

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 153

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: R = H

Hard · 58 letters

N G N A G R T M Y I R R N A

F M G B P V N F I

R N B A Q O D I T Q P G

G R P G R Q J P F

P J J M B C O N A R G R Q 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

2. Clue: A = T

Easy · 58 letters

A X B I A V Y A Z

I N Q A A Q I S S Y X I O ,

V Y X Z T X O Z A P Y X F ,

K S O V A S O D I S Z N O

A S O Q X S O Z F I .

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: W = O

Medium · 58 letters

Q U X H W W R P W Q U

Q U O I A U X O M S O M X ,

N Y Q Q U X S O M X J K I

A I W S M U O J M X R H Q W

N X K H W W R .

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: P = E

Medium · 58 letters

P S W C , H Z F H X M Z F P

H X Z P U T U P Z P U H E

Z F P F W U C P E Z Z J D P

L X C P U E Z J J C J Q Z F P

Z K 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

5. Clue: D = N

Medium · 58 letters

G P N G Y C Z T D O

H C V D O H V H D G R G E

T C H C S S O , T C T H V D

T W W Z T D O C L E D H

D S D G C S F S S O .

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: Q = S

Easy · 58 letters

Y G S Q S D I S Y B K
Q O D D S Q Q N H
Q B D N S Y W N Q F
D S I Y F N H
G S F I Y N H S Q Q F H Z
Q W E R F Y G 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

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

Answer key

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1. "It is through his not making himself great that he can accomplish them."

— Laozi, 1891, *Tao Te Ching* (James Legge translation, 1891)

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

2. "Trust not a skittish horse, nor a great lord, when they shake their heads."

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

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

3. "The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *As You Like It*

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

4. "Egad, I think the interpreter is the hardest to be understood of the two!"

— Richard Brinsley Sheridan, 1779, *The Critic*, Act I. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Except wind stands as never it stood, It is an ill wind turns none to good."

— Thomas Tusser, 1573, *Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry, of Good Husbandry. A Description of the Properties of Wind* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "The secret of success in society is a certain heartiness and sympathy."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, *Essays: Second Series*

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