

# Michel de Montaigne Cryptograms — Set 3

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: R = S

Medium · 67 letters

S E P J B G P F R B S N I D

Z E N R B X K O

K F Y Q A P C S R K C J

I Z B C B I C R

P A V F K X P R K O O

R I F S R I D A P S E I J R .

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: N = E

Easy · 68 letters

**D T T B D L L R A S L M I D M**

**L P W W N Y**

**M I N K L N T X N L M A F N**

**Y N T R L I N Z D S Z**

**Z R U N L M N Z D Y N F P M**

**K A Z N Y D 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**

3. Clue: R = E

Expert · 68 letters

R B R Q H O C Q C H Q C Z

H L L H V K R R Q H N E M

D H J X A R C D Z R G L D H

F R R Z O H N Z R P X D

D M R R Y O R Q Z R H L

G C L R .

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: R = E

Medium · 69 letters

Q E R C O M W P F Q O U E

N F B P U , Q E K Y C K Q A

Q E R U E R Z O I K C K U

N P Y R E R Z N K Z R

A M K Z U U E P C A E R

N P Y R A N R ?

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: Z = E

Hard · 71 letters

P L Z X C Y Q G B

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J G F Q J H Z F J Z, Y L H J L

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Y Z I V Z P Z F N P G S Z

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N Z V H W Z N B V G U

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F C P R V Z, I V G J Z Z N

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B V G U J R Q P G U.

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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 |

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6. Clue: Y = E

Medium · 74 letters

Z T Y J F I Y D Z U M I  
P Y D Z S M J B M Y H X F  
B U D Y H Y C E J C Y  
D O V V J C Z U P F Y Z T U M  
J M Y Z T U Z B U D M Y B  
U M I O M Z C X Y 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 |

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| 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<br>UP AN GO NO US AM                                                                                    |
| Most common 3-letter words | THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE<br>OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE<br>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                                                                                                                         |

## Answer key

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### Michel de Montaigne Cryptograms — Set 3

1. "The diversity of physical arguments and opinions embraces all sorts of methods."

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

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

2. "All passions that suffer themselves to be relished and digested are but moderate."

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

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

3. "Even opinion is of force enough to make itself to be espoused at the expense of life."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays*, Book I, Chap. XL. *Of Good and Evil* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "When I play with my cat, who knows whether I do not make her more sport than she makes me?"

— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays*, Book II, Chap. XII. *Apology for Raimond Sebond* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "The laws of conscience, which we pretend to be derived from nature, proceed from custom."

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

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

6. "The oldest and best known evil was ever more supportable than one that was new and untried."

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

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