

Italian proverb Cryptograms — Set 15

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: P = E

Medium · 50 letters

N E P K X M P S X L

D N M X Z P N E P B F N ' D

I F B Z N E P K X M P D E P

D P N D L T E P M N F J 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

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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2. Clue: E = O

Hard · 50 letters

T X N T E B R E N M

R E C T P R V B R E N M

X R E A V T, P Z T X

B R E N M T E N C E O X

M P G X R 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

3. Clue: E = O

Expert · 50 letters

I O P I E Z J D O M

Y H O U R G E E G I O H M '

R E Z M J M E K G O X

Y U H W O R U G Y L I J M

E P 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

4. Clue: G = S

Hard · 51 letters

S B B G F H W G B K S P :

G N X K S X H C G F H W G ,

G N X K H U A F K R N E G ,

G N X K H U A F K F N B 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

5. Clue: A = I

Expert · 51 letters

W Y U W M A H B W Y

P K R H Y M O W A H M U C

X A H O M V B R C Y X K L

G Y U K A N A B

W A X H Y N O .

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: W = T

Easy · 51 letters

A Z A T T X L Z Q S W A

B S I , S I X S T A W W T M

T M D D , W L O M S O T M

W L B L I W A I N M S W A 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

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 more you stroke the cat's back the more she sets up her tail."

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

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

2. "He who knows nothing knows enough, if he knows how to be silent."

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

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

3. "He who gives bread to others' dogs is often barked at by his own."

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

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

4. "All ships leak: some amidships, some in the bows, some in the hold."

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

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

5. "He who is the cause of his own misfortune may bewail it himself."

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

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

6. "I will do what I can, and a little less, to be able to continue at it."

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

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