

Portuguese proverb Cryptograms — Set 1

6 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: K = E

Medium · 40 letters

R Y R P O F E G K X A V J D F K ' J

 G E F C K Z E F J V K R P D G V W K

 J V E X 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

2. Clue: I = N

Hard · 40 letters

U C X R N I X X J N I H Z Y B

 T N K K , J I L I R Z U C

 H Z J I L N I X H Z N K K .

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: U = H

Medium · 40 letters

U Q U E A B N Z U T B X C U N T A

B N Z P N B Z Q B Z C T Z U C U E Z

U Q U E 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

4. Clue: K = O

Expert · 40 letters

R U I H K J R U B R D B T S A

E O Z U C A M I W I T J K K H

G K T U O M R C M 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: S = T

Hard · 40 letters

S V D Y P B H B P M D M V A M

S D D S V, E L S U P S V A M

A U Z B A U R S A P 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

6. Clue: B = T

Expert · 40 letters

B Q P O Y Q X P O L R S G B E I I

H K Y K A B N K, J P A P B H E B K

Q E G N E Z.

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. "A bad knife cuts one's finger instead of the stick."

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

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

2. "By going gains the mill, and not by standing still."

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

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

3. "He has nothing who is not content with what he has."

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

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

4. "The dog that barks much is never good for hunting."

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

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

5. "The wolf loses his teeth, but not his inclination."

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

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

6. "Though your mastiff be gentle, do not bite his lip."

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

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