

Phaedrus Cryptograms — Set 1

4 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: Y = E

Hard · 46 letters

N Z D X P I I F I G Y

V C Y N Y Q I Y S P K,

K Y N I J E C Y J I Y C

F Q Y D Y A J K K L F 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

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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2. Clue: U = E

Expert · 52 letters

D U K D I A I M U B Q

K D P B F U X I O N Q B I

P O I B D U J

W U Q U J M U W X Z X I Q U Q

D T Q I K O .

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 = E

Expert · 55 letters

A Y A B X E F A M U

P E C F J L E P A K B

N K L M A F L Z X L T A

B A U C Z L U E S T M U

E O F A D K V N Z 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

4. Clue: K = H

Medium · 58 letters

W M M W Q C Q Y D C W A

U N Y K Z M M J - U N F F Y M

Y K Q G F O T Q U K N T K

K O A J M W Q K N B O

B N A T K N Q 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

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 AMMost 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. "Submit to the present evil, lest a greater one befall you."

— *Phaedrus, 25, Fables, Book I. Fable 2, 31 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "He who covets what belongs to another deservedly loses his own."

— *Phaedrus, 25, Fables, Book I. Fable 4, 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Every one is bound to bear patiently the results of his own example."

— *Phaedrus, 25, Fables, Book I. Fable 26, 12 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "No one returns with good-will to the place which has done him a mischief."

— *Phaedrus, 25, Fables, Book I. Fable 18, 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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