

Portuguese proverb Cryptograms — Set 11

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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: Y = E

Medium · 61 letters

M X Y S G C M Y L W L R Y L C M X Y

 S G V , M X Y S G V W L R Y L C

 M X Y Z G M , G V R M X Y Z G M

 W L R Y L C X Y L M G P 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

2. Clue: G = T

Hard · 61 letters

M I U I G R Z G C V Y V S D

B Z T X V U G G I G C V

A I H G I S , U I S R Z G C

V Y V S D W T B Z U G G I G C V

T B R D V 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

3. Clue: X = O

Medium · 62 letters

P W K P X B Z N W Y B X C W X H

U X E O P Z T P W G Y K X T O ,

W G O P W C B W Z T Y O X A P W Z O

U X E X C K Z T O Y U X E .

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: C = T

Expert · 63 letters

B T M T C P K C O S D S W A

O L M B S W C T C O S

X L G U T H W J , M T W P K C O

S D S W A C O K W R C C T C O S

G K C X O S W .

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: I = O

Medium · 69 letters

Q I M I F I N J J P Z D

W J P O V S ' B D I N B O L D O V

P V K P M O S ; M I F I N J H I I J

W J P O V S ' B L P M D I N M

P V K P M R M P I 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

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. "The master orders the man, the man orders the cat, and the cat orders her tail."

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

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

2. "Go not with every ailment to the doctor, nor with every plaint to the lawyer."

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

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

3. "He who makes more of you than he is wont, either means to cheat you or wants you."

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

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

4. "Go not with every hunger to the cupboard, nor with every thirst to the pitcher."

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

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

5. "Go to your rich friend's house when invited; to your poor friend's without invitation."

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

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