

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 116

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: H = E

Hard · 52 letters

B Z H Q P A B Z C B

N E H H T N M U B Z H

K P O U M U F Z C N U P B

Z M N B P U F W H

Q H C B Z H O H 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

2. Clue: E = I

Hard · 52 letters

C I N Q N F D R E C Z

P I E R I E A R F N D W N W

P E C I M O Y D X N E W

A M C L D F L F M G

L M O O 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: B = T

Hard · 52 letters

M I B M S B X I K B V

I O I F D N S F U T P Z

A C Z , W R V B X T H U R X

S Z F I S B W S P D

V B C 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

4. Clue: K = E

Medium · 52 letters

O F V T F M G C V X

B G C I U K Z K R C V M Y

Y V K K F Z C I G K F Z R

Y P K Z M G K B G Y J K

M Y B 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: F = S

Hard · 52 letters

W U B A G H B Z A F Z H A

W N D B F Z B B K I F L , Z F

R E N K H G Q - F C G G M G D F ,

R U K G L U A I F L .

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: Q = E

Medium · 52 letters

X B Q S W L K R S Q M S W Q

L O Q P Q X X Q O M I I

X B L R X B Q T B L G Q

Q G Q O P Q Q R P Q I M O 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

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 fox that sleeps in the morning has not his tongue feathered."

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

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

2. "The veracity which increases with old age is not far from folly."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, Maximes, 416 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "He that pelts every barking dog, must pick up a great many stones."

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

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

4. "Many a thing whispered into one ear is heard over the whole town."

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

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

5. "Golden lads and girls all must, As chimney-sweepers, come to dust."

— *William Shakespeare, 1610, Cymbeline, Act IV. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "The plain people are better off than they have ever been before."

— *Theodore Roosevelt, 1902, Second Annual Message to Congress*

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