

Marcus Aurelius Cryptograms — Set 13

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: A = E

Easy · 104 letters

H L A L A T C H L W A W A

X N K L H H X P A A T C C

M Q P Q F C A H L Q D K P

T D V D X H H X P T W, Q

Z Q P L J X S K S A A D

H L Q D K P; J X S H L Q P

Q P H L A G X D V Q H Q X D

X J T V Q P A T P A V A W 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

2. Clue: O = H

Easy · 106 letters

S G G A O R J K E M O R U O

T S F A R U R T S A N R J

S J V A O R J K M O R U O R E

U P Y Y P J A P A O N Y

S G G , Y P Z N A P M S F Q E

A O S A M O R U O R E P D

A O N E S Y N I R J Q

M R A O A O N Y E N G Z N 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

3. Clue: I = E

Medium · 107 letters

Z I R X I Y V L Y I P R I

N R P E S I H N R X

Q O N E E I H P R I

N R P E S I H ; N R X Z I R

M L Y S E P H N L Y I

E S I Z Y I O T I Y N U P T I

P R I N R P E S I H , N R X

F H P K F S U I Q P H I P R I

N R P E S I H .

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: K = H

Medium · 108 letters

P M E M V K J S I W H Z K

J E M C B E B M E M U

V K B E X W J W K I K J W

Q K M P M I W V K I I

Q O M E X, M O W H Z K J W

K I Q B W K I W V K I I V M

K J S I, R H V F M M D J V

V K I Y J W V K I L J O I

B E V O H V 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: C = T

Medium · 108 letters

S D K C E Z D N E K J K Z A

M S J C E P N J K P C

W K P I , C S U P A A C E R

I Z L K Z D C J F C E P D W

B F A C Z O K , M Z C E P

X K D K Q S I K D C

W Z A U S A Z C Z S D K Q K D

C S I Z P J A P D W

F D B F A C G K D .

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: Y = E

Medium · 109 letters

V O A Y O R O W V Q Y U Y

L T C G C L G U V Q Y G ,

O G J M Y U L F X Y V L

J C U N C U U V Q W

B P J H N Y G V O Z L P V O G

O I V O U C E C V R Y M Y

U L N Y V Q C G H

H M C Y X L P U , O G J V Q W

O G H Y M C U H L G 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

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. "The healthy eye ought to see all visible things and not to say, I wish for green things; for this is the condition of a diseased eye."

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

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

2. "All things which participate in anything which is common to them all, move towards that which is of the same kind with themselves."

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

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

3. "Men despise one another and flatter one another; and men wish to raise themselves above one another, and crouch before one another."

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

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

4. "Do not have such an opinion of things as he has who does thee wrong, or such as he wishes thee to have, but look at them as they are in truth."

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

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

5. "One thing here is worth a great deal, to pass thy life in truth and justice, with a benevolent disposition even to liars and unjust men."

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

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

6. "Take away these opinions then, and resolve to dismiss thy judgment about an act as if it were something grievous, and thy anger is gone."

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

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