

# Italian proverb Cryptograms — Set 11

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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

Medium · 47 letters

P D Z M H C R Z C K H Q

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C L E D C B M Z U M

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G Z P P Z W P D X E

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X E C P D Z W H X E ' M

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K U W Z .

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Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M

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N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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2. Clue: W = E

Hard · 47 letters

Y W I Y M K M W U J Y W  
I A M L O N M A O W J U D J ,  
R T J L M J Y W I Y M  
A W E W D S W U D 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 |

3. Clue: D = O

Hard · 47 letters

**W I D D Q Z W O Y W B X F S**

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**Q D F B E D X L F B T X W X F**

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**X D I T R F I D D Q**

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**B F N V S T X O .**

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Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>I</b> | <b>J</b> | <b>K</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>M</b> |
| <b>N</b> | <b>O</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>Q</b> | <b>R</b> | <b>S</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>U</b> | <b>V</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Z</b> |

4. Clue: A = E

Hard · 47 letters

**A L A T H P J A F U S A D**

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**Y N D B U W A U J**

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**I J P B M A T ' D M P N D A ,**

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**J P J A U J M U D P Z J .**

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Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M**

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**N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

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5. Clue: W = E

Hard · 48 letters

P X Z U B M W V P R W M ,

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P Y M V E Y X

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W L D W K B W M , Z Q Y E B

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X Z A W Y , N O B Q E V M

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M W P J .

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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: V = E

Medium · 48 letters

P V H P Q H R V V G R ,

K W F M R , Q F M

R X C V H W C V R J P Q H P V

J X L T M U Q H P V U F X H .

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**

|                                   |                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Most common letters</b>        | E T A O I N S H R D L U                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Most common 1-letter words</b> | A I                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Most common 2-letter words</b> | OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY<br>UP AN GO NO US AM                                                                                    |
| <b>Most common 3-letter words</b> | THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE<br>OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE<br>TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT SAY SHE TOO USE |
| <b>Common double letters</b>      | LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Common word endings</b>        | -ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST                                                                                                                         |
| <b>After an apostrophe</b>        | T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D<br>(I'd)                                                                                                 |

## Answer key

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#### 1. "The smoke of my own house is better than another man's fire."

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

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

#### 2. "He who does the wrong forgets it, but not he who receives it."

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

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

#### 3. "A good paymaster does not hesitate to give good security."

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

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

#### 4. "Every one likes justice in another's house, none in his own."

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

#### 5. "A gift delayed, and long expected, is not given, but sold dear."

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

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

#### 6. "He that seeks, finds, and sometimes what he would rather not."

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

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