

French proverb Cryptograms — Set 11

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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: H = E

Hard · 49 letters

H F H J K N P E G R

S V C C H C ,

H F H J K N P E G R

D J H V T C ,

H F H J K N P E G R

I H V J E H 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

2. Clue: X = E

Hard · 49 letters

J X H J V K D F F V G

L R X D U H X E E V Q J P L

G B D Y X Y V X L F V G

N F Y X B L G D F Y P G .

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: A = T

Hard · 49 letters

A W N L V B K R N X A Q D S

A W N Q A V D X B N Q A

W L C N L J Z L P Q A W N

R D Q A Z N E B W 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: I = S

Hard · 49 letters

Y D C N D I H N U V X Z O C

Y B W I D E T F D E E F Y N

B I H N U Z E F Z L I N H

Y B I V X Z O 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

5. Clue: M = E

Medium · 49 letters

O A G S F B M F Q M O B X

C V V B M P P N S Z T N H H

S C P E O Q O

A O H V E M S S Q C V

F M J P .

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 · 50 letters

H Z C I Q Z C O K S I Y

N E I U E F F S C T Q Z C

O E I I C F , H J C Q J

Q Z J T C H Z J M J K K J 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

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. "Everything passes, everything breaks, everything wearies."

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

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

2. "He who cannot speak well of his trade does not understand it."

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

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

3. "The arguments of the strongest have always the most weight."

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

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

4. "He does not guard himself well who is not always on his guard."

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

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

5. "A hundred years of fretting will not pay a halfpenny of debt."

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

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

6. "When the blind man carries the banner, woe to those who follow."

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

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