

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 119

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: Q = E

Hard · 52 letters

R Q W R U W L E J M Z

S Q O W A J O W W U V Q U

S Q O W , Q M O Q W E M Q W

P W U M E T Q L Q I Q

N Q O W .

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: P = E

Hard · 52 letters

M L P J M L P C D Z U P J G

M L P O V J N P Z D N H M

M L P L J I P J G J H C

Q J C C P D W J X U P X 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

3. Clue: N = S

Medium · 52 letters

W X V Z Z C R F N N K F J C

L W U R Z A , H F A

Q F J B W R F N N U J H

A Z N N L W U A Z U H

I B F J N A .

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: M = E

Hard · 52 letters

X B M C N P M L M W M P

N Y Q L M X B N X N P M

N S S Q F E N L Z M H R Z X B

L Q I Y M X B Q A U B X 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: Q = E

Expert · 52 letters

O U Q W , L M K F W B I W

T I L A H W F I W K B I W Q ,

O Q Z I M X J P V Q Q J

I M D K Q J E Q K H J I W 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

6. Clue: Q = T

Hard · 52 letters

Q I C H D C N Q C F Q

W N E O Q K W N

L C B C Q D N Q Z B H G Z Q

Z F Q K H K J C A K B M

Q I C R N D U .

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. "He that would jest must take a jest, else to let it alone were best."

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

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

2. "The other side of the globe is but the home of our correspondent."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1854, Walden*

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

3. "If goodness lead him not, yet weariness may toss him to my breast."

— *George Herbert, 1633, The Temple, The Pulley (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts."

— *Sir Philip Sidney, 1590, The Countess of Pembroke's Arcadia, Book I (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "When, musing on companions gone, We doubly feel ourselves alone."

— *Sir Walter Scott, 1808, Marmion, Introduction to Canto II (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "The greatest fault of a penetrating wit is to go beyond the mark."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, Maximes, 377 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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