

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 137

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

P Z U C Z U R I D U H S G Z O

P H G B U Q Z C Z

M Z E E H R E Z J N G B Z

V E J T Z J S P B H R B P Z

E H F Z .

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: C = E

Hard · 55 letters

Q D H C V K L C C K C V D X M

Q V F C R O O V C C H R Z

T C A C Y X Z C X D

U D H C G C D H C D K

D X K U R 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

3. Clue: F = E

Expert · 55 letters

X A C M O U F H M O V F

F U R E O U N J T O D F ,

I A O I H V F O L H C P

X P Y I F H G C P V Q J T Y M

G O D 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

4. Clue: P = O

Expert · 55 letters

D P Y Y P E D P V B F

I A L R F H

K P R A H F Q G F H

R D E D P V D , Y U F

Q P V F H Y P N K P R A

Y U A P D 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

5. Clue: P = E

Hard · 55 letters

B G J V E W S E C Z W Z L ' J

J P K S G J , G L W Z L R

Y C Z L I N P J O N P C P E S ,

Z V P M C Z A P V O N G L 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

6. Clue: B = T

Medium · 55 letters

B I X O M Z S C U J P
N M D X C G B M B I M J X
B I P B B I U E R , P
B Z P F X C G B M B I M J X
O I M H X X S .

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)

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Answer key

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1. "We are acquainted with a mere pellicle of the globe on which we live."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1854, Walden*

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

2. "Under the eternal urge of freedom we became an independent Nation."

— *Calvin Coolidge, 1925, Inaugural Address*

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

3. "Who can escape envy and blame, that speaks or writes for public fame?"

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

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

4. "Not to know me argues yourselves unknown, The lowest of your throng."

— *John Milton, 1667, Paradise Lost, Book IV. Line 830 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "Wisdom for a man's self is, in many branches thereof, a depraved thing."

— *Francis Bacon, 1625, The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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

6. "The world is a comedy to those that think, a tragedy to those who feel."

— *Horace Walpole, 1770, Letter to Sir Horace Mann, 1770 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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