

Italian proverb Cryptograms — Set 12

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: E = N

Hard · 48 letters

O E J H E R W J U

T B N R Q W S B J E B N

Y W S S W Q S V O E O

D J H E T J U

L E J F Z W T X 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

2. Clue: P = T

Hard · 48 letters

R P E A B X A I B V Z V D

Y W H E P R C F V S G J

L W P P E V D V A I I G Y V

P D W P E A B A 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

3. Clue: J = E

Expert · 48 letters

W J L W P L S U Y R A T J

X R R N J I F J A N W U Y R A

Q J J M M R J H L G U V

N J I F P H L 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

4. Clue: N = A

Medium · 49 letters

P G T P Z P N L N L V H N T

V N K Y K L N Y T N I L K C

Q G N H Z Q K V L

R N V R P K C A Q K H 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

5. Clue: H = S

Hard · 49 letters

T X E T L X N A H F X N V H

E P A T T P H C N H A X V

H T L O K I M L A J T L L H X

A T X W X H A .

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 = T

Hard · 49 letters

S I S Q Q V S Q P A I F H

Q V O H W A Q A H U R Q Q R

X O Q J Z H Q O G D A Q V

J R S H Q C O S 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

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. "An ounce of discretion is better than a pound of knowledge."

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

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

2. "A thing is never much talked of but there is some truth in it."

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

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

3. "He that would be ill served should keep plenty of servants."

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

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

4. "He who has a straw tail is always in fear of its catching fire."

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

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

5. "He who eats pears with his master should not choose the best."

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

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

6. "A cat that licks the spit is not to be trusted with roast meat."

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

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