

Henry David Thoreau Cryptograms — Set 8

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: K = E

Hard · 59 letters

Z M M I J X G J H Z K D K Y S Y J

S K R W Z K D Y H K R L Y B S

D K J K D T K S R L Y J H O K L

V K D K V D W H H 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

2. Clue: J = E

Expert · 60 letters

X L J M J S Q R W J O X H K Z

D J O S C W W K T J K Z

O C X P M J , I P X O K X Q K

F P U L K Z O C X P M J

L J M Q J W 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

3. Clue: U = E

Hard · 61 letters

S I D I B B J I P E Y U

F I P J C U Y K N P T V B I H U B

D U O B V W D H C , O V U B V U J

T Y I B V U C I J K J W U D S 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

4. Clue: G = E

Hard · 61 letters

W J R G C J A F Q H X Z Q H Y A F O

C X O L O L G R J N Z X Z I - N G Q ,

X H O L G E G S G N I J O A V

G Y N F E G Z J A I 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: R = E

Medium · 62 letters

G R P L R A O R H Y J X R W A H

Z V P Q R F N R L K I R Q A

G O K W O K H Q Z A P M K A A M R

K Q A R L R H A K Q D A Z I 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

6. Clue: N = E

Easy · 62 letters

C H C M J S G G W ' M W C S N , J M

H Y N U V C W W S C Z T V Y N Z

H Y N U D N H H G H Y N N Z T G S

C H , C S Z G H E N S G B 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)

Answer key

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1. "Books must be read as deliberately and reservedly as they were written."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

2. "There is plenty of genial love of Nature, but not so much of Nature herself."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

3. "Do not trouble yourself much to get new things, whether clothes or friends."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

4. "Some would find fault with the morning-red, if they ever got up early enough."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

5. "We are the subjects of an experiment which is not a little interesting to me."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

6. "It is a fool's life, as they will find when they get to the end of it, if not before."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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