

Ralph Waldo Emerson Cryptograms — Set 17

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: B = E

Easy · 65 letters

T F O L O T U B L P K U F P K

C A L O J A L Z B L K B B W

U F L A N D F U F B

C B Z P N C A M O W

P W Z P S P Z N O J

W O U N 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

2. Clue: M = E

Hard · 65 letters

T X M S Y N M E P X N M E

P U T X M S Y T H U Y A

V P Q A B S R R M S A H R V

U H E J , K Q Y

A V N N M Y X H I S R N M E

E M C M 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

3. Clue: C = E

Expert · 65 letters

C A C Y B Z L Z C T J

S T H J Y W P J H, I T R

C A C Y B L U O C P J: X L Y

V S H R L Z S H S T X W H C R

S T J L C A C Y B X L Y 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

4. Clue: D = E

Medium · 66 letters

S V G E T I G Z Y S W D U

N T W F D

G Q D S T - W D C V D J W F S J

T G C G U D R U S L N W X

W F S T N T S

C N I J E C C D U V G T 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: K = T

Expert · 66 letters

W X O R Q X K K E R

C W X A R Z K E R H T W N D V

F Q M V Q X A G K Q X K,

F Q M F W W K E R G Z

S X K F Q H G B W F K G Q

Q F J R 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

6. Clue: P = E

Medium · 67 letters

J P L S E L I P C L L Y P
A P K C K G H D A P K
H P J J ; L I P C L L Y P A
C E T W L Y P B H P I P
I P C J ; X P I Y C X E
L Y P B C I P .

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. "Character is this moral order seen through the medium of an individual nature."

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

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

2. "Great men or men of great gifts you shall easily find, but symmetrical men never."

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

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

3. "Every moment instructs, and every object: for wisdom is infused into every form."

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

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

4. "A pound of water in the ocean-tempest has no more gravity than in a midsummer pond."

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

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

5. "Love not the flower they pluck and know it not, And all their botany is Latin names."

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

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

6. "Let us treat the men and women well; treat them as if they were real; perhaps they are."

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

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