

Michel de Montaigne Cryptograms — Set 5

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: F = A

Medium · 93 letters

F O O Z J Y M V K G V Y M

B C B X P Y K G L R, Y K F Y

K B V F P L M Y H B F

J G X D F X G J, F

O F X D B Y - A L G R K Y,

H Z Y F J G L B Q P,

K F X W P, F L W

C G R M X M Z J P M Z L R

V F L .

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: Y = E

Easy · 100 letters

T B E X Y B Y J Y Q V K D

U E M Y E V Q A Y I E D Q S

W C K K Y M S K Q F Y J A ,

E V M B E X Y O J Q C I B N

V Q N B T V I Q S U D Q F V

O C N N B Y N B J Y E M

N B E N N T Y A N B Y U

N Q I Y N B Y 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

3. Clue: L = I

Medium · 102 letters

K T M P M Y M U M P J S F

L Y K T M J D P B H K J D

D V L Y L D Y F S B L I M ,

Y D W D P M K T S Y K J D

T S L P F D P K J D

X P S L Y F ; K T M W D F K

A Y L U M P F S B

N A S B L K E L F

H L U M P F L K E .

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: L = O

Easy · 103 letters

O K G N B X R W Z X L N

L Q O Y O L Y R W K R O R

P L B J I D Z D Z R R Z X

N L X B C R L W K U Z [Y L

J K P C] K R K J J R W K Y

R L W K U Z R W Z G O Y C L

Q X L I O T O L B C

Y B G D Z X C K C P Z

W K U 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

5. Clue: P = T

Easy · 106 letters

X H R E A R Q A E K L L X E H

P I K P R V E D X Y N R H

X P Y A W L , K T N

D X Y A Y P

O R T Y V W P K P X R T Y ,

L R E P I A H R Y P U K E P

O R H H X P

P I A H Y A W Q A Y P R P I A

O R T N V O P R L

O I K T O 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

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. "Accustom him to everything, that he may not be a Sir Paris, a carpet-knight, but a sinewy, hardy, and vigorous young man."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays*, Book I, Chap. XXV. *Of the Education of Children* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "I have here only made a nosegay of culled flowers, and have brought nothing of my own but the thread that ties them together."

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

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

3. "There never was in the world two opinions alike, no more than two hairs or two grains; the most universal quality is diversity."

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

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

4. "I am further of opinion that it would be better for us to have [no laws] at all than to have them in so prodigious numbers as we have."

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

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

5. "I moreover affirm that our wisdom itself, and wisest consultations, for the most part commit themselves to the conduct of chance."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1588, *Essays*, Book III, Chap. VIII. *Of the Art of Conversation* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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