

German proverb Cryptograms — Set 9

6 puzzles · Standard 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: D = T

Medium · 43 letters

D N E L X R A Z S O M V R A

J V W R T W D D T X W E D M X

E S Q X Q N V A D N Q S W 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: K = E

Medium · 43 letters

O E M C Q D W Q B E C X U W C E K

U I K Q D W K M D U I M H Z K X U W

C E K U C E K 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

3. Clue: N = E *Expert · 43 letters*

Expert · 43 letters

D N F D K Q G N B K Y O D N

V I K L Y M Z L B O N C J N X O O K

T N O I K M M N Y K 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: T = E Hard · 44 letters

Hard · 44 letters

X R Q P C N T I Q S T Z L Z T

S F V Q I W W L X O R A T Q L G T

I Z T A T Z Z F S G T 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: R = H

Expert · 44 letters

R I O R L D G S P I J M O U D R

R L T I , R S M T L P I G D X Q L G

R U M H L S H R F S 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

6. Clue: Q = E

Hard · 44 letters

O Q X O D X D Z N G B Z N Q ,

S Z Y W O Q I B I U G M Q G Q I V ,

Y Q Q I U G M Q M N H U 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

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 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. "To spend much and gain little is the sure road to ruin."

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

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

2. "What is right for the one is reasonable for the other."

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

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

3. "He who lies on the ground must expect to be trodden on."

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

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

4. "With great men one must allow five to be an even number."

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

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

5. "He who travels with hope, has poverty for his coachman."

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

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

6. "He who would rule, must hear and be deaf, see and be blind."

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

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