

Confucius Cryptograms — Set 7

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: X = E

Easy · 100 letters

F O X V J O T E X Q W X H X V N X K

 M V X D M W V X W M L T

 H R I C X D N N M T V G M V X ,

 T V K O X D T V V M N L W M Y J N

 B X T W V N O X M N O X W

 N O W X X , J K M V M N W X Q X T N

 Y G B X H H M 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: A = E

Medium · 111 letters

G K A O W M A , Z L M A D W M T G C

G K A W D A T , G C D Z Y A G K A X

M A Q G ; Z L M A D W M T G C

V M Z A L T Q , G C Q K C N G K A X

Q Z L F A M Z G O ; Z L M A D W M T

G C G K A O C B L D , G C G M A W G

G K A X G A L T A M S 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

3. Clue: I = T

Medium · 115 letters

I Y N C N G Z B E V Y T I Y N

G E F H N E I Z K H K E B I

C N G K H P T W H Q N

D I I N C G E F N I B I Y N H C

V B C K Z, V G Z I Y G I I Y N T

M N G C N K P N Z I I Y N H C

G F I H B E Z Z Y B D P K E B I

F B S N D L I B I Y N S.

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

Medium · 117 letters

A K G J A G H G G V G J F D

A F E O K, A G H K F T Z U

O K Y J M F D G S T I Z Z Y J X

O K G V; A K G J A G H G G V G J

F D I R F J O E I E P

R K I E I R O G E, A G H K F T Z U

O T E J Y J A I E U H I J U

G Q I V Y J G F T E H G Z N G 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

5. Clue: P = T

Easy · 130 letters

X O G Z P P Z L K X D Q

R Z L T D R K Z H M D G P A

A P T Z L Q Z O, E M P P T Z

I T D L D I P Z L A W P T Z

K M R Z L X A L Q D O,

I D L L N X O J A M P X O T X K

I A O U M I P V T D P T Z

R L A W Z K K Z K, X K V T D P X

T D F Z O A P N Z P D P P D X O Z U

P 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

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. "When I have presented one corner of a subject to any one, and he cannot from it learn the other three, I do not repeat my lesson."

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

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

2. "They are, in regard to the aged, to give them rest; in regard to friends, to show them sincerity; in regard to the young, to treat them tenderly."

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

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

3. "The reason why the ancients did not readily give utterance to their words, was that they feared lest their actions should not come up to them."

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

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

4. "When we see men of worth, we should think of equalling them; when we see men of a contrary character, we should turn inwards and examine ourselves."

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

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

5. "In letters I am perhaps equal to other men, but the character of the superior man, carrying out in his conduct what he professes, is what I have not yet attained to."

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

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