

Ralph Waldo Emerson Cryptograms — Set 21

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: U = T

Easy · 75 letters

J U J T C G L J Q G U U N

S G J H G H N W W N O I P U X

H C O B L E X S L F F

C U U C J O , U N T P V V L E

C O I U N I C E L S J U G

T N F L W O J 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

2. Clue: J = H

Easy · 75 letters

W F C I F Z Z M Q H E J Q

P V Z A B M C J M H J Q F B ,

E J Q P J V A Q

F H E Z V C V W R F C B

I J Q W M H E Z R

H K H N Q C B Q B M C F

E J V K X J 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

3. Clue: S = I

Easy · 76 letters

V G V H F C R D S L R D

S C I Y L L S J S U S P F

N D P S U E V S L J Y H D ;

V G V H F P E S D Q

S C I Y L L S J U V N D P S U

T V L V V R L N O O V L 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

4. Clue: V = E

Hard · 76 letters

L D V X I W W I R V W E A

W D I H V W X V I O V L D I L

S V P E W L X O T M V

S V O V Q V Y V O N B E L V C

B Q L T Z S T L D T Q L D T W

J V Q L B 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

5. Clue: A = S

Medium · 76 letters

I V M Y J N G O E K P V I

T J A A M A K X H K A K R E M

I V Y G C P V A T J U M J X W

G X E N D V M X K I

O J E E A G X J X

G R Z M U I K A K I A M 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

6. Clue: H = E

Medium · 77 letters

V O H W Q E B K U

U P T H A M B O T F Q P H

Q J B V H P H Q A M

H V H P A Q W, K U K A H

E H Z E T V O V O H W Q E B

K U A Q V J P H Q A M K U

Y K P Q W 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
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. "It is a height to which common duty can very well attain, to suffer and to dare with solemnity."

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

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

2. "Man carries the world in his head, the whole astronomy and chemistry suspended in a thought."

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

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

3. "Every man is an impossibility until he is born; every thing impossible until we see a success."

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

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

4. "The passages of Shakespeare that we most prize were never quoted until within this century."

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

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

5. "The ray of light passes invisible through space and only when it falls on an object is it seen."

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

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

6. "The laws of friendship are austere and eternal, of one web with the laws of nature and of morals."

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

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