

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 101

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: J = E

Medium · 50 letters

Y F J F C G N J U I N Y P C Y C

Y F J U H E P J G , H E R E C Y

Y F J U H E P J G Y C Y F J

F C G N 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: C = E

Hard · 50 letters

B I C H B F F R U G E U V C N

V C N , F R N H P L U R J L U B Z C

V C N E F O E F E U C W B N E C U 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

3. Clue: G = T

Hard · 50 letters

U G U I O S G G S M G J A S X M

G A S E U Q A G U E Q X H S I U E Q

G A X E G A S D J B I S Q E X 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: Y = E

Medium · 50 letters

C Y X V D L M T F D A G Y X A

X N A Z X R Z Y T C Z A V C V N A

V N X W Y Y F T D F Y ,

V D C Y Q Y 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

5. Clue: L = H

Medium · 50 letters

V L A T L A A C M S V L A
N M B S V Q W S W T L W P L A E
V L Q S V L A F B U U M S V L A
C U Q W 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: B = T

Hard · 50 letters

B U A Y M S I M A Z Q M B C Q M S
B U A O N G H A M P U A X B N L G
B L G G Z U A U N Z G M Z B L 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

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. "The horse must go to the manger, and not the manger to the horse."

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

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

2. "Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale her infinite variety."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Antony and Cleopatra*, Act II. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "It is better to hear the nightingale sing than the mouse gnaw."

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

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

4. "We should not rest satisfied with what has been done, however."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1903, *Third Annual Message to Congress*

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

5. "The sheep on the mountain is higher than the bull on the plain."

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

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

6. "The cow does not know the value of her tail till she has lost it."

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

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