

Italian proverb Cryptograms — Set 21

5 puzzles · Standard 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: J = E

Hard · 58 letters

E L L A V J K S R J M Y U M G J
 R F J N H K V J Y Y : L X N J N S R ,
 M R X J T J V K S R Y I L V R F
 U J Q I Q E Q M 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

2. Clue: W = E

Medium · 58 letters

D W G V F G R W K D W U P J D A B
 K D U K G V U F X U T V G P K D W
 V W U , T W K S A W V P A K
 F W U B P K A V X G 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

3. Clue: C = O

Medium · 60 letters

Y D R Y C Z M S V H N L Y C M N D

 S F I Y D G L E Q D I - B V L K D ,

 Z M S V H N D S I Y D E I C C

 Y S J Y C E I C C V C R .

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 = T

Hard · 60 letters

J K Z F H A N C Q P H U G Q T G K Q

 N T Q H G Y P G K Q C H P G H G

 G H M C Q H A F G K Q U Y T P G

 G Z M Q R O U U Q 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

5. Clue: Q = E

Hard · 60 letters

Q K Q J F T A Q E N K Q C

G N I C Q B V O J Q P N X V T J

I T J Q S J Z N A C X G Z A G Q

G Z C , Z A P B Q C C I T A Q 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

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. "Good repute is like the cypress: once cut, it never puts forth leaf again."

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

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

2. "He is like the anchor that is always in the sea, yet does not learn to swim."

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

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

3. "He who builds a house in the market-place, builds either too high or too low."

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

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

4. "Who dangles after the great is the last at table and the first to be cuffed."

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

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

5. "Every one gives himself credit for more brains than he has, and less money."

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

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