

English proverb Cryptograms — Set 3

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: R = E

Hard · 42 letters

Y A G ' V N R X Z A G Q A C N

X W F X Z R G U L R K A N R V W R Q

D N R W D V X W R Y .

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: R = E

Hard · 42 letters

D V K U ' B L F R P C H U V R

L E H R D C W W H R O R F L R

E Y U E Q U V R Q W R B 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

3. Clue: J = E

Hard · 42 letters

G C J L P Y Y R W C J J N S T

X I W H S L P , Z N S J L R T G S X X

E J O I W H S L P .

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: J = E

Hard · 42 letters

P F J B R F J R Z J J Y D W W X

J Q J Z A T D B E H J X P L R F

F L X F D R K F J 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

5. Clue: A = E

Medium · 43 letters

W L A O X N W A G ' N A C A K S H H

F Z O Z G A K Z G M W L X T

E Z W L L S N L X T F 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

6. Clue: Y = T

Medium · 43 letters

H R Y Y H B O Y R F D O D R Z T H B

L A R W B , N P Y I W B L Y J Z B O

G P Y R Y J P Y .

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. "Don't reckon your chickens before they are hatched."

— English proverb, 1859, Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, *Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated* (London, 1859)

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

2. "What's bred in the bone will never be out of the flesh."

— English proverb, 1859, Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, *Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated* (London, 1859)

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

3. "When good cheer is lacking, friends will be packing."

— English proverb, 1859, Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, *Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated* (London, 1859)

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

4. "When the tree falls every man goes with his hatchet."

— English proverb, 1859, Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, *Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated* (London, 1859)

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

5. "The master's eye will do more work than both his hands."

— English proverb, 1859, Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, *Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated* (London, 1859)

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

6. "Little sticks kindle a fire, but great ones put it out."

— English proverb, 1859, Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, *Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated* (London, 1859)

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