

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 100

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: X = E

Hard · 49 letters

M D T F U F L P D A X

X V X I D T F I I A Y F L

G A X T X G F D A G X Y T X

J Y T U V B O E S 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

2. Clue: I = A

Hard · 49 letters

D I H H A L D K J I Q S D C U K

S X U D I Q Z F I M K I E K S

H I L K M Q I N I F M K U T C G Q 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

3. Clue: O = A

Medium · 50 letters

T O L G O X L C R X P Z W Z D Q C

 Y X Z O G V D M X R L M V O T C

 X L O L X Y V C E T O L ' M N O H 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

4. Clue: I = E

Medium · 50 letters

Z F I X O F I D G T X N E W X

 Y W U U T I R O F I D W X X I U ,

 Z S I O S O F S R I Z F S

 B S G G S 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

5. Clue: L = E

Medium · 50 letters

S L U U R L S F V G F R A F H

Q P L Q N N P L I I W B C

A F H P I L U O V G L B A F H I Q A

S G Q 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

6. Clue: T = E

Medium · 50 letters

V T E H F T M Y H C H U Y L W

V M R U T X M A M L B B T N T U Y L

R H O A U H G T Y L V M R E T H Y .

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)

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Answer key

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1. "Striking the electric chain wherewith we are darkly bound."

— Lord Byron, 1818, *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*, Canto IV, Stanza 23 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Happy the man whose wish and care a few paternal acres bound."

— Alexander Pope, 1717, *Ode on Solitude* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Many a one would like to lay his own shame on another man's back."

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

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

4. "When the blind man carries the banner, woe to those who follow."

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

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

5. "Tell me to whom you are addressing yourself when you say that."

— Moliere, 1668, *L'Avare*, Act I. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "He made it a part of his religion never to say grace to his meat."

— Jonathan Swift, 1704, *A Tale of a Tub*, Sect. XI (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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