

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 124

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: A = E

Expert · 53 letters

X N Y D O U R Y N P R I A

Y G N I Y D X Y N Q

X B Y M Z . Q E A Y R B K

M N A Q I E A C P N A Q E A

M O Z 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

2. Clue: Y = E

Hard · 53 letters

Q N Y X Y U D Y Q M S

A V S Y V X T Y I Y D Q M

N W I Y W T Y K M Q V M T

Q N W Q V X

O T J Y U M K V T 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

3. Clue: M = E

Hard · 53 letters

L C M M Z L U G M J W J L M V

 B D L C U Z X J X M L J

 G M Q G M J M Z L M A U Z

 M P M G W Q T G L U Y S 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

4. Clue: B = E

Hard · 53 letters

T B E T J F F L Q B Z J I K B

S X B L J F B S N F B Y ;

A P T B E Q B Z J I K B

S X B L J F B Z I F N P I K .

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 = E

Medium · 53 letters

J M L C L ' D T

O G W G R G J P J M T J

D M T B L D Z K C L R O D ,

C Z K H M - M L N J M L Q

M Z N N L N G U 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

6. Clue: E = I

Easy · 53 letters

G

V

S

O

R

G

E

B

O

R

X

L

Q

T

L

B

D

S

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D

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K

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R

G

S

K

G

V

T

B

Q

Y

V

R

O

R

G

E

B

O

R

X

S

X

S

F

G

E

B

O

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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

Answer key

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1. "From ignorance our comfort flows. The only wretched are the wise."

— Matthew Prior, 1692, *To the Hon. Charles Montague* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "The secret of life is never to have an emotion that is unbecoming."

— Oscar Wilde, 1893, *A Woman of No Importance*

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

3. "The entire system of things gets represented in every particle."

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

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

4. "Men marry because they are tired; women because they are curious."

— Oscar Wilde, 1893, *A Woman of No Importance*

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

5. "There's a divinity that shapes our ends, Rough-hew them how we will."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet, Act V. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "The national purpose is indicated through a national election."

— William McKinley, 1901, *Second Inaugural Address*

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