

Marcus Aurelius Cryptograms — Set 14

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: Y = N

Easy · 109 letters

Y X D H K P M X C M X A

K P Q X K A J Y

P L P K E D M J Y Q Y V

O P C C D V D M P P Y A

D M X Y D V D M P

I P Q J Y Y J Y Q X Y A D M P

B V Y D J Y H X Y B P, Z H C D

O J F P D M P G X Y N M V

D M K V N C H S X I X O 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: H = T

Medium · 110 letters

G A R A H D O W H Q H P Q

V Q K O F R G Q V A C H P M

N F C Q F R H P A B J P H W

O Z A B H A H P Q V W ,

D P Q R H P A B G A W H

R A H V Q C Q V H P M

H P A B J P H W H A W A K Q

A Z X Q S H A C S A K K A R

B H F N F H 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

3. Clue: F = T

Medium · 110 letters

M H J M N Y T X E F A F C Q

Y C A T F J M N ; M E I F C Q

Y C A T F J M N B Y F C Q

E M F X T M H :

M U U A T I B E L H N Y M N

M E I I A Q G Q T N F C B E L

B E U A E P A T W B F N

J B F C F C Q Y A X E I Q Y F

T Q M Y A 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

4. Clue: I = E

Medium · 110 letters

Z I M N I I T E I C E I G C N

S D E C V I Z N I H W I N ,

V D P N I N O M C V I

B D P M C E X ,

N I G - N V D E I N , G M J

Z D P M C G O M N ; G M J

C V D P C D D G E C U D M C

C D J I N O E I N P B V

C V O M R N W I E X Z P B 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

5. Clue: L = T

Medium · 112 letters

S E S A J L K H T Q X K H P K

K M Y Y S T Z S H L K S A

K M Y Y S T Z H T Z C P K

X H Z S M Z L K W C M A L

N W A G S V I J T M L C A S

L W I S M A H L , W A M Z

L K W C M A L T W L

N W A G S V I J T M L C A S

L W I S M A H 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

6. Clue: M = T

Medium · 112 letters

M P V U Z M J R D Z H

S U J D Q J S H V G P J Q P

U X H V L P Z L M P J L

D Z M X U V, M P Z M J M J L

Q R D M V D M G J M P

J M L V H O G P V D J M

F R V L G P Z M J L E X L M,

Z D F L R L V Q X U V L

M U Z D W X J H H J M N.

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. "Nature has had regard in everything no less to the end than to the beginning and the continuance, just like the man who throws up a ball."

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

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

2. "Do not waste the remainder of thy life in thoughts about others, when thou dost not refer thy thoughts to some object of common utility."

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

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

3. "Always run to the short way; and the short way is the natural: accordingly say and do everything in conformity with the soundest reason."

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

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

4. "Men seek retreats for themselves, houses in the country, sea-shores, and mountains; and thou too art wont to desire such things very much."

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

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

5. "Everything which happens either happens in such wise as thou art formed by nature to bear it, or as thou art not formed by nature to bear it."

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

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

6. "The rational principle which rules has this nature, that it is content with itself when it does what is just, and so secures tranquillity."

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

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