

Henry David Thoreau Cryptograms — Set 15

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: V = T

Easy · 85 letters

Y S X A Z F V T Z V Z

A V N V Q T N X V N Y S

A Z U S A X N X S, Z X H A R

V T S F V Z C S Z

V T R L A Z X H

A V N V Q T S A V R - H Z F

V R A Z U S X N X S

V R - Y R P P R 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

2. Clue: Z = E

Medium · 86 letters

G D Z L F P Q Z B U E P

Z E L F O C T J I Z N L G J

G Z E B L J B G J

O E N Q D G Z B, W N G

A D Z B Z F L D Z A D J

U E P Z Y U F G Z F P N L E

M N B Z T J B P F P Q X J C?

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: K = E

Medium · 86 letters

N O K F B S E O V N B I K R

N O K D A Y K W N Z N V

D A M K A R R X G K W A V W

N V B D D N O K D B E R,

Y Z M A W N X K V T O A R

W K D B N A V S N V N O K

D B E - F B I K 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

4. Clue: B = T

Hard · 87 letters

B W K Q D X T B O M P H P B

J T K E M B W K T D B D X K

Q E N F P D B P B W K

A X D Y W N O K D P Q

B W K I, H P D B P W T I

Z W P D N T O K O B W K I

Q P D B W K I N D S K B.

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: M = O

Easy · 88 letters

B V W F C S N W M F M W Q X

O M L T N G M L F C U

V W E B V Q O E F C E W

C E B , I S F , G M L V

N X B I M Q M G F C E N , C U

O M L T N G M L F C U

V W E B V Q O E F C M S F

C E B .

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: O = S

Easy · 89 letters

R X R O M J X

M U V U O O E S F X N E X E

G E M O N J C Q H U E S M

N R O Q R A R M P W F X N U

O D U E X J B N R O W S J D ,

C M Q U O O N U O D U E X O

U E O R U S X N E M R H 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

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. "Men say that a stitch in time saves nine, and so they take a thousand stitches to-day to save nine to-morrow."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

2. "The singer can easily move us to tears or to laughter, but where is he who can excite in us a pure morning joy?"

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

3. "The man who takes the liberty to live is superior to all the laws, by virtue of his relation to the law-maker."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

4. "The fruits do not yield their true flavor to the purchaser of them, nor to him who raises them for the market."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

5. "Man thus not only works for the animal within him, but, for a symbol of this, he works for the animal without him."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

6. "It is not necessary that a man should earn his living by the sweat of his brow, unless he sweats easier than I do."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1854, Walden*

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