

Marcus Aurelius Cryptograms — Set 6

6 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: L = E

Hard · 66 letters

S T A L D G F V L K C D T P L D E

K L Z X U V E P L D G T U S U L R

Z U Q S E E Q , Z U Q H L Z V L D E

W L R G T X K L Q Z X E B U 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

2. Clue: V = I

Easy · 67 letters

Y L X J U V W X Q N E H K E J N X

V N H V M X E D V U Y X Q

Y C Q Q X U Y : V Y K E Q Q V X N

X W X Q T Y L V U Z E H C U Z

D V Y L V 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

3. Clue: K = E

Medium · 69 letters

V W W R G K H K R G Z U A H

G V M M K U R D R G K I F C

Y K V H D U D O R G K Z Y

Z A U D Y V U E K D O B G V R Z H

A D D L V U L K N Z 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

4. Clue: F = E

Expert · 69 letters

Z F A P F F K G O W I W D Y , I M U

D F F J M Y C F R C F K M I W

P F W H M Y K C P F

C K I M T O V W W V C E N P V A P

Y C P F K D S V B F .

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 = E

Medium · 69 letters

O L O U I S R A T Z A K C T B I

E C U N F N I , D C S R S R N S

G R A Y R U O X O X D O U K N T F

S R N S G R A Y R A K

U O X O X D O U O F .

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: E = A

Medium · 69 letters

E S S V B E V B E J J F M Z D Z
 E Z C Z C E S E M G Y E X D S D E L
 E Z V B F L Q Z F D M Z J L D M H
 E M G V B F P L Q J D M
 Z C X X F L .

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. "Give thyself time to learn something new and good, and cease to be whirled around."

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

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

2. "The universal cause is like a winter torrent: it carries everything along with it."

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

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

3. "All these things happen to them by reason of their ignorance of what is good and evil."

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

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

4. "Be cheerful also, and seek not external help nor the tranquillity which others give."

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

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

5. "Everything is only for a day, both that which remembers and that which is remembered."

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

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

6. "All that happens is as usual and familiar as the rose in spring and the crop in summer."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, IV. 44 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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