

Marcus Aurelius Cryptograms — Set 10

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: K = T

Medium · 85 letters

M Q K R X H F K V Q O X R Q

H K Z H D Z H A H I O , R X I

X K Z Q I C W J Q K Z H R

H F F X I O W R T K X K Z Q

L W R W J Z Q O I G M Q J

K Z H K T X B Q I R W K J

U W R 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

2. Clue: A = S

Medium · 86 letters

D M F N F V A C Q R M G Z M

J C U F N Q A P Q C R A

R M V D G D A C R Q

E G A K C A G D G C Q G A ,

V Q E R M V D G D E C F A ,

V Q E C Q R M V D

B V D F N G V H G D

R C N P 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

3. Clue: X = I

Easy · 88 letters

C A U C T E Y B C M S I X E

X H P X H F ; C H F

C H L S I B M S I X H W

S L L , S I C S O B M T

A X S S A B X H F B B F X E

H B N B E E C M T J L M

A X O X H W C I C R R T

A X J B .

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: M = N

Medium · 89 letters

D T G R W J R T B H Z R L M

V M R D S L M Y T M I

Z R B D L M L D, L M

W T B B L M Y A Z V E V M R

B V F L T J T F D D V

T M V D S R Z B V F L T J

T F D, D S L M G L M Y V A

Y V I .

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: H = T

Easy · 90 letters

H J Z M X R Z K O G I

V Z K R, Q J T H R W R C Z H

C R T Y Y E Z M,

U G K M Z M H M G I T

Y Z H H Y R I Y R M J, T

Y Z H H Y R X C R T H J,

T K L H J R F T C H

Q J Z U J O G W R C K 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

6. Clue: Q = E

Easy · 91 letters

Q S Q I N C D E W I J K Q D W ,

W G G U , S Q E E Q U , C H

C W A G Q E W P T W H G I

M P C F P C W P T E Z Q Q D

K T A Q , C E M Q U U , T D A

N Q W P Q M P G K T A Q C W

C E D G W W P Q I 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

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. "Let no act be done at haphazard, nor otherwise than according to the finished rules that govern its kind."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, IV. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "The reason which governs knows what its own disposition is, and what it does, and on what material it works."

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

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

3. "Always bear this in mind; and another thing too, that very little indeed is necessary for living a happy life."

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

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

4. "Take pleasure in one thing and rest in it, in passing from one social act to another social act, thinking of God."

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

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

5. "This being of mine, whatever it really is, consists of a little flesh, a little breath, and the part which governs."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, II. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "Every instrument, tool, vessel, if it does that for which it has been made, is well, and yet he who made it is not there."

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

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