

Ralph Waldo Emerson Cryptograms — Set 9

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: L = E

Medium · 52 letters

J P X Z O J N X M L

M L W O X J Z F W X P O L

O J S S L C X M L

U P O C L F Q J Z X M L

U R U S L J S C .

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: B = E

Expert · 52 letters

E R R A B P S E H B

Z E P T B F Y P O

Y A J K R D B D, I Y V D

E P T D V E F V D L I

O B P B F L D Y V W.

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: P = I

Medium · 52 letters

W P L I U M D Z M D P L D E Z

C T M D U O

L Z Q O - Y Z Q P T M I Z : P D

P L P M O P Y J P D R U O

C P Q 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: R = E

Hard · 53 letters

F J R S R V Q W C W I

G T O R C R Q Q V C T W I

P S G A R G Q F J R

T R I R S S G C M W I W N S

J W L R 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

5. Clue: M = A

Medium · 53 letters

M P P B G M B M Y M Z G M L

H X P P G S R X J S N K O

O X R G B O S P M B X K Z L

H X B G G X L Y M B S L .

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: S = E

Hard · 53 letters

E J S R P P D N S R P

F O D U E D U H O U B

Q N K X F E K A S Q S S Y Q

E R Z S Y S A S X W

D U D E D O 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

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. "Out from the heart of Nature rolled the burdens of the Bible old."

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

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

2. "All men have wandering impulses, fits and starts of generosity."

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

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

3. "Discontent is the want of self-reliance: it is infirmity of will."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, Essays: First Series, Self-Reliance (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "The reason of idleness and of crime is the deferring of our hopes."

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

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

5. "All that a man has will he give for right relations with his mates."

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

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

6. "The office of painting and sculpture seems to be merely initial."

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

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