

Laozi Cryptograms — Set 3

5 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: T = E

Easy · 79 letters

L Q T F T V F H T B H H

A T T F L Q T N U T X T P

B E M T B U P M N U T J L T M

L V Q N O , B E M Q T

M T B H P D N L Q L Q T O

B H H B P Q N P

J Q N H M U T E .

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: F = E

Easy · 80 letters

Z C V G J Q F F A

C F F B Z Y U D A G Z Y W

W N D W N D K S F F Y

K N D L A F Y F P, W N F

A G Z Y W I D Y Y G W B G Y U

A L F K F L H F Z W K

K N D L A Y F K K.

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: T = E

Medium · 84 letters

H M H V R T X B F V T U T

 H V M U F V C K T T C K J O

 V M K H Q H A W M U B M

 M U T K T C J K T A J J A T

 H A M U T D J K Y N H V

 B R Y T M J V M K H Q T

 D H M U U H 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

4. Clue: Y = E

Medium · 88 letters

M B Y C O W G M O G

Z Y Q M F Y Q Y G G ; M B Y

G Y H R Q I O G

Y H R Q R K P ; J Q I M B Y

M B O W I O G

G B W O Q A O Q Z C W R K

M J A O Q Z

S W Y H Y I Y Q H Y R C

R M B Y W 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

5. Clue: W = T

Easy · 90 letters

W C M L M U L M I M S Z D

W C M S T L Y X S C T

U W W U Z D W T W C M

W M U B C Z D N S Z W C T P W

S T L X F, U D X W C M

U X H U D W U N M

U L Z F Z D N I L T R

D T D - U B W Z T 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

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 people all keep their eyes and ears directed to him, and he deals with them all as his children."

— Laozi, 1891, *Tao Te Ching* (James Legge translation, 1891)

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

2. "If you keep feeling a point that has been sharpened, the point cannot long preserve its sharpness."

— Laozi, 1891, *Tao Te Ching* (James Legge translation, 1891)

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

3. "It is because he is thus free from striving that therefore no one in the world is able to strive with him."

— Laozi, 1891, *Tao Te Ching* (James Legge translation, 1891)

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

4. "The first is gentleness; the second is economy; and the third is shrinking from taking precedence of others."

— Laozi, 1891, *Tao Te Ching* (James Legge translation, 1891)

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

5. "There are few in the world who attain to the teaching without words, and the advantage arising from non-action."

— Laozi, 1891, *Tao Te Ching* (James Legge translation, 1891)

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