

Ralph Waldo Emerson Cryptograms — Set 29

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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: V = S

Medium · 107 letters

F A Y C T M F Q Y T L

K G V F M Y E Q Y V F T V

S G L N G M K T F U .

V Y R N - M Y R T P L S Y T V

T F V P C Y M V T G L . T F

R G C Y V L G F

M Y P R T F T Y V P L J

S M Y P F G M V , X Q F

L P K Y V P L J

S Q V F G K V .

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: D = T

Easy · 107 letters

F D F B D T L B L E C L D

J G D T L U J C P Z D T O D

O P P D T F S Q B

B M R B F B D O S Z Z J

S J D Z F L R M D J S P H

C L D F C L O P F D D P L

G C J I B F Q T D O S Z

O G D L C U O C Z B

C L D M C S O Q O F S .

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: A = E

Easy · 111 letters

R A C Z P B D O S A A I

A J M Z S P L G Y G X J C

E L P S E P L A Y X G

M P B G I L Y A C , J G O ,

C F A G O Y G X I Z A O J U

I P X A I Z A L , C Z P B D O

O A F J L I J I G Y X Z I ,

J C Y G I P E P L A Y X G

M P B G I L Y A C .

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: Z = E

Medium · 114 letters

E Z U L J Z I R I Z X X L J

I G K I Y Z X R A Z

H X K I I Z N V Z A Z U

I G R L Q G Y Z K N Z U R I

T Z D Z S A Z T C V S I,

C Z D K L J Z S I J G R Y J

I G K I Y Z K N Z R H

S E B R N I K U D Z

Z U R L Q G I R C Z

D R L N I Z T.

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: I = A

Easy · 114 letters

X T W I K K R Y R P T

E I C O T H E G K F N I K Q

F T H H E T N T K N S I C

F R R Q, D V G H N T C L,

H E I K X T W I K F T H I K

G K N G Q T H E I H N E I C C

E I O T K R R S H N G Q T,

R P I C G F E H

X G H E R S H I N E I Q R 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
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 in most request is conformity. Self-reliance is its aversion. It loves not realities and creators, but names and customs."

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

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

2. "It is the secret of the world that all things subsist and do not die but only retire a little from sight and afterwards return again."

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

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

3. "We should meet each morning as from foreign countries, and, spending the day together, should depart at night, as into foreign countries."

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

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

4. "Men use to tell us that we love flattery even though we are not deceived by it, because it shows that we are of importance enough to be courted."

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

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

5. "We can no more halve things and get the sensual good, by itself, than we can get an inside that shall have no outside, or a light without a shadow."

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

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