

Ralph Waldo Emerson Cryptograms — Set 3

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: A = E

Hard · 43 letters

C E A T A W W X G W X I

W N B A G N A W E X R T J Z A

A P L A U B Q A G C M T

M T W X .

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: F = E

Expert · 44 letters

K O F Y X S F C K N Q P L C

S N G I F Y K W O L C K Y

K O F T L Y K F Q ' Y

Q F D G X 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

3. Clue: C = E

Hard · 44 letters

G C U C I W C F C W R

M Y D E C I F C E T E G C

Q M R M Z U C I W C F C W R

M Z N C D 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

4. Clue: G = E

Hard · 44 letters

N U N P O B T K P U B

Y G W N G I G N J U X G

T K W G , J B U N J U X G

G Q R G A U N 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

5. Clue: V = T

Hard · 44 letters

I Y N D E I V O K V V O Y

K D T Y X V E B E R Y A Y B Z

K T V L E D L X K

V O E F C O 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

6. Clue: X = E

Expert · 44 letters

V D O L M V B B C X P O I P U

X Z X C P A L M X Z X K

I M O L D Y O

X V O L Y U M P U 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

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 lessons of science should be experimental also."

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

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

2. "The silent organ loudest chants the master's requiem."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1847, Poems, Dirge (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "We believe in ourselves as we do not believe in others."

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

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

4. "It is for us to believe in the rule, not in the exception."

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

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

5. "We know that the ancestor of every action is a thought."

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

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

6. "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, Circles*

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