

Robert Burton Cryptograms — Set 2

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: L = T

Hard · 48 letters

L V Q S C W Q X W H P Z E G

V P K E U E L S ; X W H P Z

E G L V C L L V Q S C W Q

G H L X W H P Z .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Expert · 52 letters

T B X N D Q X M G I U

X U M D U M M A R A

B X T J G X D V , A W

J A S D U G X B Q G A B G D

T I N L M D 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: Q = E

Expert · 54 letters

H F Q Y Q J Z M Y U M S Q

W V T V X Q J X W

U B O Z Q S Q O M A Q Z U

G Q Q O U S Q X V X

M P Q W V Q X I 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: O = E

Medium · 57 letters

[F X O G A Q X] J G O

A P Z O O Z G J F X O G

E N H H O H H O Z S W

F X O A G K N P O W F X J P

E N H H O H H N G 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

5. Clue: Q = O

Medium · 71 letters

R Q V Q W Z R Q W V F I O D
V F R B Q J Q W V Y I O T
Z W F H , Q W U Q O Z B Q
J F B M , F B O Q X D V F R
Z Q H Y M U F M H Y R D Z
M U W D F 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

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. "They are proud in humility; proud in that they are not proud."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy, Part I. Sect. 2, Memb. 3, Subsect. 14* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "Smile with an intent to do mischief, or cozen him whom he salutes."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy, Democritus to the Reader* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "The fear of some divine and supreme powers keeps men in obedience."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy, Part III. Sect. 4, Memb. 1, Subsect. 2* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "[The rich] are indeed rather possessed by their money than possessors."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy, Part I. Sect. 2, Memb. 3, Subsect. 12* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "No cord nor cable can so forcibly draw, or hold so fast, as love can do with a twined thread."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy, Part III. Sect. 2, Memb. 1, Subsect. 2* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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