

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 131

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 = N

Easy · 54 letters

T ' J J A S X O U F A K G F

O S X X F K G T A

C S L L G L L T S A E S D F

I T A K N S Q T A

D G R G D L T S 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: R = L

Medium · 54 letters

S I Z G S U J D R R T M P U

O M Z U Z S Y H Z M Z G P

L D R R S Z L S R R D Z

R P D U Z R P D C P D

B D V 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: S = E

Medium · 54 letters

R S N W F S O N S M W E S

H S S L O B D B E E W H L W

F J S R B T O N S

U S K J I J B H B T O N S

R B U K 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

4. Clue: A = T

Hard · 54 letters

D O J B G N G V O M A B F O

Y N U H G O U U D H A R X N A

A N M G H G I H A A X X N M

X D G H G A O M O U 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

5. Clue: E = T

Medium · 54 letters

I R O N N Q F G M P E I O H Y

G M E V H , O F V K V E E V F

E T O H N O F X V

Q F G M P E I O H Y

I V N Y G 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

6. Clue: K = E

Medium · 54 letters

F K G F X T C K U U K U A J

X E F K C U ' Z V X E F K U

G A V V S K L J T C K U U K T

X J E F K F A I F G N D .

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. "I'll not change a cottage in possession for a kingdom in reversion."

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

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

2. "If this ball does not stick to the wall it will at least leave a mark."

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

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

3. "We have the same need to command a view of the religion of the world."

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

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

4. "We can undertake business without turning it to our own interest."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1871, Reflections; or Sentences and Moral Maxims (J. Hain Friswell translation, 1871)*

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

5. "Small profits and often, are better than large profits and seldom."

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

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

6. "He who dresses in others' clothes will be undressed on the highway."

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

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