

# Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 136

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

Expert · 55 letters

O W Z G Z V G Z C H

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Q Z H Q D Z K W H V G Z

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N R X O Z Y H P R D F V G

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V Y O W Z

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H P Z G - G Z T X C Z J

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H C Z Y .

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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

2. Clue: P = E

Hard · 55 letters

**P U P D B I S P G M C I D S**

**K F G S Q , K S V X I M J**

**L P I L Y P V G P G S**

**P T G Y P , Y G F P X I M J**

**F G S Q M .**

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>I</b> | <b>J</b> | <b>K</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>M</b> |
| <b>N</b> | <b>O</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>Q</b> | <b>R</b> | <b>S</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>U</b> | <b>V</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Z</b> |

3. Clue: G = O

Medium · 55 letters

**O C E G P T O Y X G F E**

**P O K K D G , J F G I D F F M**

**P S T T I Y M O J P G I K Q**

**Y S O E R S J T S E Q**

**Q G D T .**

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>I</b> | <b>J</b> | <b>K</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>M</b> |
| <b>N</b> | <b>O</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>Q</b> | <b>R</b> | <b>S</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>U</b> | <b>V</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Z</b> |

4. Clue: M = E

Hard · 55 letters

**N P Z O L R N F M T E**

**H Z Z X N A L K N D L A**

**W S M Y L M D X ; G C W O M**

**W C T A S M T Z C W Z Y N**

**H N T X M A .**

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>I</b> | <b>J</b> | <b>K</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>M</b> |
| <b>N</b> | <b>O</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>Q</b> | <b>R</b> | <b>S</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>U</b> | <b>V</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Z</b> |

5. Clue: X = E

Medium · 55 letters

Q L M L Y T K Y T K X W Y

T M J U Y S S G X, Q H G G

L Y A X K L X D M U X

U X G H T L B M U Y

T Q X X K M O X.

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

Hard · 55 letters

K M U C V P Y T L P Y

C L S U T L W U L H C L B T

D P K M U T V Y U D E K M U

L I H U T K

P L S V Q L K D W 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 |

**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 are no people who are quite so vulgar as the over-refined ones."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

2. "Every one is born a king, and most people die in exile, like most kings."

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

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

3. "I know Sir John will go, though he was sure it would rain cats and dogs."

— Jonathan Swift, 1738, *Polite Conversation, Dialogue II* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "A cow is a very good animal in the field; but we turn her out of a garden."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell). Vol. III. Chap. VIII. 1772* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Who has tasted a sour apple, will have the more relish for a sweet one."

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

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

6. "The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators."

— Edward Gibbon, 1776, *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, of the Roman Empire* (1776). Chap. LXVIII (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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