

Italian proverb Cryptograms — Set 17

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: S = H

Medium · 53 letters

S A M S G C S O G M H

N M N K P G Z A K M B C S

S B H S N Z Q H M B F F

H A A V B C M B C S S B H

I A A 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

2. Clue: Y = N

Hard · 54 letters

N F K X E Q G V X P A R E Y

X S N F N F Q K K

N F S Y A R : V E S Y A ,

L Y V E S Y A , P Y V

C Q K N K Y V S Y 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

3. Clue: B = T

Hard · 54 letters

L J B L Z B N D G U A

L Z X J Z B L K T W A D T J

S G K H V U M Z T A N J U U

Q G R B A D K B

L K Q R J U E .

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: L = T

Medium · 54 letters

U O M D L O M L G M M A H

J B U D M T M G W B D M

G X D H L B A L U A L O K

O K L P O M L L B P X L

U B B 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

5. Clue: G = O

Medium · 55 letters

Y N S V N G S J B J N I J E

A Z J F G N E A K Z G

N X A J F K N F T E B G S R E

X G F A Z J E Y G P J G X

U A .

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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6. Clue: R = T

Hard · 55 letters

J R J P V F R

V W I W P P K S H R F Z J P X

N Y W C W S H Q N I U W R

R X K R Z K O O P J V R F

R X W D W O 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

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. "He who throws away money with his hands will seek it with his feet."

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

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

2. "The world wags on with three things: doing, undoing, and pretending."

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

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

3. "He that would have a thing done quickly and well must do it himself."

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

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

4. "When the tree is down every one runs to it with a hatchet to cut wood."

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

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

5. "Many a one leaves the roast who afterwards longs for the smoke of it."

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

6. "It is not necessary to fish up every bucket that falls into the well."

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

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