

Ralph Waldo Emerson Cryptograms — Set 16

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: S = T

Hard · 62 letters

G A G F V S Z I T B Z S

H Z L J Z B G P L T C X P R

K L G S V S Z F I H L P S I

S Z G H I F O R , X O S G F C

S Z G H I F O 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

2. Clue: L = E

Medium · 62 letters

M K K C L J I K Q C L

G W L C B L K R L B D J G W L

A C I V D R L C L J G D E

B D O A L G Z, M J P J D

C M J A C I V D R L B.

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: F = E

Hard · 62 letters

D W F H F M R K I H F

U M C C F H F G O F M G D W F

J E L T M D Z I C I E H

Q T F L R E H F R D W L G M G

D W F L K I E G D .

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: B = E

Hard · 63 letters

W G B U N V B X E F F K W

K F O Z O B E Y B V K M W

K H G N V W G K M D G W

W G B X E F Z, A M W

O B E Y B V K M W W G B

H B U .

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: O = T

Expert · 64 letters

O E W P H Y N U Q P A W L P

Q W J W L F V A H L X P ,

F Y O F V O E W O E M Q D

M O P W N B O E U O M P

M Q Z Y M L W X U B O W 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: F = E

Medium · 64 letters

F D F H S L J U E I T E B
Z F L B K H F O G S U P F
O F C U P I W U P F
B F T U E Z F T U W H I Z
Y P E J P E U
C H I J F F O B .

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

Answer key

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1. "Every thought which genius and piety throw into the world, alters the world."

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

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

2. "All men plume themselves on the improvement of society, and no man improves."

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

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

3. "There is more difference in the quality of our pleasures than in the amount."

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

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

4. "The wise man not only leaves out of his thought the many, but leaves out the few."

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

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

5. "The soul answers never by words, but by the thing itself that is inquired after."

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

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

6. "Every action is measured by the depth of the sentiment from which it proceeds."

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

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