

# French proverb Cryptograms — Set 5

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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: Z = E

Expert · 42 letters

**C Z O C M G L B W Z X**

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**D Z J O Z Z F J O M**

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**N T P Z F B X K M X Z X M F Z**

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**M N J C Z V .**

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Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>I</b> | <b>J</b> | <b>K</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>M</b> |
| <b>N</b> | <b>O</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>Q</b> | <b>R</b> | <b>S</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>U</b> | <b>V</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Z</b> |

2. Clue: L = T

Expert · 42 letters

ZV L Z I L A V H J G W O

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R K L Z G N L Z K O Z G O L

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B N O L A V H J G W

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I Y I K W .

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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: T = E

Medium · 43 letters

**S P T O T J O T Z U O T**

**X U U W L A P I Q D T O A**

**S P J H X U U W L A P**

**A T W W T O 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 |

4. Clue: E = T

Medium · 43 letters

**D X E D B E L E B C L W R**

**E D X T B J J X C H W J J**

**R U E V X E U T X P E D X**

**D W J 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**

5. Clue: A = O

Hard · 43 letters

**A L N P Y R T Z P N**

**E A F R H M L A E K L A Z**

**P A E Z P N A Z P N F**

**P Y R T R D C N K .**

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>I</b> | <b>J</b> | <b>K</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>M</b> |
| <b>N</b> | <b>O</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>Q</b> | <b>R</b> | <b>S</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>U</b> | <b>V</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Z</b> |

6. Clue: D = E

Expert · 43 letters

T R U G G R D B N C G

C D U F W Q O W V N I G R

R D B N W G O W I D Q O W

N C S U 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**

|                                   |                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Most common letters</b>        | E T A O I N S H R D L U                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Most common 1-letter words</b> | A I                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Most common 2-letter words</b> | OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY<br>UP AN GO NO US AM                                                                                    |
| <b>Most common 3-letter words</b> | THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE<br>OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE<br>TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT SAY SHE TOO USE |
| <b>Common double letters</b>      | LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Common word endings</b>        | -ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST                                                                                                                         |
| <b>After an apostrophe</b>        | T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D<br>(I'd)                                                                                                 |

## Answer key

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#### 1. "He who judges between two friends loses one of them."

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

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

#### 2. "He that reckons without his host must reckon again."

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

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

#### 3. "There are more foolish buyers than foolish sellers."

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

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

#### 4. "He that stays in the valley will not get over the hill."

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

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

#### 5. "One half the world knows not how the other half lives."

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

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

#### 6. "What the colt learns in youth he continues in old age."

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

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