

Sydney Smith 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: C = E

Medium · 74 letters

R Q C G J N R Q G K C W C B

Q S P S K I S B J G , S K P

Q S W C N K W S B N S M F I

G C S F C P R Q C N B

F C R R C B G Y N R Q

R Q C N B R Q D J M 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: P = A

Easy · 76 letters

Z B T D F D I H D I

B Q W C N M D W K U P N N Q

R P W Q J L Q R L M K

U P B, L M P L D L U P N

P S L J P T T B L U K T F K

Z D T K N R W Q Z P

T K Z Q 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

3. Clue: A = T

Medium · 76 letters

X A X Y F R L F Z Y

P X D G A A G F A F I F E

Y G B H R V S W F S R W A B

P W E V W P F P W F Y B E

K B P A G W K F X A G

A G F A X Y L X A G X E

G X 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: J = A

Hard · 105 letters

X Q N I O K P S Z

R S J Z N O Z L P K N I O

B T P A O, G I P Z O J M L

J Q J D O Z X V J Q A P P H,

P Z B P O L N P J Q

J D O Z X V J Q F T J W, P Z

T P P H L J N J Q

J D O Z X V J Q F X V N S Z O

P Z L N J N S O?

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: B = I

Medium · 111 letters

K T K C Y Y H T J M C G G

K B Y G B U T B J

G T M M B J D F P Q J

T A H M S I Z E R T M Y

B J M P T A H M S Q T G G Y ;

C J F K T B Y

U O B M M T O B J D C Q C S

K B Y C D T B J M O S B J D

M P F O C Q M K T A Z H

C D C B 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. "The Smiths never had any arms, and have invariably sealed their letters with their thumbs."

— Sydney Smith, 1855, *Lady Holland's Memoir of the Reverend Sydney Smith*, Vol. I. p. 244 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "My living in Yorkshire was so far out of the way, that it was actually twelve miles from a lemon."

— Sydney Smith, 1855, *Lady Holland's Memoir of the Reverend Sydney Smith*, Vol. I. p. 262 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "It is always right that a man should be able to render a reason for the faith that is within him."

— Sydney Smith, 1855, *Lady Holland's Memoir of the Reverend Sydney Smith*, Vol. I. p. 53 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "In the four quarters of the globe, who reads an American book, or goes to an American play, or looks at an American picture or statue?"

— Sydney Smith, 1820, *Review of Seybert's Annals of the United States*, 1820 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "He has spent all his life in letting down empty buckets into empty wells; and he is frittering away his age in trying to draw them up again."

— Sydney Smith, 1855, *Lady Holland's Memoir of the Reverend Sydney Smith*, Vol. I. p. 259 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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