

Confucius Cryptograms — Set 4

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: O = I

Medium · 71 letters

O U O B B W F B F G J

J R F O E L M M P

A Q Z B O J O F W Z I P

C M B B M U J R F V ,

J R F O E K Z P

A Q Z B O J O F W Z I P

Z X M O P J R F 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

2. Clue: J = E

Easy · 73 letters

Q G Q O J D V D G H X V

R D H J V X G J J ; W X S M F

D G J J Q R Q H X T

K J Q M V Q M J H V Q H F

Z D K V S J , V B Q V

C X S M F G Q V D G T I R 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

3. Clue: X = E

Easy · 77 letters

F O M L X O X M W G V O M V

M D Q U X W F T W I M C

O X N U D V O X

G F D V W X D D X G , K Q V

G T X D C T V M G G V T

V O X A X M N V O T J V O X

W F R O .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Easy · 78 letters

E I E T H B A Z V K H E F ,

J E I T A P

R A T R W O T W K P B E P J

B E N W T A Q V E R W , J

E I R A T R W O T W K B A S

J I E F G J P I F H W V G

G A O A T 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

5. Clue: T = O

Hard · 78 letters

E W O X C O F A H D T Y

Z T Y E Q C T J X W O Z B

D T Y X T S U W Z J , O C Q

V W X W O E V O D F

H W O X A C P O E F T E W F J

D T Y F B T Y E Q E T F W

A 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

6. Clue: B = E

Medium · 79 letters

C A B S L A E

B M U E D M C B I K B M

L P C A N K W I C M B N N B N

E H N V B B U A H E I C A B

K E N C V W I C V I E U D I B

C A B K N B Y Q B N

A W C I B 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. "I will select their good qualities and follow them, their bad qualities and avoid them."

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

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

2. "A sage it is not mine to see; could I see a man of real talent and virtue, that would satisfy me."

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

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

3. "I have heard that a superior man helps the distressed, but does not add to the wealth of the rich."

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

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

4. "A man should say, I am not concerned that I have no place, I am concerned how I may fit myself for one."

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

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

5. "Learn as if you could not reach your object, and were always fearing also lest you should lose it."

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

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

6. "They who encounter men with smartnesses of speech for the most part procure themselves hatred."

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

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