

Michel de Montaigne Cryptograms — Set 2

6 puzzles · Standard 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: K = O

Medium · 50 letters

W E S Z G Y L K G A M Z M L K G

K Z G M Y H Q Y M , W K S L K G

K S D Y G M ; S K F Y , W K S S K

M Y Y 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: K = E

Medium · 51 letters

F J G D W I O G J N L F O D K I

F W E K G K Z K K I Z A N E S E K

L F K S N J G I N K V A L W L S J 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

3. Clue: A = I

Medium · 52 letters

A W A Y I X K N X X K V U V H X

S A M X O V A K N S V K N H A Y

A X H Q B V X A Y E X O M V Q W

S A E 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

4. Clue: X = E

Expert · 57 letters

P G X M H Z J F N L X D J

U X I H F U X B P G D P R X V

B G T H J C Z X P U D E D V C J F X

D V C R D B B D N U X .

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: F = E

Medium · 58 letters

Q I N J F M F J F G U F F M N
 Z G F N S F G W D M U S F G D G
 W Q G N R X F Q M S I F O D G X E
 S I N M W H U F X 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

6. Clue: X = I

Medium · 58 letters

L V X Y Y V G E C V V T X Q
 I G Q X K L H V G X F J X U Y J L Y
 M X V V F C Y H G B Z X V Y T C E
 Q Y Z D X I X Y 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

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

Answer key

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1. "Nature forms us for ourselves, not for others; to be, not to seem."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays, Book II, Chap. XXXVII. Of the Resemblance of Children to their Brothers* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "How many worthy men have we seen survive their own reputation!"

— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays, Book II, Chap. XVI. Of Glory* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "I find that the best virtue I have has in it some tincture of vice."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays, Book II, Chap. XX. That we taste nothing pure* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "The public weal requires that men should betray and lie and massacre."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1588, *Essays, Book III, Chap. I. Of Profit and Honesty* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "I have never seen a greater monster or miracle in the world than myself."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1588, *Essays, Book III, Chap. XI. Of Cripples* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

6. "A little folly is desirable in him that will not be guilty of stupidity."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1588, *Essays, Book III, Chap. IX. Of Vanity* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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