

Ralph Waldo Emerson Cryptograms — Set 18

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: E = T

Medium · 67 letters

N V B G D E , N E N Q G Q

H N B B N D F K E E Y

G U U C Y U C N G E I E O I

E O Y F W O E Q Y B

Y E O I C Q G Q N E N Q E Y

N V R I V 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

2. Clue: W = A

Medium · 67 letters

C U C M W R W J C R

I G Z U O X G T W K K

W N N F A U W U C G E U O W U

W R W E R W X O W L F

U O W U W K K G I W E N F O F

U W V F M .

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

Medium · 68 letters

O K S F K N M N F P K F N

E S N B P L P K N F N, M T I

G E B O I T E H J F

G E P H R H M Y K T Z E P

Y F F L K T Z K S K H

G F P F T E H.

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: Q = E

Hard · 68 letters

U Q M W I Q G L

C Z Q W O T D Q R G

X M R G B R G E L H W

P Q G Q I L Z Q G J Q X M W X

R O L G Z K A Q W O T D Q V

P K R X O U L D B 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

5. Clue: X = E

Easy · 68 letters

K S X R B X X K Y H

M U K D P X O R V Y Q X ;

C X K , O H O S U Q X U

H P O X M J O U N

K Y P N X M K X J L C N C

O N I X P H X W K O Y M 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 = I

Expert · 68 letters

H G X E T A V U T R T H C Z P

B N H Y K X T E B Z H

H G N H M G T R G A N C

X N E T U C S X K X N Q ,

S Y H T E

T B X O G N Y E H T S U 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

Answer key

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1. "In fact, it is as difficult to appropriate the thoughts of others as it is to invent."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1876, Letters and Social Aims, Quotation and Originality (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "It is a maxim worthy of all acceptance that a man may have that allowance he takes."

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

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

3. "Life is a series of surprises, and would not be worth taking or keeping if it were not."

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

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

4. "We have no pleasure in thinking of a benevolence that is only measured by its works."

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

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

5. "The sweet of nature is love; yet, if I have a friend I am tormented by my imperfections."

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

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

6. "The simplicity of nature is not that which may easily be read, but is inexhaustible."

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

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