

Epictetus Cryptograms — Set 1

4 puzzles · Standard 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 = A

Hard · 42 letters

L B K , J B X I , C Z K Z S L G N V

G D Y P K Z S B G C

D L G N N Z L X C G E G A E Z 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

2. Clue: H = E

Expert · 47 letters

W H R E T S Y E S T D

O H R E G W H K Z P E Y N H T W

I H Y C I D , Z G D Z P

L W Y S M Y L X 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

3. Clue: Y = A

Easy · 71 letters

X T W T U Y V U J C M U V J Y P T ,

U X Z H P G Y B M M C T R Y W M

Z D Y V U J C M U V J Y P T ;

X T W T U Y K X Y V , M C T

R Y W M Z D Y K X Y 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

4. Clue: Q = N

Easy · 85 letters

V Q L Z Q K D G C Q S C Q D G K

R P K V D C Z Q C N

N H W W C R C K Q D D Z

O K I Z Q N D P V D K V

T P Z J C O K Q R K D Z V Q

G H I X E K V Q O S P V D K W H E

I C Q O .

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. "Why, then, do you walk as if you had swallowed a ramrod?"

— *Epictetus, 108, Discourses (recorded by Arrian), Chap. XXI (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "Reason is not measured by size or height, but by principle."

— *Epictetus, 108, Discourses (recorded by Arrian), Chap. XII (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Were I a nightingale, I would act the part of a nightingale; were I a swan, the part of a swan."

— *Epictetus, 108, Discourses (recorded by Arrian), Chap. XVI (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "Any one thing in the creation is sufficient to demonstrate a Providence to an humble and grateful mind."

— *Epictetus, 108, Discourses (recorded by Arrian), Chap. XVI (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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