

Phaedrus Cryptograms — Set 2

4 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: W = E

Hard · 79 letters

U O T W Y W K O L M W Y W B T B V W

G W V T A W B T Q T K C T X M G D

G L M W S K L X E , W Y W B C S O W

M Z W L P M Q O W Q K X Q O ,

R L C B M B T G W N C W S .

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: I = E

Easy · 84 letters

P E F I Y L J B L U I Q N C I

M N G Y I C I U N C F . D I L J P K

Y J N Y N G D A P F R L C G X L B

Y P R I C K B F X N F R P A I C

L J P R B R R B P A L N

J P K R I D Q .

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: D = T

Hard · 101 letters

S X D R B Z Z D C Q X [D R J W C T
 M O E D R J Q M Y J O] B D B Z
 Z R C V O R C V A I G R
 B O L J O I B D X M Y M B U Z , M O E
 R C V V B Z E C A B Z M U V M X Z
 M O C Y J Q A M D G R W C Q
 Z D Q J O L D 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: K = A

Medium · 117 letters

K N D P I Y K S I J K U S I
Z K A D P G , U V I O S I L M D G Y R
O G V K O M P Z L G D K I U , K I O
Y R V G V J K U S I Y R V
G V L S D I Y R V R S L R V U Y
V F E V X Y K Y S D I . K M Y V G
K Z Z , S Y A G D P L R Y M D G Y R
K N D P U 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

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)

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Answer key

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1. "Whoever has even once become notorious by base fraud, even if he speaks the truth, gains no belief."

— *Phaedrus, 25, Fables, Book I. Fable 10, 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "I knew that before you were born. Let him who would instruct a wiser man consider this as said to himself."

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

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

3. "By this story [The Fox and the Raven] it is shown how much ingenuity avails, and how wisdom is always an overmatch for strength."

— *Phaedrus, 25, Fables, Book I. Fable 13, 13 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "A mountain was in labour, sending forth dreadful groans, and there was in the region the highest expectation. After all, it brought forth a mouse."

— *Phaedrus, 25, Fables, Book IV. Fable 23, 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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