

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 118

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: C = E

Hard · 52 letters

I C U O R V Q Y D C M C H Z

O E I F X Q G Y I C Q H W

A H Q E N , A K Y Y I C Q H W

A H Q E N F Y R C H 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

2. Clue: H = T

Hard · 52 letters

H G P T D H J G P M L Q P V

V Q Q R H P F H Q H G P

Z P I I H G W H D H L P H V

O M Q Y P F W H I W V H .

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: F = H

Expert · 52 letters

K C F D T X I M W O

I F A T O F I , D W N

F M P M W O R M X N A S

R M I F K D Z F

X I T N M A T X L K D 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: T = E

Hard · 52 letters

E R T K B G Q Q G H

S T I I T A G R I X T

X W R O I X W R H T D T R

P T T H T B U E R I X T

H I A W R O .

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: D = A

Expert · 52 letters

N M D X E V L E D G U L A G

E K M D U C A I D E A H G

H G B V H P O M D F

C A G U L B M U

Q D S E A J M .

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: C = E

Medium · 52 letters

M Q C D C X B M Q C B

U W S V Q C M X M J A

V Q C O D C B C V Q B S D T

S T D J V Q X

R J V U Q A S B 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 wordsOF 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 apostropheT (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "He was not merely a chip of the old block, but the old block itself."

— Edmund Burke, 1781, *On Pitt's First Speech*, Feb. 26, 1781. From *Wraxall's Memoirs*, First Series, vol. I. p. 342 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "The pitcher goes so often to the well that it gets broken at last."

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

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

3. "Exhausting thought, And hiving wisdom with each studious year."

— Lord Byron, 1816, *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*, Canto III, Stanza 107 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "One quill is better in the hand than seven geese upon the strand."

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

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

5. "Beauty stands in the admiration only of weak minds Led captive."

— John Milton, 1671, *Paradise Regained*, Book II. Line 220 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "She wears her clothes as if they were thrown on with a pitchfork."

— Jonathan Swift, 1738, *Polite Conversation*, Dialogue I (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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