

Henry David Thoreau Cryptograms — Set 14

6 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: C = E

Medium · 79 letters

C P C M G U B W E O

J C K W D T Y B C L I M E O

S K S W D, Y I T I N C

C V Y C D Y, S D O E I P C T

Y I T Y S G I A Y O I I M T,

C P C D W D L C Y S D O

U I E 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

2. Clue: J = E

Medium · 79 letters

N Z J E J U W V E U O Z N

D V K ; Q P N D J V E J

R J E K A U V Q A J H E G F

Z J J B A J W W C J W W V C B

W N P X U B U N K N G N V S J

N Z J D E G C O G C 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: G = E

Hard · 80 letters

C Q G B I T J F I Z C Q G

W T G D C M I G C F Q D P G

U G P G T X G C A G G U

T G D H A X K D U J N U H ,

Z I T I U Y X W T G D C

M I G C F S D U T G D H

C Q G K .

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 = E

Easy · 80 letters

F V Q S Q E A Y K I E Y M

H K K D D Q Z K G F M W

W F I Z Y S D Q E F Y E I ,

D K L W Q D I F M F I

C K Z Q X I K W K W K Q L I

Q A F V V K L K E M

A L X S S K 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

5. Clue: P = A

Medium · 82 letters

X M R S W Q Q P T R W C

X M R D Q P B R X U

E M W B M X M R H U P N C

X R L N , P C U H X U I

R G D P L C W U L U I X M R

M W T M E P O , P C P Q P V R

U I P H W S R 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

6. Clue: P = A

Medium · 85 letters

M G W F P S T G V G P O

P R M N P U U X A P C Q Z V B

G C O Z P B F T C M G

U P D V B V S C M C O O V

B P B W M G P M W L W B X

S W C E G D V B R P S

A V C S M M V G C F .

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. "Every child begins the world again, to some extent, and loves to stay out doors, even in wet and cold."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

2. "There is a right way; but we are very liable from heedlessness and stupidity to take the wrong one."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

3. "The works of the great poets have never yet been read by mankind, for only great poets can read them."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

4. "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

5. "The village is the place to which the roads tend, a sort of expansion of the highway, as a lake of a river."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

6. "The man who has actually paid for his farm with labor on it is so rare that every neighbor can point to him."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1854, Walden*

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