

Marcus Aurelius Cryptograms — Set 15

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: B = E

Hard · 113 letters

K J B W E R H E R H B B H ,

U L K J F J B R E K

B O B S I E N B N

I G C K E L R G R H F J B R

E K E N B W T M L P B H

G U L C K E R X C E S P ,

W L Y B N N K S G E V J K

L R F G S H R L K K J B

M B N N , G R H K L E K N

L U A B I 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

2. Clue: K = T

Easy · 113 letters

Q Z N Z N S Z Q K G O K K V

I G O J P Z K G B

V W Y J Y V J O J M K V

T V X X V A G Y N A G V

I V Q Q Z I K C K G B

Z Q Q V Q Y C O C

I V J C Y C K Z J K A Y K G

T Q Z Z M V N O C Y K Y C

K V W Z Q C Y C K Y J K G B

Z Q Q V 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

3. Clue: P = E

Hard · 114 letters

L V A Q Y A Q X P

A Y S O - O V S P A ,

X P Y U P O I S P V U I S

Y S I Q X P B , X H O P

P Y Z X Q X P M H B A Q , A I

H S J H M P Q X P

M I B C P B O P P O A Y B P

E V H Z G J N X H O O P S K N

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

Y M Q P 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: K = E

Easy · 114 letters

Y F Y A L A K P L C F S

V K B J K Y N K F Q Y A ,

F S S , Y H H K O Y X F K C T

E Q K D F Q K S J J X A Y S D

X B Y A K A , E Q X F

N Y B F L K D X F L B K Q X A

I Y N K D F S H X D F S

S V V S A K F S K N K B T

E B S D I P L C X J F .

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: N = H

Easy · 115 letters

N L H N O H C J S U Z J S H

U N O H H N L U S Y M I G Z ,

C J S U Z J S H U N L Y L

N L G Z N G E Z L M T . N L

H N O H C J S U Z J S H

T S Y U N O H N L U O Z

E O I L , C J S U Z J S H

U N O H N L G Z J S Y

U N O H H N L U S Y M I G 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

6. Clue: C = S

Easy · 118 letters

Y H Y C B

L Y N Y W R I G R C H D Y F O

Z G L B A B F F G H H G

Z I X Z L G A D Y C G K F

Q B N F M C C , K D Y W D Y C

Y F N M M N T G C C Y Q I M ,

Q R H H G Z I X Z L G A

G H D M L A M F ' C

Q B N F M C C , K D Y W D Y C

Y A T G C C Y Q I 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

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 mind indeed, both when it exercises caution and when it is employed about inquiry, moves straight onward not the less, and to its object."

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

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

2. "Remember that to change thy opinion and to follow him who corrects thy error is as consistent with freedom as it is to persist in thy error."

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

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

3. "Just as the sand-dunes, heaped one upon another, hide each the first, so in life the former deeds are quickly hidden by those that follow after."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, VII. 34 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "It is useful to perceive this, too, immediately when the occasion arises, what virtue nature has given to man to oppose to every wrongful act."

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

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

5. "He that knows not what the world is, knows not where he is himself. He that knows not for what he was made, knows not what he is nor what the world is."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, VIII. 52 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "It is a ridiculous thing for a man not to fly from his own badness, which is indeed possible, but to fly from other men's badness, which is impossible."

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

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