

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 138

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: D = I

Expert · 55 letters

Z A Z O L H X P I S

X H F D Q D I P B X V Q I

S D J B Q B D V M Z P Q G O L

N D Q B D Q V I N P

N Z X R I P 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

2. Clue: O = I

Expert · 55 letters

C W P E O A B C O L B W T X

O A D P Z L O B W B , F A R

G T W F P B C O L B W T X I U

J O N O A J A Z K C O A J .

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: B = O

Medium · 55 letters

M B R ' O I R C W V B A H

L N R J U H I C O O P U

M B J I D U L B H U V B A

C H U B A O B L O P U

E N Y Y C J U .

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 = E

Hard · 56 letters

K A R R A C R L E J D Y

K A D A O R Z R Z A E Z L M Y

R Z O D S L Q I G A C

T J A M A S A O I L D R Z A

C L M 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

5. Clue: A = E

Medium · 56 letters

Q P V C C U Y M Z Y

E A K A K M A E D Z P G

Y G Q C N D L A E A , Y G V Y

L A E A K U D Y

O E A P Q U Z D Y U K 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

6. Clue: A = E

Medium · 56 letters

I A T I V G A X X D I C D

V T E Q N N Q C K D T C X X

I Q K H X P Z A A F

D A O K A G G I V D A V N

V G I A K 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. "Every man of ambition has to fight his century with its own weapons."

— Oscar Wilde, 1895, *An Ideal Husband*

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

2. "He ruins himself in promises, and clears himself by giving nothing."

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

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

3. "Don't snap your fingers at the dogs before you are out of the village."

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

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

4. "Better to sink beneath the shock than moulder piecemeal on the rock."

— Lord Byron, 1813, *The Giaour*, Line 969 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "I cannot but remember such things were, That were most precious to me."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth*, Act IV. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "He who tells his own affairs will hardly keep secret those of others."

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

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