

Ralph Waldo Emerson Cryptograms — Set 13

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

Hard · 57 letters

X U G S U B H N M B N B V N E M

P K M M V I M M V S E S U B

I X Q I A B M U W S S H N K J V

G N E D N K E M S B 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

2. Clue: T = E

Medium · 57 letters

F W C T F N Y F C N J D

G J R C F W T M E N U T

G J R C F W T J D U F B M Z W

I J Z T N U T N U M Z W

O T D J C T .

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: X = T

Medium · 57 letters

Z X Z V C W Z R X L W X X I H Q X

X L F I I Q W V I N K I X B K L H

L R I O D L D W V W K Z E D X X L

F R L O Z X .

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 = T

Hard · 57 letters

A V B S L H R D H H U Z H D

A U O H V H Q V K E A L D Y E R Z

D R V G O U H S V, K D D J O R P

E H H Q E H D R K 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

5. Clue: M = E

Hard · 58 letters

H N M D M U C C U T J Z B H N M

D R C M; U H U C J M D A M F H U Y

M P M D B T R T M Y H R A U H C

M Q U C H M Y F M.

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: D = S

Easy · 58 letters

B F W D W V U W B Z H D O V V W D D

S K D Z V S W B G S D I

V W U B I S K F W I U B S K W D D

I K C D G X J I B F G .

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. "Life is not so short but that there is always time enough for courtesy."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1876, *Letters and Social Aims, Social Aims (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "A great part of courage is the courage of having done the thing before."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1860, *The Conduct of Life, Culture*

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

3. "It is vain to attempt to keep a secret from one who has a right to know it."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

4. "We must not try to write the laws of any one virtue, looking at that only."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

5. "There is simply the rose; it is perfect in every moment of its existence."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

6. "The secret of success in society is a certain heartiness and sympathy."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, *Essays: Second Series*

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