

Marcus Aurelius Cryptograms — Set 18

5 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: S = T

Medium · 130 letters

U B S Y H S M I S I Z B

S C X Y W V A X V S I Z E

S C B B, M H Z S C H I

Q X U S P H G B S H S C B G,

X M X S V C R U U E B

Y B P B V V R Z D, C R L X Y W

Q X S C S C B B S C B

V R G B Z B R V H Y Q C X P C

Y H Q S C H I I V B V S

M H Z F Z B V B Y S

S C X Y W 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

2. Clue: J = E

Medium · 132 letters

Y T T B E C W V R Y A J

B E J R Y X J , -

Z Y X C T C Y A C W

J W B J A H A C R J ,

X K X J W B Y A L C W

J W Q D A Y W S J , S K Y A R J

C W R D G R B Y W S J . Y T T

B E C W V R W K M Y A J Y R

B E J L M J A J C W B E J

Q Y L K Z B E K R J M E K X

M J E Y N J C D A C J 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: H = T

Easy · 132 letters

U H U P F I H E C I T

H K I H H K G P G H K U F W P

P K V E T O X G O V F G X M

P E Q K R G C P V F P, U H

U P I A I H H G C V J

F G Q G P P U H M; I F O U J

I A I F D U T T F V H

K I L G U H P V, K G

D U T T F V H I T T V D

H K G J U W - H C G G H V

K I L G Z E U Q 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

4. Clue: I = E

Medium · 133 letters

N P I Y I Z A I H N J D F D A

L D Z M C H P M Z M H N I Z

H D F B J B N B J F N P J B ,

J F Y M B B J F U I G I Z T

O M T M B N P I C M B N ,

M F O J F Q I J F U

F I J N P I Z

G J D C I F N C T

I E H J N I O F D Z

N D Z Y J O F D Z

Y C M T J F U N P 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 = E

Easy · 134 letters

F T H N O F J D M K D H K X

P J O H M K I H F T H

Y O H X F M H O ' X N O F

F T N Q F T H Z N Q A H O ' X ,

K Q O H X R H A F J D

F T K X , F T N F K F

X T J W M Z X F N Q Z

O H N Z L N Q Z D K O P F J

P H H F J Q X H F X Y T K A T

N O H X W Z Z H Q N Q Z

W Q H V R H A F H 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. "Let not future things disturb thee, for thou wilt come to them, if it shall be necessary, having with thee the same reason which now thou usest for present things."
— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*
Cipher key: A=D B=E C=H D=Y E=B F=P G=M H=O I=U J=K K=Z L=V M=F N=J O=X P=C Q=W R=A S=T T=Q U=L V=S W=G X=I Y=N Z=R
2. "All things are the same, - familiar in enterprise, momentary in endurance, coarse in substance. All things now are as they were in the day of those whom we have buried."
— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, IX. 14 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*
Cipher key: A=R B=T C=I D=U E=H F=Q G=B H=P I=K J=E K=O L=Y M=W N=V O=X P=Z Q=D R=S S=C T=L U=J V=G W=N X=M Y=A Z=F
3. "It is natural that these things should be done by such persons, it is a matter of necessity; and if a man will not have it so, he will not allow the fig-tree to have juice."
— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*
Cipher key: A=M B=Z C=R D=W E=U F=N G=E H=T I=A J=F K=H L=V M=Y N=K O=D P=S Q=C R=P S=Q T=L U=I V=O W=G X=B Y=X Z=J
4. "The perfection of moral character consists in this, in passing every day as the last, and in being neither violently excited nor torpid nor playing the hypocrite."
— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*
Cipher key: A=F B=S C=L D=O E=X F=N G=V H=C I=E J=I K=Q L=M M=A N=T O=D P=H Q=B R=J S=U T=Y U=G V=Z W=K X=W Y=P Z=R
5. "The art of life is more like the wrestler's art than the dancer's, in respect of this, that it should stand ready and firm to meet onsets which are sudden and unexpected."
— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*
Cipher key: A=C B=V C=Q D=F E=G F=T G=Z H=E I=K J=O K=I L=Y M=L N=A O=R P=M Q=N R=P S=J T=H U=B V=X W=U X=S Y=W Z=D