

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 147

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: P = O

Medium · 57 letters

H O H C B P I I U O P

O J Y R J O X P D W P N O

P B J W P O X R D ' C B P P O

J W L A N O H O H W O P

U P N D P K W .

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: W = E

Medium · 57 letters

I T W U S O Z W Q I

H R F A R D O G R L

K P X X S O R D Q Q F W X X

I T S I W K W U

R L L W O G W G O R Q I U P 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

3. Clue: P = E

Expert · 57 letters

R B F Y Y , M D U J F , F J V

W P S K E F E U T J F W P

P F Y U B O M W F M A P V ,

F J V J P Q P W X P B B

H P J V 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

4. Clue: B = L

Hard · 57 letters

V A O B B N F W T W R V N Y U

G W Y U N Y U E O B B O Y H ,

B O L S D P O B O D N Y U

F N T C W Y N

V P O B B O Y H .

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: B = T

Hard · 57 letters

B Y D L T S I B T M B Y D

B Y T Q I S E E N F R R ,

Z X B Y D P Y T Y F E

M D R B S B W T D E I T B

M T Q C D B S B .

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: I = O

Medium · 57 letters

N O N A C I X Q A I Z

P X B I U X P T P I O Q R B K

N C X U I Z S I A I T Z K X

K X N P Z Z I Q R B K N

V I O N 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

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. "It is folly to take a thorn out of another's foot and put it into your own."

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

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

2. "The rankest compound of villanous smell that ever offended nostril."

— *William Shakespeare, 1597, The Merry Wives of Windsor, Act III. Sc. 5 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Glass, china, and reputation are easily cracked, and never well mended."

— *Benjamin Franklin, 1750, Poor Richard's Almanack*

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

4. "Still amorous and fond and billing, Like Philip and Mary on a shilling."

— *Samuel Butler, 1678, Hudibras, Part III, Canto I. Line 687 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "The point of the thorn is small, but he who has felt it does not forget it."

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

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

6. "A man does not recover from such a devotion of the heart to such a woman."

— *Jane Austen, 1817, Persuasion*

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