F Y P L Z .

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: H = T

Easy · 105 letters

Z G I M K P M K J E X M H

D C G M T L M H H C X O V

V M M X O V I M K O T C

E C O E O X E T M H H C X ,

C Z H A C T P T Z H C

H A Z X L V P M T H A

T C O E Z X L , M T E M

H A Z X L V P M T H A H A C

P T Z H Z X L .

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: B = A

Medium · 116 letters

N Z W Z D R P E R P K O

Q H R E B H O Z H F R D

E N B Y T R M Y Z W U Y D

E U K K M B D R J

E B M N U H C Y R H . J R W B

Y N R P M B H O K Z B C P Z M

N B I Z H Z B W K D Y N Z

M B V Z Z J J Z L Y E U Y N

B Y N R P M B H O D Z B W M .

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: L = E

Easy · 120 letters

F I A J J I L R L B I L Z J

E F X W U L L V

E A D Z C A L S : S K U

T F R J K S F R F A I J C L

D C K L T F D I K D J ; S K U

T F R J K S F D C K L J C L

C K U D L T F D I K D J ;

F R V S K U T F R J K S F

C K U D L J C L U A V L U

T F D I K D 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

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. "A man may, if he knows not how to save as he gets, keep his nose to the grindstone."

— Benjamin Franklin, 1757, *The Way to Wealth (Poor Richard, 1758), Maxims prefixed to Poor Richard's Almanac, 1757 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."

— Benjamin Franklin, 1746, *Poor Richard's Almanack*

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

3. "If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading, or do things worth the writing."

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

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

4. "Here you would know and enjoy what posterity will say of Washington. For a thousand leagues have nearly the same effect with a thousand years."

— Benjamin Franklin, 1780, *Letter to Washington, March 5, 1780 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "A little neglect may breed mischief: for want of a nail the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe the horse was lost; and for want of a horse the rider was lost."

— Benjamin Franklin, 1757, *The Way to Wealth (Poor Richard, 1758), Maxims prefixed to Poor Richard's Almanac, 1757 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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