

Edward Young Cryptograms — Set 3

4 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: Y = A

Hard · 68 letters

I X P A X Z Z B V O Y O X L T

B Y A I R Y L W U Y T T Y C B

T I N V , Y V R I X E R

O I B Q L H Y L O I Q V C

A Y V R E B O X O I B T N 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: Z = O

Expert · 70 letters

K Z Y Q S Z M M Q I Z N I ,

Z I K A M C H K Z S

T Q C M I B I O F Z X Q ,

C I F X D B I W X D Q P

O M Z N B Y Y Z M X C T C K

X D Q P G J Z X 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

3. Clue: J = E

Medium · 73 letters

Q S J U Q S G Q A T

H E A M K A Y R

G T N J R Q A M R

J T E G M H J , D M A V Y N J

Q S J K M V J F Q

K T R Q J G V A L Q S J K M

V K R N S G M H 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

4. Clue: M = A

Medium · 77 letters

C P M T N V O T A M X
X H P P N , M D Q E L T D W
M X C P M T N V O T A , M D Q
X L O N M X E L T D W , M D Q
W M E M X X L O N , M D Q
V D D L B P D N M X W M E !

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

Answer key

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1. "How commentators each dark passage shun, And hold their farthing candle to the sun."

— Edward Young, 1728, *Love of Fame, the Universal Passion*, Satire VII. Line 97 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Some for renown, on scraps of learning dote, And think they grow immortal as they quote."

— Edward Young, 1728, *Love of Fame, the Universal Passion*, Satire I. Line 89 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "They that on glorious ancestors enlarge, Produce their debt instead of their discharge."

— Edward Young, 1728, *Love of Fame, the Universal Passion*, Satire I. Line 147 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Beautiful as sweet, And young as beautiful, and soft as young, And gay as soft, and innocent as gay!"

— Edward Young, 1745, *Night Thoughts*, Night III. Line 81 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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