

Epictetus Cryptograms — Set 2

4 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: R = E

Medium · 86 letters

J Y R D Z D R

Q W K D G W K D U Y K U

H N Z H R N W G G K G I F R

K D X K C R, Y R F Z R U

D Z G X Z D E W C G R N

R P G R N D W X U. J Y W G

J Z I X F L Z I Y W T R, Z

Q W 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

2. Clue: V = T

Medium · 86 letters

Q M P D Y M V M Q

A Y S Q G P E T M D T

Q T S B Y Q S P X

A Y F I N S V Y Q S N N

G V T Y A V T M P F Q, M V

G I F T V P G V M V Q Y N K

V G O Y N Y K V M P

X M Q G A X Y A .

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: I = T

Medium · 97 letters

F Q I S U C B R I S U B U

F V Q C I S F Q Y I C

S F Q M U B C K B

W C P P C E F Q Y E S T I E U

T B U I T K Y S I ; L K I F Q

P F W U I S U B U T B U

Z T Q R I S F Q Y V I C

M B T E K V T V F M U .

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: J = I

Easy · 127 letters

J P F G U O G C E Q

I Q N T J S E O

J C I J C Z G O G F Y G C F G

I U V Q Y U Q Q Y G X E E S

E O J B B E P H U C B J G I

F J Q Y J C Y J I E F C

F J B B, U C S Q Y U Q U B B

W G I J S G J I C E Q Y J C X

Q E N I, F Y V U O G F G

I Q J B B Q O E N W B G 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

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. "When one maintains his proper attitude in life, he does not long after externals. What would you have, O man?"

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

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

2. "Since it is Reason which shapes and regulates all other things, it ought not itself to be left in disorder."

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

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

3. "In theory there is nothing to hinder our following what we are taught; but in life there are many things to draw us aside."

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

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

4. "If we are not stupid or insincere when we say that the good or ill of man lies within his own will, and that all beside is nothing to us, why are we still troubled?"

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

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