

Spanish proverb Cryptograms — Set 23

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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 = N

Medium · 67 letters

C N D Y K R W A I W

V Y C Q I B C G J

X I B A W G Q, X I Q R C X

E C G G I B F I N Y B I R C T

W G E X I G E R C T Y G W G

I B B W G 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

2. Clue: U = E

Medium · 68 letters

P S U A S U V A S U

K T A O S U V B A V T H U

A S U B A Z W U, Z V A S U

B A Z W U A S U

K T A O S U V, P Z U X U A Z

A S U K T A O S U 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

3. Clue: S = A

Medium · 69 letters

W Z Y Y V M Q A S C C S X A N

X K W J Z

P S A E Z W - D Y S F Z , S K O

M K Z H X Y Y F S Y Y

W J Z P R Y S F E S K O

S K M W J Z A H J X W 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

4. Clue: V = O

Easy · 79 letters

C V T A V F A L X P L

N V A O F V L C V T A D V H ,

P F O E A W V F A L X P L

N V A O F V L B P C C D V H ,

P F N D V H E U C C W H F P

Y W H U L C A O O W P B 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

5. Clue: Z = T

Easy · 94 letters

M P I M B H Z Z I P C Z R

S C X P O V Z H C X V

C B Z M A C K, H Z

Z M A O Z R J C B I V

C B Z M A C K, H C X H Z

G B O Z R M H V

C B Z M A C K, I A W W

W P H X H I O P Z F M P X

B W X H K P.

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 you have a loitering servant, set his dinner before him and send him on an errand."
— *Spanish proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*
Cipher key: A=V B=R C=I D=Y E=D F=B G=N H=K I=E J=G K=U L=W M=C N=F O=J P=Z Q=T R=H S=X T=M
U=Q V=L W=A X=S Y=O Z=P

2. "Whether the pitcher strike the stone, or the stone the pitcher, woe be to the pitcher."
— *Spanish proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*
Cipher key: A=T B=S C=Z D=G E=F F=J G=D H=K I=V J=U K=P L=Q M=X N=Y O=C P=W Q=A R=L S=H T=I
U=E V=R W=N X=B Y=M Z=O

3. "Tell your affairs in the market-place, and one will call them black and another white."
— *Spanish proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*
Cipher key: A=R B=G C=F D=P E=K F=C G=Z H=W I=X J=H K=N L=V M=O N=S O=D P=M Q=U R=B S=A T=J
U=Q V=Y W=T X=I Y=L Z=E

4. "Love one that does not love you, answer one that does not call you, and you will run a fruitless race."
— *Spanish proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*
Cipher key: A=E B=C C=L D=Y E=W F=N G=Q H=U I=G J=B K=P L=T M=Z N=D O=S P=A Q=M R=X S=J T=V
U=I V=O W=R X=H Y=F Z=K

5. "He who at twenty understands nothing, at thirty knows nothing, and at forty has nothing, will lead a wretched old age."
— *Spanish proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*
Cipher key: A=I B=O C=N D=V E=Q F=C G=F H=A I=W J=K K=G L=Z M=H N=X O=R P=E Q=B R=Y S=U T=P
U=J V=S W=L X=D Y=M Z=T