

Ralph Waldo Emerson Cryptograms — Set 12

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: K = O

Expert · 55 letters

P O S B S M X Q S T M Q T

P O S G P E T Y K E G K I

P O K E F O P O M W S Q K

J K Q K N K B H K I

V Y G T K 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

2. Clue: J = E

Hard · 56 letters

Y J C L K J S Z L G

M N U I S B J M , S D G P T J

P U N J S U P W I C L I J

L M P W M V S P J Y J C C

W D P T J 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

3. Clue: Q = O

Medium · 56 letters

D A C Q J Z M S C Q J

R V Q X M V Z I Z M S T I ;

D A C Q J R D S R S D N N ,

D A C Q J R N T T O , C Q J

R V Q X D S .

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: F = A

Expert · 56 letters

R F A H L I D F A I Y

U F Q U H Q F A T L Y ; D I L

C I A D T V Y F L I

Y F Q A F A T L E F R V

P C W H Q Y P M 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

5. Clue: M = E

Hard · 57 letters

R O M P D U J M Q I R O M

J K Z P M C N M

W Q K R C Z P M N R Q

R O C Q B Z R N M U I Z K R Q

M P M C T X Q Z K 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

6. Clue: T = E

Hard · 57 letters

T Y T J B O T Y T J N I

J T O C I E Q O

E G J T N E T X T M N X M

Z C M H T M P B E G N E

A G Q R G K W I I W A 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

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 learned and the studious of thought have no monopoly of wisdom."

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

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

2. "We live amid surfaces, and the true art of life is to skate well on them."

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

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

3. "If you act you show character; if you sit still, if you sleep, you show it."

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

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

4. "Nature hates calculators; her methods are saltatory and impulsive."

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

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

5. "The value of the universe contrives to throw itself into every point."

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

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

6. "Every several result is threatened and judged by that which follows."

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

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