

Oscar Wilde Cryptograms — Set 1

6 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: N = E

Expert · 42 letters

N I V N K X N O P N X G

G X U V B T J Y N O W U N

C N A X Z N M H K

U X G J W Q N G .

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 = T

Hard · 44 letters

M Q O Y J P K I E K M Y

S O M N V W Y D E

M O U C M E M V Y J V B M Y

K V O P W M Y V 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

3. Clue: N = E

Medium · 50 letters

V N G H N G J J K S Z D N

X F Z Z N H , E F Z Q P T N

P Y F Q G H N J P P U K S X

G Z Z D N Q Z G H 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: K = T

Medium · 51 letters

C L G A L O G W S K U U

L F E U S K W D K W K Z L D V

A Q A S K U K W C H

O A S L U P O C I W N U P K .

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: Y = T

Hard · 59 letters

Y I F N A H N T Y B H

L E L H T Y Y B N U O N U

Y B H R I L F Z . S I T Y

C H I C F H H K N T Y , E U Z

Y B E Y N T E F F .

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

6. Clue: X = E

Easy · 78 letters

G F C Y E D X F E U

T Y G E X D A Z T X C T X

U F D B E Y C T Y E S Z C

J X I E S C . Q Y K X T Y G F

G F E B , F C P T X Z Y D D

U X D D N S V U T X

U I V U 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

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. "Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes."

— Oscar Wilde, 1892, *Lady Windermere's Fan*

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

2. "The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it."

— Oscar Wilde, 1890, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

3. "We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars."

— Oscar Wilde, 1892, *Lady Windermere's Fan*

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

4. "Life is far too important a thing ever to talk seriously about."

— Oscar Wilde, 1892, *Lady Windermere's Fan*

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

5. "To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, and that is all."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Soul of Man Under Socialism*

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

6. "Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask, and he will tell you the truth."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Critic as Artist*

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