

Marcus Aurelius Cryptograms — Set 4

6 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: S = T

Hard · 55 letters

M C S E Y M W E Q O O G M K

S C Q M D X C L D N E Y H E

E G Y K M C S B Y S S G L

X D M Q S T A G S C X G Q 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

2. Clue: Y = O

Hard · 55 letters

T Y M R J T C N Y D W S J A

M Y Y S I D H L T Y D M Y Y

H I M S , X R J G R J A J T

B P S M J W S N Y D M R S 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: V = T

Hard · 56 letters

V Y M R F V B Q Q O X L M K

V F M U M C G D B L O Q

Q W O V M K V F Y O D, B L K

Q W O V Q Y O D V F

O V Q M R Z .

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: P = E

Hard · 56 letters

K Y G Y S S O P G A P

S U D P K Y W

D P J P U Z U G L X O M S U Q

T Q P W T F A I K Y U G L

U S S Y Y S O P D Q .

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: O = N

Hard · 58 letters

S X O L W Z R D X A X E E

K O N X X N E , O L D

Z L O U Y E X N K O

I L D N E , O L D

D R G S A K O J K O

W T L Y J T W .

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

6. Clue: X = E

Hard · 59 letters

V X J A X O J B X W J B X

N X S T V O Z W Y T Z V O J P

I L Z A P J B O A H A I W

O J C G Z V T X X C S Z N X

J B X 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. "Nothing happens to anybody which he is not fitted by nature to bear."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, V. 18 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "Nothing for me is too early nor too late, which is in due time for thee."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

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

3. "The lot assigned to every man is suited to him, and suits him to itself."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, III. 4 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "Do not then be tired of receiving what is useful by doing it to others."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

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

5. "Be not careless in deeds, nor confused in words, nor rambling in thought."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, VIII. 51 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "Let neither the peculiar quality of anything nor its value escape thee."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

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