

Ralph Waldo Emerson Cryptograms — Set 22

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: G = E

Medium · 78 letters

J A G Y A X I H X M F

E W E E H G R M J A G

K W I Z C V G R Z C

E I R R N C U Q X J K W K

J R J A G K G V I G J R Z

J A G Q G V A C M X V K R Z

J A G K N 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

2. Clue: B = E

Medium · 78 letters

B P B Y M S G J L H J L

L U S Q Y B T F L S U J L R

U C C S G B W F Z B Y R F I

L U S Q Y B .

B P B Y M S G J L H J R

X U V B F I F L B

G J V V B L R S Q I 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

3. Clue: T = A

Medium · 78 letters

X T L P D H E J L U H

E X M T D X T L E N X N Z T

L U N P B U L , T X I

L P D X J L N T

L U N P B U L T B T E X , T J

E M H S H M N A H J R T L H D

T X I B T 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

4. Clue: D = E

Medium · 78 letters

I B J E I V E I P D E T I

X U E R U D U E N I B R

S T D S E T E R L B I G B T

P D E T I L I K, U B X D Q D T

I D E T R B U L N D C D N

L N R U D B Y W D V 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

5. Clue: Z = E

Medium · 79 letters

V B V P G C V F Z S N I E

V A B Z E Z P B, G A X

J V A Z, G A X G C C

J Z A ' P, D N R Z M Z E

C N A T R Z D G M Z

X R Z C B V A C V Z P, B N

C V M Z V A B E I B 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

6. Clue: P = N

Easy · 79 letters

N X N P F I V O W P V J

I N E E S O P J I A

T V X E N P S T N P P V J

L O P Y N P S F V U Y O P

I O W X A X V U S J I N J

F O K K L O J J I A

V T T N W O V 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
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. "The whirling bubble on the surface of a brook admits us to the secret of the mechanics of the sky."

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

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

2. "Everything in Nature contains all the powers of Nature. Everything is made of one hidden stuff."

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

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

3. "Nature is the incarnation of a thought, and turns to a thought again, as ice becomes water and gas."

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

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

4. "No man can learn what he has not preparation for learning, however near to his eyes is the object."

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

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

5. "It is alike your interest, and mine, and all men's, however long we have dwelt in lies, to live in truth."

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

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

6. "A man who is not happy in the company cannot find any word in his memory that will fit the occasion."

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

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