

French proverb Cryptograms — Set 9

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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: C = E

Medium · 46 letters

B V C W Y W C V O J W Y U

B V O U Y W C S P D C J ,

Y W C H I J U S P D C

B V O U Y W C V O 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

2. Clue: R = E

Expert · 46 letters

F C P R U A , U S U R

M E A G S H A C X F Q R ;

L I R P R U A , U S U R

M E A G S H A R J Y H P 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

3. Clue: Y = H

Expert · 46 letters

Y H Y G L H W K X V Y C K

A K D Y K Y K S A L C Y H

Y G W A S H K E C Y H

E J R Z W V - T G W .

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: F = O

Hard · 46 letters

M D F Q L G V V F D Q F P

M J C Q G N C C G V F K

Y F V P G V C P F M E F P R

K V Z C P T 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

5. Clue: U = E

Hard · 47 letters

C U B C Y U Q B T X E T C

E W U P R T Y E M B P

E W B M U O W B S U U C

E W U K O R A E A X 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

6. Clue: C = E

Medium · 47 letters

M C P P H C M W C

Z U H X I J F F U G N C C X ,

I J S O E O P P M C P P

F U G E W U F U G I Q C .

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 one has not what one likes, one must like what one has."

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

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

2. "Absent, none without blame; present, none without excuse."

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

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

3. "He has enough to do who holds the handle of the frying-pan."

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

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

4. "Two sparrows on the same ear of corn are not long friends."

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

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

5. "People count up the faults of those who keep them waiting."

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

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

6. "Tell me the company you keep, and I will tell you who you are."

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

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