

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 142

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: B = E

Medium · 56 letters

B Y B E L H F B M C D

V H H F , D F A Z D C D

A D E X C M A B O Z M S Z

Z B F B Y B E C Z H O C G H

D F L R H A 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

2. Clue: L = E

Hard · 56 letters

V N Q O L Y U K C L S K A I

E M G Q W L ; P G K K N Q K

K U D U A L E N Q R R Q R R

P L T U Y L P I K N L

W G R 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

3. Clue: N = I

Medium · 56 letters

L F A U G N C D M
C Y U V N C E N I
T C C G U T A G D U V G U N I
C Y U J V M I N L G D D M
N Z J Y I I N S 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: F = E

Hard · 56 letters

W G F K E L F M E B P

H J F D L I A F E B

K D W F A ; W G F

T E A W I Y I L M E B P

H J F D L I A F E B

G E J J 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: Y = E

Medium · 56 letters

A O A H X D E X I H O Z Y

D X M I ' H F A L Z O O C

M Y B A M Y C K O Z Y

M Y L F Y Y C W

X B P Q X A K O X K B 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

6. Clue: U = E

Medium · 56 letters

S U C J U C J U F Y G Z K P

S M U J U N L N R U V C R

K O C O A N N Q C O

C R N D M U J G U L N J U

D M U Z C 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)

Answer key

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1. "Every one is a moon, and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

2. "I have not kept my square; but that to come shall all be done by the rule."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Antony and Cleopatra*, Act II. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Certainly nothing is unnatural that is not physically impossible."

— Richard Brinsley Sheridan, 1779, *The Critic*, Act II. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The wise find pleasure in water; the virtuous find pleasure in hills."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

5. "It is always the lady's right to decide on the degree of acquaintance."

— Jane Austen, 1815, *Emma*

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

6. "We are a republic whereof one man is as good as another before the law."

— Ulysses S. Grant, 1875, *Seventh Annual Message to Congress*

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