

Italian proverb Cryptograms — Set 18

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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: K = O

Hard · 55 letters

H Q K E X V N W Z Q N

H K C G Q A W

J K E I X Y A K Y W Q K T C L

J X U U B X L K F T Y L N U

Q A W J C K X V .

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

Medium · 55 letters

S A O O F C E T B A Z T A S

S C F C E T U T G A I W

L I W N A P G O O B A S

N G B U C C S C I F C E T

I A Z 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: S = E

Medium · 55 letters

I Q Y V U S R T O S Y M

U T H F Y S F S O S G M Y S

V Q Q I S L , I Q Y V U S

G S P P S Y Q H S D G

S H Q T A 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

4. Clue: B = T

Hard · 55 letters

T K T D H Y V B B T D

Y D R U P T P I U P Y V B ,

R O G W V P B V C R E E

B I T V O T B I R B U P

F D R F Q T 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: C = E

Medium · 55 letters

Q C D Q F G M A H G A J Q C

S C U U A D F V J Q W C C S H

Q T H F D U Q F M H C N U P

F J Q C V O C U ' H J F F .

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: C = O

Expert · 55 letters

E S C P R Q C Y Y V X J V X S

A C C Z X I C S N C K Q I X I

G C K Y O M M B X J

Q C J V O Q B F K J

Y D J X S .

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. "Who makes the wolf his companion should carry a dog under his cloak."

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

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

2. "Tell your secret to your friend and he will set his foot on your neck."

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

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

3. "For the buyer a hundred eyes are too few, for the seller one is enough."

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

4. "Every potter praises his pot, and most of all the one that is cracked."

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

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

5. "He who buys by the pennyworth keeps his own house and other men's too."

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

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

6. "From snow whether cooked or pounded you will get nothing but water."

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

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