

# Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 148

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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: S = E

Expert · 57 letters

**G M W S D T J V S V**

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**M K F V S R A G K U M W J U**

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**O S K C B P T T J V S H**

\_\_\_\_\_

**F P Q S V M K V A P J R U**

\_\_\_\_\_

**F P C K A S V U .**

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Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>I</b> | <b>J</b> | <b>K</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>M</b> |
| _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    |
| <b>N</b> | <b>O</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>Q</b> | <b>R</b> | <b>S</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>U</b> | <b>V</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Z</b> |
| _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    |

2. Clue: Y = O

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U Q Y J Z C Q Y C E J Q U Y

T M M Z T K C E J Z T D Y R O

H Y Y G J , T D Y R O U Q Z

C E J Z J Z Z D

H Y Y G E J 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: N = A

Expert · 57 letters

K B J Z    Y U M L J N V  
\_\_\_\_\_  
C O V W T    B W M W ,    K B N K  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Q V N A W Z    N H L    L N H Y W Z  
\_\_\_\_\_  
J H    B J Z    Y M R Z K N V  
\_\_\_\_\_  
I U O H L 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 |

4. Clue: G = T

Medium · 57 letters

**J R C I    B I A J R O J    L N T I**

**C R A I    Q D G    G L N O**

**G N J G I ,    R G L I A J**

**L N T I    C R A I    G N J G I**

**G L N O    Q D G .**

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>I</b> | <b>J</b> | <b>K</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>M</b> |
| <b>N</b> | <b>O</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>Q</b> | <b>R</b> | <b>S</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>U</b> | <b>V</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Z</b> |

5. Clue: J = E

Hard · 57 letters

**L J Z A - I G E J C W Q J W O**

**U P W L V U U J J X G W Z S**

**O R C G V I R P W**

**F W L O C V U O J X**

**J Z J U O G C P O J .**

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>I</b> | <b>J</b> | <b>K</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>M</b> |
| <b>N</b> | <b>O</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>Q</b> | <b>R</b> | <b>S</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>U</b> | <b>V</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Z</b> |

6. Clue: J = T

Hard · 57 letters

J K N O N S T G R

X Y N M T C O N J K M J

Z R N T G R J X M Y Y, J K N

E R O N T R S D S J

F R T J T G R J K S G 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 |

**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. "Who excuses himself without being accused makes his fault manifest."

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

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

2. "Those who wish to appear wise among fools, among the wise seem foolish."

— *Quintilian, 95, Institutio Oratoria, nes Oratoriae, X. 7, 21 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "This cordial julep here, That flames and dances in his crystal bounds."

— *John Milton, 1637, Comus, Line 672 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "Some persons have more wit than taste, others have more taste than wit."

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

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

5. "Self-government can succeed only through an instructed electorate."

— *Herbert Hoover, 1929, Inaugural Address*

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

6. "There is no pleasure that does not pall, the more so if it costs nothing."

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

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