

English proverb Cryptograms — Set 4

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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 = R

Expert · 43 letters

I B C K E V Z O S V Z

I Z V N S C O I S V Z X ,

Y P N P O I Z V N S C O

I W F U W V N X .

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: D = E

Hard · 44 letters

A R I L A I V Q

B N V U A I Q R Y D V K I D

Q G A V D Q G K Q Y D F D I

S D U K T T 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

3. Clue: I = E

Hard · 44 letters

X S X D J I S S I Q S Y

K I B Q S K I M B Q G

D X T A S K B T S K I

F Y N D I U Q I 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

4. Clue: N = E

Hard · 45 letters

X I X L E M V R S D U V

H U W N X P S S L E X W N -

I N R R N F I F S W N T

R B X T W N G 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: B = R

Hard · 46 letters

U R B O R H Q E X W B Z B A

Y X G Z B R Q O B R Q Z Y

E X W B U M O O K O V L M M

B O Z H Q .

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 = I

Medium · 46 letters

N Z N D Y D N X X K V N D I

Z I Y Z N D S Y Q B I Z

Z O N S P O N Z I Z I P

D Y T P G Y N 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

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 wordsOF 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 apostropheT (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "Children are certain cares, but uncertain comforts."

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

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

2. "Our worst misfortunes are those that never befall us."

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

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

3. "It is better to hear the lark sing than the mouse creep."

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

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

4. "A bad custom is like a good cake - better broken than kept."

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

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

5. "Stretch your arm no farther than your sleeve will reach."

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

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

6. "It is a silly fish that is caught twice with the same bait."

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

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