

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 139

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: J = T

Hard · 56 letters

J Q H V M J W D D Y L R H U

J M H B H S P N W R Y D

D F Y J H U J M Q Y N , W R U

D F Y J D Q Y N J M

Y J D H V 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

2. Clue: I = E

Hard · 56 letters

T I B T X Y F L Q I Q

X A T I N Q K L Q A D X A

F I V Y N A U M L G Y N

Y F X L A A T I Y D Q B I N

T I Z I A Q .

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: L = E

Hard · 56 letters

T F P R L Z L E N H L D R Q H

H K A U C Q V B A Q E L

M K E , M K E L Z L E W T F W

F L F P C P

T F L E L M K E 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: O = E

Hard · 56 letters

F K Y O J O L D U C D S O

U W S K Y O Z, F U U H

L M U Z A O S L E X, Z U

V N O O Z O D J X

K J L F K D L Z K U 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

5. Clue: F = E

Expert · 56 letters

M F D S T I R X K T Q

D U F N W T J N R R

D I E G F Y Q D P K T K F

Q T K F N K X P K Q S F

D N H F H N K K F 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: K = R

Medium · 56 letters

O A V B A F L Y K L O F
C L K H M K G E T M F M K E P
W L F H A V A L F L U
N K L G N M K A V J
N K M Q E A P G .

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. "The lot assigned to every man is suited to him, and suits him to itself."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, III. 4 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "He who abuses others must not be particular about the answer he gets."

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

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

3. "Whatever sceptic could inquire for, For every why he had a wherefore."

— *Samuel Butler, 1663, Hudibras, Part I, Canto I. Line 131 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "Give me an ounce of civet, good apothecary, to sweeten my imagination."

— *William Shakespeare, 1606, King Lear, Act IV. Sc. 6 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "We should not speak of all subjects in one tone and in the same manner."

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

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

6. "Within our own borders a general condition of prosperity prevails."

— *Benjamin Harrison, 1889, First Annual Message to Congress*

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