

Ralph Waldo Emerson Cryptograms — Set 23

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: C = E

Expert · 79 letters

E L C H S B E A C K D I B E

Z S C O S F

N C E I Q L X C F E, S F

O C U A C O E C B S F M K F C

K G Y C Q E D B K X E L C

C X G I B B I O O S F M

H I B S C E 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

2. Clue: Z = E

Medium · 80 letters

T Z L G F G U P W Z D D

U G - L S V U X Z H G G L ,

U X Z I E Z S D W J Z , U X Z

I G T Z J G O

U G - H G J J G T , T X Z F T Z

S J Z C W B E L B F P W I

G W J C Z B F 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

3. Clue: C = T

Medium · 80 letters

C M J U V D N O J L C

B M R K M M U G L T C

Y T B J V C T V J U K M O X

T B L Y V U K C R K J, R

O U X B J F F I T N A C

B R F F Z U R F C T

V J U K M X T N V G.

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: K = E

Medium · 80 letters

K A K G U T P R K Q K L M R

V G M Q P R I J K Y M R V

J M Y K E X G K Y Y P Z R ;

M R V I J K G K P Y R Z

W Z V U Q P I J Z C I P I Y

Y X P G P I Z G N K R P C 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

5. Clue: J = E

Medium · 81 letters

R J L J Y H

U H B R H R E U E A D V J Z Z

A F A Q J B Y F T R G , S T A

A Q J Y J E N N F U J

Q J H Y A A F B Y J J A

H R G H K K J I A E A

T R J O I J K A J G Z 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 = I

Easy · 82 letters

Y U U Y S C P N S O H Z S

P I M L S O O P U Y U D

O Q M S L P U L P H B H U

H Z S P Y O H P H Q H P U Y,

T Z P X Z Z S I Q O H

C P N S T Z U T P W W

L S D U L I P 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

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 virtue of art lies in detachment, in sequestering one object from the embarrassing variety."

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

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

2. "We do not guess to-day the mood, the pleasure, the power of to-morrow, when we are building up our being."

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

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

3. "The argument which has not power to reach my own practice, I may well doubt will fail to reach yours."

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

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

4. "Every line we can draw in the sand has expression; and there is no body without its spirit or genius."

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

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

5. "Never a magnanimity fell to the ground, but there is some heart to greet and accept it unexpectedly."

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

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

6. "No one gives the impression of superiority to the institution, which he must give who will reform it."

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

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