

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 129

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: L = N

Hard · 54 letters

P V Z C Y J H B C T I A Y L

C O P V P V J Z Z

P V O L I A : B Y O L I ,

N L B Y O L I , T L B

Q J Z P Z L B O L I .

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

Expert · 54 letters

Y Q P V T H E R B T J Y Q P

F M K P Y G R B Y R I P

K W R V P F M R Y P Y T Y Q P

B Y T I E O G I P B P W Y .

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

Expert · 54 letters

V M Q U V V A N W M

P E H O V M, P M U L Q Z,

U S Y B N S K M L M

Q P U S R B, S F X, O E Q

Q P M Q E L R M Z B.

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: S = A

Medium · 54 letters

S J S D D I W S T B V

Y B W S T U X S N F K K F V

K J U T L K B G U T Z

K J S T S G U M F - D B P T Z

T B K 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

5. Clue: J = I

Hard · 54 letters

Z F T H J Y Y Z F M Z J K

M Y N M O K D L J X B J X D

D L J X B K P S M L K T M X B

Q J X T Z S D T Z F T 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: N = A

Medium · 54 letters

P M G C N M ' Z F N W Z C N W

O G N Z D P P B N Z

N M P V U G Y ' Z , O H V F G

N J J J T L G P H Y P F M

O G Z 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

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. "The world wags on with three things: doing, undoing, and pretending."

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

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

2. "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present."

— *Abraham Lincoln, 1862, Second Annual Message to Congress*

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

3. "Let all give humble, hearty, and sincere thanks, now, but the turkeys."

— *Mark Twain, 1894, The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson*

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

4. "A happy man or woman is a better thing to find than a five-pound note."

— *Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

5. "The mill that is always grinding grinds coarse and fine together."

— *Irish proverb, 1859, Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated (London, 1859)*

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

6. "One man's ways may be as good as another's, but we all like our own best."

— *Jane Austen, 1817, Persuasion*

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