

Michel de Montaigne Cryptograms — Set 4

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: H = E

Easy · 78 letters

K H Q Z B F K L Q Q K H

E H Y T L Q O F Q Z Y H Q A Q F P H

D H Y A I O I F U ; B D H

J H Q Q H Y Z O G H Y B Q F O G B

D H Y A I O F C C F L Y B Q D F O

I H .

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: A = T

Medium · 78 letters

A F S D R I I C S X J E A J B
 F R X A J E R P G X (J B Y F R W F
 A F S D J X A O P E A P E S)
 X O J R C P C C ; A F S Q Y R C C
 W F S Y J Z E D S P A B J E Z 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

3. Clue: P = A

Easy · 78 letters

H W L O P S G B D G Q , J K G W K
 N D X Q P W H T K D F Y , R D G
 P W N D X Q P W H Y P B O ; P J Y
 H Y P B O P F H G G F O G Q O
 N K B O P W H M B K T K F Y O 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: X = E

Easy · 84 letters

B C Q Z X X Z X P R I Z X G A I

P X K I V X S J V X R U ,

L C X A C X P V B A A B E F I P

R J B E F , L B A C S J C X X R V

Q V C B F C I P C B F C X P

A C Q E S J C X 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

5. Clue: Y = E

Medium · 86 letters

N T Q E E Q D N S F G M N G

Y J Y A R Q P Y ' D G A H Y

B Q A D M S T B N D G M N G

B M S V M M Y O Q H P F S P H D Y

S P G M Y T E N V Y B M Y A Y M Y

V M N P V Y F G Q U Y .

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: E = O

Medium · 91 letters

T J T V B E J Z T J W E M J

N E E K S R C V E B V C T K ,

J W C J W R Z W E W C V B E J C

N E E K I R I E S U V W E M H K

B R A R S J C Y R M O E B W T I

J W R J S C K R E Q H U T B 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

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 us a little permit Nature to take her own way; she better understands her own affairs than we."

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

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

2. "The middle sort of historians (of which the most part are) spoil all; they will chew our meat for us."

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

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

3. "I speak truth, not so much as I would, but as much as I dare; and I dare a little the more as I grow older."

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

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

4. "I have ever loved to repose myself, whether sitting or lying, with my heels as high or higher than my head."

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

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

5. "Apollo said that every one's true worship was that which he found in use in the place where he chanced to be."

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

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

6. "It is not without good reason said, that he who has not a good memory should never take upon him the trade of lying."

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

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