

Italian 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: C = O

Hard · 40 letters

Q V C M C A Z L C B , Z A A Z

L C B ; Q V C D U C O A Z

L C B , N A K E A O A Z L C 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

2. Clue: B = H

Hard · 40 letters

Z B A E D E V Y B K

I E X B Y W K Q I D , Z B A

E D E V Y B K Z I A V X

B A H K D .

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: X = T

Medium · 40 letters

X Q W F H A A H Z Y O X

X Q H I D H G X R D W X

A R R X H I X Q W

G X H N N Y C .

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: Q = E

Medium · 40 letters

D Q U U Q Y D Q X D V Y E

Z H U S Q N Z Z E U S X J X

D V Y E V J U S Q T X I Q .

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 = O

Expert · 40 letters

B C P L F S Y X A Q X Z X K T

B A X U I O I O Q B V D B A

U I A F C B K O I R X .

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: U = O

Expert · 40 letters

V B W C R A R O S U J S U O

X U B N R P D G E , D O C

B R S J B O R C U O Q U U 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

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. "Who goes not, sees not; who proves not, believes not."

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

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

2. "Who is in the right fears, who is in the wrong hopes."

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

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

3. "The difficult thing is to get foot in the stirrup."

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

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

4. "Better be a bird of the wood than a bird in the cage."

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

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

5. "Of judgment every one has a stock on hand for sale."

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

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

6. "Pride went out on horseback, and returned on foot."

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

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