

Marcus Aurelius Cryptograms — Set 17

5 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: R = N

Easy · 125 letters

R N F S R Q U B B Z U R X M G

V Z M M C G N F B U J U R A

S D D N G X U R A V N V Z M

G M S E N R N C V Z P N Q R

R S V K G M : R N V Z U R A Q U B B

Z S H H M R V N V Z M M

D N R V G S G P V N V Z M

G M S E N R N C V Z M

K R U J M G E S B R S V K G 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

2. Clue: L = A

Medium · 126 letters

S L H U L E L T S V U R , E V U R

S V I Q X V I I A U A S , S V T

I O Z R Z I R , L R C B Z H U L

P L K Z R U K E V I V L A

C I Q D B U C S V U

O K I P I R S I K T , S V I Q E Z B S

W Z R C X L B P , U J U K T S V Z R N

A S L D B U , L R C L

E L J U B U A A D L 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: L = T

Easy · 127 letters

I U V U V P U I L H H H M U T U I C

H G G W E A H M S Y A G Y X U W B E

L Y U U L H T U Z W L A H M L H

W Q Q X C L Y A E Q I A M G A Q X U ;

M H L L Y W L L Y A E A E W

V A E N H I L O M U , P O L L Y W L

L H P U W I A L M H P X C A E

R H H B N H I L O M U .

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: R = E

Medium · 127 letters

R M R D T J P D V C Y I R V Q R X
 S Z B B U R D R E F O R E U T
 O Q P X H R Z X V C A C I R J P D V
 C Y V Q R F X Z M R D A R , P X E
 V Q P V P H P Z X S Z B B
 O Q P X H R Z X V C P X C V Q R D
 J P D V C Y V Q R F X Z M R D A R ,
 P X E A C C X Y C D R M R D .

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: T = E

Medium · 127 letters

V M T V M D Q Y B M X G T K T F
G M D H M Z F T U F X U T F V X
V M T P Q S T F B V Z Q S D Q Y Q X
X V M T F O Z Q D B P B T S V X
D O U T S T, I X F Q T D V M T F
I D F T, Q X F D F X Q, Q X F
V N F Z Q V, Q X F Z L P B T,
V X P H M T B D V D Q Z Q N G Z N.

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. "No man will hinder thee from living according to the reason of thy own nature: nothing will happen to thee contrary to the reason of the universal nature."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations* (George Long translation, 1862)

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

2. "Take away then, when thou choosest, thy opinion, and like a mariner who has doubled the promontory, thou wilt find calm, everything stable, and a waveless bay."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations* (George Long translation, 1862)

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

3. "Remember too on every occasion which leads thee to vexation to apply this principle; not that this is a misfortune, but that to bear it nobly is good fortune."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations* (George Long translation, 1862)

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

4. "Every part of me then will be reduced by change into some part of the universe, and that again will change into another part of the universe, and so on forever."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations* (George Long translation, 1862)

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

5. "The things however which are proper to the understanding no other man is used to impede, for neither fire, nor iron, nor tyrant, nor abuse, touches it in any way."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations* (George Long translation, 1862)

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