

Henry David Thoreau Cryptograms — Set 12

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: M = T

Medium · 73 letters

V A Y I B B I D E N P I D I M

Z A B A B W A Z M K F M J M J T ,

F G M A Z F E E , F E V F N T M K A

G J Z T M L A Z T I D M K F M J T

T L A F H J D 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: P = E

Expert · 74 letters

Q P Z L P T Z S P U W

P K Z D D P L Z U P U C P

G T I W L U Z F Y P W B Q C Z U

Q W L J Q P S W ; Z F S A P U

C W Q T O Y C G E F W U S W F P

V A O 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

3. Clue: P = E

Easy · 75 letters

R P O L I G E X S I E N P M L R G

H D O L E E P F L E L W S D H F

H X F T H W J P W Z P W T P, A X E

L G X T T P G G D X M M Z D P

C W H R G W H M 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: H = S

Medium · 75 letters

R C R Z ' H A Q R E D A

Y Q S O V Y Q H R H C R Z J

R B Y Q H M K C Q R G M L D M

A V H X Y M H X Q B D R H A V H

K R Y C G M Q H E M R G H M K

C O B W .

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: H = A

Medium · 76 letters

V H C G E H C H C G V H P D Y J

V J U X Z Y H C H C L J Z Y X U

I H C H T H A Z Y G V E X P Q Z J

H P P I P G V H Z X E H C T

I G U I K V E Z H C I X 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

6. Clue: L = T

Easy · 77 letters

S L A T K Q H H S D I M , K A L

G A J I Z U L C I J Q N C L I A P H

G I K Q K Q L L C S K Z U L C I

T A A M H S K M H T S G E H L C S L

H P J J A P K M Q 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

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. "We commonly do not remember that it is, after all, always the first person that is speaking."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

2. "We are made to exaggerate the importance of what work we do; and yet how much is not done by us!"

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

3. "We may study the laws of matter at and for our convenience, but a successful life knows no law."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

4. "A man's health requires as many acres of meadow to his prospect as his farm does loads of muck."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

5. "Man is an animal who more than any other can adapt himself to all climates and circumstances."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

6. "A town is saved, not more by the righteous men in it than by the woods and swamps that surround it."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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