

Ralph Waldo Emerson Cryptograms — Set 31

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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: G = E

Medium · 127 letters

I N G H U J G Y J A D Q U R

D R G H J - G S Y H S U Q E

B U M B H G , P N U B N ,

J M Y A D M U Q E

U A T G M B G T I U L H W

R A D H H , M K R N G R Y Q

D H H R U X G R

Y K I P D M X R I Y Q G P

D Q X H D M E G M

B U M B H G R , D Q X I N D I

P U I N Y K I G Q 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: G = T

Easy · 133 letters

G Q X P X C I H V D H S I

I U F X V X R X V V C Z O

W C P W L F I G H Z W X

G Q H G Y L G I J U D Z

G Q X U R X P E X H P C Z O ,

G Q X I G P U Z O , G Q X

P C W Q , G Q X

K U P G L Z H G X ,

I L E I G H Z G C H V V S U Z

G Q X I H F X O P U L Z J

D C G Q H V V U G Q X P 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: G = E

Easy · 134 letters

P V V Y Q G I Y W U U B

B G Y X U A V P N G V U

G Y V U Z V U I X G G M,

U Z V U G Y Z E Y

F R E B Z G B B U X X Y Z I,

Y E B Y J G Z S X P V V X G

V P N G V U G E V G Z V Y P E

Y F U M G Y E B Y E

P E I P W F V K F P D F

T G D U N G I V F G X P W F V

U A U R Z X P A 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: H = T

Easy · 135 letters

U B C Q H K D W W U D I N

D C Q T N C A F N B H U Q C ,

J Z N C U H U B

D E E N I N R , S W Q K H Z N

O N I U C C U C I Q S H Z N

J Q W E R , H Z D H B F P Z

D B D W N U C H Z N

U C B H U H F H U Q C J U B Z

H Q I N H Q F H , D C R

B F P Z D B D W N Q F H

J U B Z H Q I N H U 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

5. Clue: W = E

Medium · 135 letters

E K M O W Z W C

B V C C W B O J V D V L V S C

G V G S P M C Z J W E H E W

I M R W L C V I

J D H J A K O , D M O S C W

E J P P T W H S C W O V

T W M C S H V S O J D ,

M D X O K V S A K J O

H W W I O V C V T S H V L

H V I W Y V N , E J P P

C W G M N S H E J O K M

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 life of man is a self-evolving circle, which, from a ring imperceptibly small, rushes on all sides outwards to new and larger circles, and that without end."

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

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

2. "There is always some levelling circumstance that puts down the overbearing, the strong, the rich, the fortunate, substantially on the same ground with all others."

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

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

3. "It takes a good deal of time to eat or to sleep, or to earn a hundred dollars, and a very little time to entertain a hope and an insight which becomes the light of our life."

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

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

4. "Is not marriage an open question, when it is alleged, from the beginning of the world, that such as are in the institution wish to get out, and such as are out wish to get in?"

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

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

5. "Whatever correction of our popular views we make from insight, nature will be sure to bear us out in, and though it seem to rob us of some joy, will repay us with a greater."

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

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