

Portuguese proverb Cryptograms — Set 8

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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: G = E

Hard · 51 letters

Y G W G H G F J Z B T

Z M T I K M L V N T

U S L M T G L L , B T I

Y G B H G V W K G F L W V

W K G M F L .

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: M = A

Medium · 51 letters

S V P M Y V T H M B M Z

E X M E N T V G Z T E

E M K F, M Z N T H M N T J

E X M E N T V G Z T E

S M Y 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

3. Clue: O = E

Expert · 51 letters

O G O X J S C O P F C B P

Q P V O V Q P H V O

B F L H , Q C Y W Q X X F O P

Q P V O V Q P H V O

N A E 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

4. Clue: Q = T

Hard · 52 letters

X B Z Q D M Q R S

K B Y X Q M Y Q J T

X Q S A E A Y C Q F R F M S I

X Q B Y R, D R M S X A Q M Q

J M X 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

5. Clue: B = O

Expert · 52 letters

N M O O B V G R M J H B J

O B V G E B L B I M J H

O B V Y K N N J B U

L X Z M P K N N B S

M J B U R Z 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

6. Clue: K = E

Expert · 52 letters

I Q N M V T Q N D F J K O K

B K W J K T Q N , A Q Q V

S H C A , A H J K O K Y D K

O K F C B Q U M H J H C 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

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. "Let every man mind his own business, and leave others to theirs."

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

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

2. "Beware of a man that does not talk, and of a dog that does not bark."

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

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

3. "Every one sings as he has the gift, and marries as he has the luck."

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

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

4. "Soft water constantly striking the hard stone, wears it at last."

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

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

5. "Lay your hand on your bosom and you will not speak ill of another."

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

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

6. "Would you have me serve you, good king, give me the means of living."

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

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