

German proverb Cryptograms — Set 14

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: G = E

Medium · 47 letters

D I E D D Z E G D E Q G ' F

V G H Z A F J B G O D K I T

V H Z V G Z Q G H Z I F B U F

J Z H A 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

2. Clue: N = E

Medium · 47 letters

H E N E N B F J U N P H Y F L Z

J B L B N P H T E N G N H E N G N

L G N N A A P L F G N L O Z .

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: A = H

Hard · 47 letters

G P G J N L T G B A O T D Z B A U B

U M M B A G H G M M Z G S A L

A O Z L Y T B A L W R A B Z .

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: N = E

Medium · 47 letters

N T Q C I U D Q R A N T G J

C T U N U D Z N J , C R W U A

T M T R G U K N J N Z U D Q ' A

K N T 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

5. Clue: L = O

Hard · 47 letters

M G P Q I G X S R B Q R A

E L P P L U S R B A L U T J J

T R L Y B X , E Y I R L I V L P

J L R 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

6. Clue: G = T

Medium · 47 letters

U M C T Q V G S M Y G K T G Y K R

V I U V X T N P Y T I G V M R

Q V G S M Y G N R N R I Q T K .

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)

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Answer key

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1. "On poor people's beards the young barber learns his trade."

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

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

2. "The hen likes to lay in a nest where there are eggs already."

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

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

3. "Every one thinks that all the bells echo his own thoughts."

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

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

4. "Early to rise and late to bed, lifts again the debtor's head."

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

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

5. "Scratching and borrowing do well enough, but not for long."

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

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

6. "Love without return is like a question without an answer."

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

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