

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 117

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: I = E

Hard · 52 letters

Q K Q Z I D Z Q I J K E

U C Q P N K L E A I D J K A Z

K A D M D P L D T Z K E

F I I X S Q J I E M E M I .

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: J = E

Expert · 52 letters

F M J E L B U F M B O F M J

S C F J T T J P F S X

X H B C F Y C J B Z X S C

J K J L Q J A H Y C X S B 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

3. Clue: W = E

Hard · 52 letters

O L W S W K X N M C N P X

X J R W O L K B F

J Q Q W B X K I W K B O L W

Y W O N K M X J Q

H G B B K B F .

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: Q = R

Medium · 52 letters

W Z J Q Q U M W W G U Y N K

V U E K J V R X M A E G

R Q J V X W , E G X A Q

N X H W J Q X E U U

W G U Q 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

5. Clue: L = O

Hard · 52 letters

W F U Z C L G E W A K

E Z A E L Q L Y E W F

S A Q Q L N K ? S U Z X C L G

W A K U V K L R G E F

" K W U R 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

6. Clue: K = O

Expert · 52 letters

I E A A K N G Q E Y F K Y

 A K N G S K Z K C E Y F

 A K N U L I I Y K J

 Z W P E R L I I K O

 E Y K J Q P 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

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. "It is easier to build two hearths than always to keep fire on one."

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

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

2. "The growth of the intellect is spontaneous in every expansion."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, Essays: First Series*

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

3. "There is always something offensive in the details of cunning."

— *Jane Austen, 1817, Persuasion*

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

4. "Sparrows should not dance with cranes, their legs are too short."

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

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

5. "Hear you this Triton of the minnows? Mark you his absolute "shall"?"

— *William Shakespeare, 1608, Coriolanus, Act III. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "Lay your hand on your bosom and you will not speak ill of another."

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

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