

Marcus Aurelius Cryptograms — Set 5

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: B = E

Hard · 60 letters

N P I C M P V B H M P G G

M U Q B G B F W I P I Z

H U V B Y E F M Z U U C ,

F I C Z P O B R S Q B P I Z

C B H R G M U W 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: R = N

Medium · 61 letters

R F X W V R P J I R J F T Z

F E X F M R F X W V R P ,

I R O T F G Z X W I R I

X W V R P J I R P F U I J C

X F R F X W V R P .

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 · 63 letters

S I S W G W T G Y J I T J O

I T G I S R O A L G O E J

G O U E A O E J S I

W T A X D U P J

W I L A O R J L I T G O

C S W U A Y .

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: L = O

Easy · 64 letters

Y L Y W L X R O W Q W

R O V Y I Q L M I O R R L

D W G S N N W P S F S Y ' Q ,

E O V G O P L Y L R

D W N L Y I R L S F S Y ,

S Q F S Y .

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: T = E

Medium · 64 letters

H J T X T E C D Z C S

P D W T P T F H B D N H J T

R F C W T E B T Y E T H J T

B Y P T, R X Y F Z Z D A F

N E D P Y I T H D Y I T.

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: B = T

Medium · 64 letters

Q I H K B M O B I U Q E

T M S Z M M O J J K U X B I

B M K K O U N S X X J F U

T S B M B M K B M G K O N

I L B M E N K X B S U 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

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. "Find time still to be learning somewhat good, and give up being desultory."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, II. 7 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "Nothing can come out of nothing, any more than a thing can go back to nothing."

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

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

3. "It is a shame then that ignorance and conceit should be stronger than wisdom."

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

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

4. "None of these things ought to be called a man's, which do not belong to a man, as man."

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

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

5. "The periodic movements of the universe are the same, up and down from age to age."

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

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

6. "Love that only which happens to thee and is spun with the thread of thy destiny."

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

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