

Italian proverb Cryptograms — Set 22

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: M = E

Expert · 61 letters

W Z C O M L B H U D X V U G U M P ,

 W Z C O M B A J X V U F B H A J ,

 C O M T M W I U B C O W U D Y H C

 P B H A J Y M J B U M .

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: Q = E

Easy · 62 letters

E V G R P I V P Q N K Y R P

I R Z E I U N O U K N R G Q

Q P V W T I ; K I Q O I V Z Q U N

K V V Z U K K Z Q E V G R

S P R D 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

3. Clue: S = O

Medium · 66 letters

P C B P S E C U O U P C Q S Z U

W C E Z A Y S L P A O

O P S M E Y C F O A O O S S L

Z G U C F G S F N C Y U S N Z F F H

U P C N S B .

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: T = E

Easy · 67 letters

O U T F K P K F U K M G K Y Y T F
 J F Q B Q U T P J N T, Q U T
 P B N T U T G Y B V F E T N M Q U T
 P B N T U T G B V Y M
 U J P M T Y 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: A = T

Hard · 71 letters

A R P S K H B O U C Q P O A R P
 K A R P X Q A K E V A K S S
 A R P C X A B C G Q, N P E B V Q P
 R P R B O G P S A R C Q K L T C T
 A R P A X B 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. "If the young man knew, if the old man could, there is nothing but would be done."

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

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

2. "For an honest man half his wits are enough; the whole is too little for a knave."

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

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

3. "He who lets the goat be laid on his shoulders is soon after forced to carry the cow."

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

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

4. "When a man has fallen into the mire, the more he flounders the more he fouls himself."

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

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

5. "The fox advised the others to cut off their tails, because he had left his own in the trap."

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

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