

French proverb 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: M = E

Hard · 42 letters

O M H M E Y W V L A W E

R B O Q M E D M V K M M O

V S M V E M M Z O U V S M

D Z E 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: G = O

Medium · 42 letters

BKBDNURNCDRJUU

KGZJJIPGUWGSG

CGHEPGEDJ'D

OEBWUJ.

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: Z = E

Hard · 42 letters

P S Z N Q O Z O R M B

A Z Z L D U A Y G A Y M

V Z D Z V I Z K R V Y P D

N U D P Z 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

4. Clue: Z = E

Hard · 42 letters

Q G R O V N Z V K Z Q N C

T C O X B A R Y G , F R B

O Z D Z N T C Q P X O S

H G T P 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

5. Clue: P = T

Expert · 42 letters

P S S V Z X B

I X C Y P X B Q O N

I V Y C P I, P S S V Z X B

P Y A D Q O N B Y C V I.

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: J = E

Expert · 42 letters

V P J H X P J A F R Z W

A D F V H Z H R J Q J D O

F H J T D Z H R W P Z E

V U X J D .

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. "Never put your finger between the tree and the bark."

— French proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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

2. "It is always well to keep hold of your horse's bridle."

— French proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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

3. "The mule long keeps a kick in reserve for its master."

— French proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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

4. "A hundred years is not much, but never is a long while."

— French proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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

5. "Too much scratching smarts, too much talking harms."

— French proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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

6. "When the dog is drowning every one brings him water."

— French proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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