

Italian proverb Cryptograms — Set 2

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: Z = E

Hard · 40 letters

J M Z O Q N I Y J O Q B J Z

S Q I H H M I B Y Z

J M Z E Y Y Z B C

N Y E Z Q F 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

2. Clue: A = E

Expert · 40 letters

C G A Y J O V J U E H C

N A Y J A T A F I G A E G A

U S A O B U C G A C V D C 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

3. Clue: Y = S

Expert · 40 letters

A W I A T P Z U K H Y P J

F A W G T S H Y U H W A S Y

D S R J Y Z G B W J T G 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: U = E

Hard · 40 letters

Q R U X K J Y Q A U K Y P

D Q E C M U B V K E P H K

V E R M Y U M H Q R W E U P .

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: P = O

Medium · 40 letters

Y H D Y P Y Q F Q B P P L

Y P N F H M V Y M F

F C Q A K H R Q U B P P V

G P P 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

6. Clue: N = S

Expert · 41 letters

B P V O N S R K U N V S C

Q B P C U N B P V O N S R K ,

X Z C Q B P C Y W K P N K 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

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. "The unfortunate know who are their real friends."

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

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

2. "The liar is not believed when he speaks the truth."

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

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

3. "He who builds by the roadside has many surveyors."

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

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

4. "One pair of ears would exhaust a hundred tongues."

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

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

5. "He who has a good horse in his stable may go on foot."

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

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

6. "Handsome is not what is handsome, but what pleases."

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

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