

Ralph Waldo Emerson 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: G = E

Hard · 40 letters

L U V N F G U L H Y D D O C

Y G J D L I V D V Q G

G W G C V Q U V C G G

V Q G 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

2. Clue: M = S

Hard · 40 letters

E Y S B K H V V A X M Y

C J B F K V K Y M E A K P A

E Y O X H X V S X M M Y M 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: K = A

Medium · 40 letters

Z C Y X Y S T K Z C S X L

T S I Y F Z G K X Z H Z U

K I I U Q X R K X P K S F 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

4. Clue: I = R

Medium · 40 letters

L M I O R W B

X J R I R M N I R O P L

P N I X N M C L I L B N U

O W W L X Q I R .

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: X = T

Medium · 40 letters

T F I W F H Z L X

F Z X W T T W S X K P T L G

S G F X F S P T, R K X

H X K G Y 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

6. Clue: B = O

Easy · 41 letters

T B B V P R Z T B B V

V B Q U B I , W J U W Z V P R

R B O S U P O S R Z

W S U U S 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

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 wordsOF 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 apostropheT (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "Nature and books belong to the eyes that see them."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, Essays: Second Series*

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

2. "We paint those qualities which we do not possess."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, Essays: First Series*

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

3. "There is a third silent party to all our bargains."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, Essays: First Series*

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

4. "A friend therefore is a sort of paradox in nature."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, Essays: First Series*

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

5. "Life is not intellectual or critical, but sturdy."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, Essays: Second Series*

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

6. "Good is a good doctor, but Bad is sometimes a better."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1860, The Conduct of Life, Considerations by the Way (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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