

French proverb Cryptograms — Set 12

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: K = H

Medium · 50 letters

U K N G K N N Y J Q U K N

I J C Q U F X Q X G

K X L K N H U K F Q U K N

P C E E J Q U K N Y E F X 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

2. Clue: M = T

Expert · 50 letters

I O O K J O S M P M I E M

R E V L P N A R R T E R R

V O E H Z V C E P M O H

A D M C I A P Y C G M 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

3. Clue: T = O

Expert · 50 letters

D R U O T F E R O T N P D

F D T U O T F E D T F H T

Y B X R V O C U R R L D B E

T F O W T N O E R 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

4. Clue: S = E

Medium · 50 letters

E K B M K N U F U M N S W W

 K M S F Q I E Z U R S

 S U E S M U J Q I Z S W K C

 I U W E N Y E Z Z Y F .

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: J = E

Hard · 52 letters

S T J E B V S T L S

W C J J D W R Q S T J

H B I Q R Q U T L W Q B S

T R W S B Q U X J

E J L S T J I J 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

6. Clue: Y = O

Hard · 52 letters

Y U M W V N R C V C D Y Y W

V C I J Y H Y T G R L J G Y

W Y M C M A M T N I G R U D

R U R I C F Z V E M .

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. "The sheep on the mountain is higher than the bull on the plain."

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

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

2. "He expects that larks will fall ready roasted into his mouth."

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

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

3. "He knows enough who knows how to live and keep his own counsel."

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

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

4. "To know a man well one must have eaten a bushel of salt with him."

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

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

5. "The fox that sleeps in the morning has not his tongue feathered."

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

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

6. "One day is as good as two for him who does everything in its place."

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

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