

Ralph Waldo Emerson Cryptograms — Set 20

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: R = A

Hard · 70 letters

L N L B F Y R U W R O

P W G O V R K K A X P W L

I A Z L B P A M A

O A Y L Z W R P H U G T H L ,

R U M U A Y R U W R O R U F

A P W L B V R K K .

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: H = E

Hard · 71 letters

D C Q L N H X F H J D F Q

U W Y H Q F P H

F P J H N O H X, C D X

U W Y H J Q V C Q R H

J V F L U X P H V H N

B F F U J C D X

M U C Z A C Q H 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

3. Clue: Y = E

Medium · 72 letters

S B Y V Z Z Y W Y K A N P Y L

S N Q B V L E K N P C

U C O V C U S X, N L

D Y L N Q U S X U C

R Y V O S O, U O V A N P Y L

R Y B U C K S B Y Y X Y.

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: I = T

Expert · 73 letters

I Q J X N Q I W R I Q C

H O J H C O I F J A Q W D

Y Q J Z E L C L I C O I E W L

W I, E L T J A Q W D Y Q J

Z E L E T C K X E I C V F

H V E Z C W 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: V = E

Medium · 74 letters

S V H V Z F R D I N N

D M R B K X D L

L Y Z X V N O V X, I B G

D M I D S M R E M S V

E I N N X R B R B

L D M V Z X R X

V P H V Z R F V B D A L Z

Y 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

6. Clue: K = N

Hard · 74 letters

Y O Y L K E N K O Q O X B
S L K L G W K U G W U N Z ;
Y O Z L K K W E R L X A W K
E I O L F T O K Z O W M N E ,
F C E N E S C T E K W E F O
T R W J O K .

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 man has this call of the power to do somewhat unique, and no man has any other call."

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

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

2. "Nature does not like to be observed, and likes that we should be her fools and playmates."

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

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

3. "The alleged power to charm down insanity, or ferocity in beasts, is a power behind the eye."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1860, The Conduct of Life, Behaviour (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "Thought is the property of him who can entertain it, and of him who can adequately place it."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1850, Representative Men, Shakespeare (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "We permit all things to ourselves, and that which we call sin in others is experiment for us."

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

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

6. "We want in every man a long logic; we cannot pardon the absence of it, but it must not be spoken."

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

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