

French proverb Cryptograms — Set 10

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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: O = T

Expert · 47 letters

Q O Q W Q D Z S Q D O C

U J S G O V J C E O C O V J

R S O J N Q M V J Q W D C O

O V Q N W O B .

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 · 47 letters

D R A D H B E H V B X E

R N R L M B E H Z R Z R N R L

T R E B E H D Q B

I H P L Z R M ' B R Z O .

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 · 47 letters

J A J Q M Z R R A Y

R Z C X Z Y U U G R C D J H E

M B Z H A B Z E C L Z J Q

C A J A Q T Z Q 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: U = E

Medium · 48 letters

M P U A U J A U Z R

T R R V L I P M A J H U I ,

M P U A U J A U R Z V K

T R R V L I P G U R G V U .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Medium · 49 letters

E R R L H H J O J H P V H

P R H Y J R E D F E , E R R

S B J H O A R B J E P R H Y

J R E A B H U D 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: I = A

Hard · 49 letters

I P I T U N I P Y H G H L
 P V W F K K M F Z Z J I Z
 S Z N V F K A J V K A
 I Y V Z J H L Q L I S 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. "It is in vain to lead the ox to the water if he is not thirsty."

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

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

2. "He who stops at every stone never gets to his journey's end."

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

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

3. "It is well to leave off playing when the game is at its best."

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

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

4. "There are no foolish trades, there are only foolish people."

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

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

5. "Too keen an edge does not cut, too fine a point does not pierce."

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

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

6. "A sack was never so full but that it would hold another grain."

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

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