

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 6

6 puzzles · Large 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: V = E

Hard · 40 letters

G X V J V T P B H M R V C P

O H H T P J M O W O G

T V J V C P G O H H

G K N V C .

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: B = S

Hard · 40 letters

E B Z X R K N R P C , B Y

Z X R W L Y S B ; E B Z X R

K E Z X R L , B Y Z X R

B Y T 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

3. Clue: E = T

Expert · 40 letters

E P N B I R E P C E

D C Q T J L G A P M J

F N X N Q R I I B O I Q

P G F E M F R .

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: H = R

Expert · 40 letters

D Y B R H C I R J I U B L

H T T V T V E H U Y K I Q Y M

R G W J C U H - S H T T 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

5. Clue: M = THard · 40 letters

M E I P J Z S Z J B I B

E R B M I I M E , O D M Q J M

E R B R Q G Z R Q Y M R J 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

6. Clue: X = O

Medium · 40 letters

K M K C S H X F W K M K X F

I N K H N H X F B L X F M C

R C - F X M S M N T X L 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

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. "There would be no ill word if it were not ill taken."

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

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

2. "As the field, so the crops; as the father, so the sons."

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

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

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

4. "Under the shady roof of branching elm star-proof."

— *John Milton, 1645, Arcades, Line 88 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

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

6. "It is a condition which confronts us - not a theory."

— *Grover Cleveland, 1887, Annual Message, 1887 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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