

Marcus Aurelius Cryptograms — Set 19

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 = E

Easy · 137 letters

Y H Y X T A T X S H K Y B C

V L W H K S

I L E B H S B T B I S H L A S

L A S R Y S B H T B R H L

W S C E P T H S T B R

I L N O L X S Y H X S P V T X

H K S N Y B R

I L N N T B R X, T B R V L W

H K S N Y B R B L H H L A S

W S C E P T H S R T B R

I L N O L X S R A 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

2. Clue: H = T

Hard · 139 letters

H G J L P D J H F C D

O Z D J Z L H G Z L, H C

J S P X Z Y J

J N J T F H G Z Y M P O O

H G T C R M G, E G P H Z H

Z L Z H L J O D, H G P H Z L

Z H L X P H J T Z P O,

E G P H H G J D C T X P O

Q P T H; E Z H G P O O H G F

L C R O H C K C

V R L H Z U J P Y K H C

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

Medium · 139 letters

Y M F X B L X J Y

K Y J J P B L N P T J N M

P R P J I J N D D F Y M F P

F Y T L N J P, U Q M F P

X T O X I P Y R X J P

D F X V F F Y T

E B N L Q V P L W B Y E P T,

Y J L T P P I T Z N B

J N M F X J W K N B P

Y Z M P B X M F Y T N J V P

E B N L Q V P L X M T

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: F = N

Medium · 140 letters

C B I B K T T H F I D D K F V

X F B K T T H F I D D L Q

C B I W K C H L F K P,

D L Z H K P K F H R K P

V I T I F V D F L C L F

Y B K C B I Q I I P D E X C

L F Y B K C B I V L I D;

G X D C K D B H D

S H W C X I K F V S H Z I

Z L F D H D C F L C H F

Q I I P H F M E X C H 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: C = T

Medium · 140 letters

C S W O L N Q B H I J U W O

U Q C S Q B, U S W B Q C Q E

Q B Q C E B Y C L O Y N

E C Y C W, Q E E J

O W N Y C W Z C J J L C W O

X Q O X L K E C Y B X W E

C S Y C Q C W Y E Q N D

X S Y B H W E C J Y X X J O Z

U Q C S U S Y C X Y B V W

Z J B W Y B Z U S Y C Q E

H Q F W B Q C C J Z J .

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. "It is a base thing for the countenance to be obedient and to regulate and compose itself as the mind commands, and for the mind not to be regulated and composed by itself."

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

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

2. "The safety of life is this, to examine everything all through, what it is itself, that is its material, what the formal part; with all thy soul to do justice and to say the truth."

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

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

3. "A third in a manner does not even know what he has done, but he is like a vine which has produced grapes, and seeks for nothing more after it has once produced its proper fruit."

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

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

4. "The happiness and unhappiness of the rational, social animal depends not on what he feels but on what he does; just as his virtue and vice consist not in feeling but in doing."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, IX. 16 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "The ruling power within, when it is in its natural state, is so related to outer circumstances that it easily changes to accord with what can be done and what is given it to do."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, IV. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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