

Confucius Cryptograms — Set 3

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 = E

Medium · 61 letters

O A V X Y H V E M P E F N S

L M X A V X O P G V X B P L

M S A M X X H V V Q A N S U

V N E S V X O M S A M X

Q P S U Y Q 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: W = E

Easy · 62 letters

V P V K Y V J P R G R K

I S M M W J K L N V F N

F G M K P V P R P W P N W

W U F W X X W M F W G H S

M W V B N A G J N G G 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: Y = T

Medium · 66 letters

W P D S A L A U T L Y C E F Y

Y C E F U C Y L H W D I E F S

W E H Y ; Y C E F U C Y

T L Y C E F Y W P D S A L A U

L H X P S L W E F 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

4. Clue: K = S

Medium · 68 letters

O L Z K N B Z F W T F J H D

W K K H O W K G W Z S H D S

V T J B T K Z S ; O L Z

J Z H D J H D W K

H M C H X K G N M M T G

S W K O F Z K 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

5. Clue: B = O

Medium · 68 letters

A F A W D B F S M W Q F B

E A D H M K M D I R B R M W

U S M Z D S H E B Z F R Z S S

Q S M Z W I A F R B N F

J B K A D P F B L S P B B 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: Q = A

Medium · 68 letters

L D X V B G M N E Q X N Q X
D X E D X R Q Y D X C
Q S S V Q M Q X I V Q M V
E V J N G Z
Q E E G I D Q Y V N B D Y A
Y M R V H D M Y R V .

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

Answer key

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1. "The superior man wishes to be slow in his speech and earnest in his conduct."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

2. "It is virtuous manners which constitute the excellence of a neighborhood."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

3. "Learning without thought is labour lost; thought without learning is perilous."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

4. "The superior man is satisfied and composed; the mean man is always full of distress."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

5. "It is not easy to find a man who has learned for three years without coming to be good."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

6. "Fine words and an insinuating appearance are seldom associated with true virtue."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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