

German proverb Cryptograms — Set 1

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: F = E

Hard · 40 letters

C F V L F F Z V J F J D Z P

D Z P V J F S O Q V J F

T A E Q Y D G C F T Q O S 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: B = T

Medium · 40 letters

G V C B V C M L Z J

B V U M U Z Q C E D D X

G D M X ? Z B A D J B J

Q D B V Z Q 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

3. Clue: U = E

Hard · 40 letters

T J E D N V U I V Z

B M W T J E D N V U I E U

D Q J P N H Y U D W M V I

Q U O O .

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: K = O

Hard · 40 letters

K G P U K R R Q K C Y B V K

B P P X G K V F P Q R K

W G V K V F P M W V S F 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

5. Clue: O = T

Medium · 40 letters

O P D F U E X C U E T O P

K C O O C Y U Y C O G P

T Z M M C Y C E O O F Z E X 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

6. Clue: N = I

Medium · 40 letters

B Q E B T W N Y A D S N P

U T K T P B Q K A U D V V A

N C P T N P B N X A Q V U .

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 wordsOF 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 apostropheT (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "Between the hand and the lip the soup may be spilt."

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

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

2. "What harm is there in a good word? It costs nothing."

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

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

3. "Fortune and misfortune are two buckets in a well."

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

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

4. "One dog growls to see another go into the kitchen."

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

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

5. "To change and to better are two different things."

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

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

6. "He who digs a pit for others falls into it himself."

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

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