

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 120

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: V = E

Hard · 52 letters

Q A H Z V T V J H B C U B V

X U V O U J O H C O, K

P D O Z F V V P V J H G X

H B X M V V W P C E U G U 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: A = R

Expert · 52 letters

R Z W D N A C S Y J W

W O A Z Y X Z Y X D A N R

N S A W J I T J W G A J C E J

E G A V J W C C N F J G 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

3. Clue: U = E

Hard · 52 letters

I D F B R L F S Q C U U T U ,

I D F B R L F S F D N U ,

A B U A F U S N D U A I D F B

L K C D V B F E U U 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

4. Clue: Q = E

Expert · 52 letters

O X F R S E X F U I B Q G Q

C Q N B Q E X F , W X X S

D P Z W , W P B Q G Q K U Q

G Q I Z C X A R P B P Z 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

5. Clue: W = E

Medium · 52 letters

H B W I M H F B H E

W C J W F S W B K W S R

Y H F I M N Y M H A W

Y S A L W F B W R R H E

Y N F B S B P .

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: T = H

Medium · 52 letters

T W I T C J H O Y I T N Z

T W K N M M C Z A N O L C G ,

Y W Q Q Y I T N Z T W

I C H Q U G N Z T W G M C 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

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. "Whatever any one does or says, I must be emerald and keep my color."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

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

2. "Misfortunes springing from ourselves are the hardest to bear."

— *Aesop, 1867, Aesop's Fables (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)*

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

3. "Without a breeze, without a tide, She steadies with upright keel."

— *Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1798, The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, Part III (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "Would you have me serve you, good king, give me the means of living."

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

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

5. "One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning."

— *James Russell Lowell, 1870, Among My Books, First Series. Shakespeare Once More (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "He who buys what he cannot pay for, sells what he would rather not."

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

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