

Marcus Aurelius Cryptograms — Set 12

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: G = E

Medium · 98 letters

D H G K F S L Z W M C Z W G

D G C K Z G K C R Z L

G Y G U V J K C ,

I W L G Y G U W G J K V S G ,

K H H U L H U M K Z G B V ,

C L Z I M Z W K C V

K E E G N Z K Z M L C : T D G

H B K M C R M D N L T U D 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

2. Clue: H = E

Medium · 99 letters

Y H H O M N R D B J H S

R G B M X N J

V N M A H T W H M V H . J N E

D N N F S R R G H

P S L M B M X C N B Y N J

R G H J W R W E H , S M Y S R

R G S R N R G H E

D B O B R D H A A A I S V H ,

R G H I S A R .

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: H = T

Hard · 101 letters

V Y H H G Y Q H G S

E K M A P Y Q H J T C K H

H G Y P T Y J H I Y L H ,

J Q M H G Y S F D V V

I Y P J D Q N K D Y H , J Q M

H G C K F D V H Q C H T Y

L Y Y Q Y D H G Y I

X K I L K D Q A C I

J O C D M D 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

4. Clue: L = I

Medium · 103 letters

M Y M X A Z E L J C T E L S E

L F L J D J A T D A

O M D V Z L K V Q L F

O M D V Z L K V Q L J

L Z F M Q K, D J H

Z M X R L J D Z M F L J

L Z F M Q K, J P Z

E D Y L J C U X D L F M D F

U D X Z P K L Z F M Q K.

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 = T

Hard · 103 letters

U G A L I G O P G

D J C V C R O C J M

E Y E L R X O K P L F P O P G

K E Z G X

F C R O L R B E A A M

U J G E I , U B O L O

X O E R Q X N L J V E R Q

O E V G X O P G N B J M C N

O P G K E O G J E J C B R Q

L 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

6. Clue: D = N

Medium · 104 letters

F W W O G V D Z K F Y N

V U A W V T F O N E B V O G

P D N F D P O G N Y, F D E

O G N I P D E V K G P W S;

F D E O G N Y N V K

G F Y E W S F D S O G V D Z

R D T P D D N T O N E B V O G

F D S P O G N Y O G V D 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

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. "Speak both in the senate and to every man, whoever he may be, appropriately, not with any affectation: use plain discourse."

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

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

2. "Deem not life a thing of consequence. For look at the yawning void of the future, and at that other limitless space, the past."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, IV. 50 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Let then thy judgment about them be at rest, and they will remain quiet, and thou wilt not be seen either pursuing or avoiding."

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

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

4. "Everything which is in any way beautiful is beautiful in itself, and terminates in itself, not having praise as part of itself."

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

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

5. "Be like the promontory against which the waves continually break, but it stands firm and tames the fury of the water around it."

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

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

6. "All things are implicated with one another, and the bond is holy; and there is hardly anything unconnected with any other thing."

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

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