

Marcus Aurelius Cryptograms — Set 9

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: Q = A

Easy · 81 letters

Q T Q E T Q M Z I E V E V C I Z

V B Z F Q D V V X X Z Z X , H A S

L Q I I Z I V E S V Q E V S O Z F

Q I Q B C E Z S V H Z Q F

D F Q L Z I Q D Q C E C E

I Z Q I V 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: G = T

Easy · 81 letters

Z V G Q P D F G M V E P Q V

L Y G N P W G D T W H T P K V ,

Q P H P G N V H L Y K V G N D Q

D F F P H E Y Q X G P G N V

T V H I V F G T H Y Q F Y T Z V K

P I D H 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

3. Clue: C = T

Easy · 82 letters

I W S A C X P J X H W N C A I W

J W E T W N ; Q A D F C F P C J V

I K P F S W P P C A N A C J V

N K C V E F U W X P A E N F W D

F S C J W X P P X K E C A S X

C A Z 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

4. Clue: O = N

Medium · 82 letters

D Z D A O Y M I D R J Y W

Z L D O E A Z Y S O X M W E Y

H L B O E M , B O X O Y E Y Y X

J Y W Z L D O E A Z Y A S K A D A Z

D O H Y O A M T S M O H M Y J

H L B O E M .

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: E = T

Medium · 82 letters

E M V I V U T S Q V O U R M E S L
 E M V T J Q , E M S J R M U E U T
 U Q E V I I J G E V H A X P C O O T ,
 W S J Q E C U Q T , C Q H S E M V I
 E M U Q R T U Q L U Q U E V .

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: F = I

Medium · 83 letters

F C F N W T C A F C C S H C F
 N S T J M P E F B Q L I N Q M A
 Z H F W , A T G F S H B Q W Q B Q G
 F W C Q W C F T W H M M I E F B Q W
 Z H F W Q B Q W C T H W T C S Q 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

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. "A man makes no noise over a good deed, but passes on to another as a vine to bear grapes again in season."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations*, V. 6 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Let no act be done without a purpose, nor otherwise than according to the perfect principles of art."

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

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

3. "Be not ashamed to be helped; for it is thy business to do thy duty like a soldier in the assault on a town."

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

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

4. "It is no evil for things to undergo change, and no good for things to subsist in consequence of change."

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

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

5. "There is one light of the sun, though it is interrupted by walls, mountains, and other things infinite."

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

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

6. "It is not fit that I should give myself pain, for I have never intentionally given pain even to another."

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

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