

French proverb Cryptograms — Set 13

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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: W = E

Medium · 52 letters

C P C T H J M X V J S V V H

X L J W L Y N W O O W G

O P C T Y W Q W T

N M Y P W X Y V J

X W C G T L T S .

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: V = E

Medium · 53 letters

H S V T Y O V M E F S O Z W T

U Y V D H J V M O F P O C V

H S V F S D E W R W T D

I G F S , F W W M U W M V .

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: I = O

Medium · 53 letters

S J L X Z T O I I V E G L

W P P S Z

G L R J E P T G I J E C W L ' E

R I I T H J P R W T Z E

L I P Z L P Z T .

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: X = T

Medium · 53 letters

M X M N E J C K V X X D F

X U F F C E V S F S G M X D

I U H M X X D V X O F E O C F

X D U E G N X E J F N .

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: H = E

Medium · 54 letters

F B F O K R F L D G P

C H L Z T H B B I B F Y H K

E H Q T H H O Q S H

V G H B K P X V Q T X

E L X Q S H L 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: N = E

Medium · 54 letters

W M N S N H N O N S F K Q K

T K H Z V N W Q C

Q V G A W V C V Q T V W

Q C G N C H N Y U H N Y

U X X K W U 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

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. "A handful of good life is better than seven bushels of learning."

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

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

2. "The friendship of great men is like the shadow of a bush, soon gone."

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

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

3. "Hunger looks in at the industrious man's door but dares not enter."

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

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

4. "It is only at the tree loaded with fruit that people throw stones."

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

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

5. "A landmark is very well placed between the fields of two brothers."

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

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

6. "There never was a banquet so sumptuous but some one dined ill at it."

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

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