

French proverb Cryptograms — Set 17

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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: N = H

Expert · 61 letters

N U K N C K N F A M Y K N U

N C R M A U F V K N U

V S G J R X - D C R S B R Y K N U

S J Y P F V E B S R J R X

N J H Y U A 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

2. Clue: P = E

Medium · 61 letters

V E A Y Y E P F A D D P L , E T D U

 P B H P Q Y P F V D F Q T E F , A X

 M W D T S P V D X U A Z P D , M O Y

 F P V L E W X T E 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

3. Clue: Y = I

Medium · 68 letters

Y Z Y A Y F C N Y F D L B N

 J N F Z L B Y A X X N B M Q U K L

 K N A Z K X B X S O Z X L D

 M Q Y F E Y F I X G N M M Z K X

 J L B F Y F E .

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: E = O

Easy · 77 letters

J S L T M U E J C D O E D W C W

C D D E K L W S C T Y W E

V L U E B L V C W D W M C O ,

J L V L C W E T O I W E K M F L M

S M T Z O L Q E V E T L ' D Z E E 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

5. Clue: B = E

Medium · 78 letters

G I H W H B L S H E F B S E A X B

O B E L S B Q E I B X I H X L B

S H X K A M B , J S W G I H

F B S E A X B L E H H K A N I

M H L B L I H X L B J S W K A M 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

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 that holds the handle of the frying-pan runs the risk of burning himself."

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

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

2. "A little dinner, long expected and cold, is by no means given, but dearly sold."

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

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

3. "It is in vain for a man to rise early who has the reputé of lying in bed all the morning."

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

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

4. "When a cow is lost it is something to recover its tail, were it only to make a handle for one's door."

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

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

5. "Who does not venture gets neither horse nor mule, and who ventures too much loses horse and mule."

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

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