

French proverb Cryptograms — Set 15

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: Q = I

Expert · 55 letters

S K J V Q O D S Q G D K F M

Q O X J A G Q D K D , Y O W

I F K Y J D S Q G D K F M N H

R Q B Q O R O A L S Q O 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

2. Clue: A = O

Medium · 55 letters

U A E ' Z Y E N X Q A V T

P J E S H T Y N Z Z R H

U A S Y W H P A T H Q A V

N T H A V Z A P Z R H

C J O O N S 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

3. Clue: Q = E

Expert · 56 letters

C R J Q F T L L P W L N F T

P W J Q S W O N

B G R Q O K H , W O K

Z Q U R Q J Q L P W L N F T

P W J Q Z T L B Q I .

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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4. Clue: D = E

Medium · 56 letters

O S O C I F S D I F N V G

S F G Q X D J Q K K Q V D ,

F I D T N C S G Q X D

C F T D S G O I V S F

V M D Q C D O 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

5. Clue: Y = E

Hard · 59 letters

S H Y P O L O G I O Z L

L M W Y H K M P Y H S B K P

M S U Y O W M P Y

T A L V S W M B H Y L S V

S H Y ' L V W A Y H X L .

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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6. Clue: C = T

Medium · 59 letters

A C Q Z N R W U O K Y O S J

U A H U Z Z L C I K C

B Z D C K A D O W K R R C I O

X K J U O T N C C O S O W A D

K W K 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

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. "He ruins himself in promises, and clears himself by giving nothing."

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

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

2. "Don't snap your fingers at the dogs before you are out of the village."

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

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

3. "Give out that you have many friends, and believe that you have but few."

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

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

4. "It is not enough to have cabbage, one must have something to grease it."

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

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

5. "One has always strength enough to bear the misfortunes of one's friends."

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

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

6. "It would be a very big book that contained all the maybes uttered in a day."

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

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