

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 128

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: Z = E

Medium · 54 letters

P Y Z F Z J Z M Z F R E H E

S E J X B Z P H L

H B N U P B L B H S B P

H L N Z L J Z W K J Z W

K D D E P K 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

2. Clue: O = E

Medium · 54 letters

Y I O O H O Y H

R O V A Q P O Y B X O

H S A Y O H S B H B X O N G

Q P Y H B E L O R B Q O

R A X O Y I O O 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: D = S

Medium · 54 letters

Y D K R E Y U R L J D M M D

L J G V L J M D R P M L H

M T M E V Z A M D U R L J ;

K L D D M D D R L J N Y J V .

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: O = T

Hard · 54 letters

T E , J W Q O I W O J W Q ,

W T Y O I C R O I W O

H C G C H W O Q R

W S D N C N F C B M E T D X

O I C J F E K T .

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: Y = E

Hard · 54 letters

Q Y B W Y F W N L Y

A T Y W I Y H E Y I

W N I A Y P I V Q A T Y

A T D F X I A T Y C B P D A Y

V P I S Y N L .

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: L = A

Medium · 54 letters

U I M D I L W M S M M E L U

L Q K M L U A M L F U G A

X L E Q V L Q M F, L E C

F U G X M E U I M

F P K L N 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

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. "There never was a banquet so sumptuous but some one dined ill at it."

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

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

2. "Sweetest melodies are those that are by distance made more sweet."

— *William Wordsworth, 1807, Poems in Two Volumes, Personal Talk. Stanza 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Aspiration sees only one side of every question; possession many."

— *James Russell Lowell, 1870, Among My Books, First Series. New England Two Centuries ago (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "No, I am that I am, and they that level at my abuses reckon up their own."

— *William Shakespeare, 1609, Sonnets, CXXI (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "Few men make themselves masters of the things they write or speak."

— *John Selden, 1689, Table Talk, Learning (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "They have been at a great feast of languages, and stolen the scraps."

— *William Shakespeare, 1597, Love's Labour's Lost, Act V. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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