

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 158

6 puzzles · Standard 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: F = E

Medium · 59 letters

R F V S Y H T B S U , V K U R M

E F N F G E U S N C U S B F ,

M W W F N U U R F B S W F Y E S B

R K W X M I F R K W S V 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: Y = T

Hard · 60 letters

U Y U F J L Y Y L V Y N S L C I

N M L V Y P L Q U Y E P Y P C R

Y V Z F Y Y N Y P L

I S L C Q U R K F N B K N N Q

A L 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

3. Clue: L = A

Expert · 60 letters

V J T P M G X Y P M F

H L J H L A J F L X I

C L U G J G L W O G P M Y T J I F X

F R M L J L P G T X E T C P M F

I L O 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

4. Clue: N = E

Medium · 60 letters

N R N D L M C N Z G V Y U

P N N E X C T E M C P U D M V P

U X Y Y I X P Z N Y Y M H - Z G V Y U

B G E N U M E G U B I X U .

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: A = T

Expert · 60 letters

M A L D X U F A C F Q

U F A J M U V A J D A A J R

Q D P R U L D X H E X A U F L

Z Q F D Y M U V F U B S W R C A

J D U 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

6. Clue: F = A

Medium · 60 letters

F S N P I Z A S L F A U W F B F G E

L F J H C D D E N P H H I, Y D I

N P I Z A S L F A N D L H A R O S

D G N H F B H 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

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. "He would not, with a peremptory tone, Assert the nose upon his face his own."

— William Cowper, 1782, *Poems (1782), Conversation. Line 121 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "It is better to leap over the ditch than trust to the pleadings of good men."

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

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

3. "Clothing the palpable and familiar with golden exhalations of the dawn."

— Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1800, *The Death of Wallenstein (translation), Act I. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "Every one fault seeming monstrous till his fellow-fault came to match it."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It, Act III. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "It was not for nothing that the raven was just now croaking on my left hand."

— Plautus, 195 BC, *Aulularia, Act IV. Sc. 3, 1. (624) (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "At Christmas play and make good cheer, For Christmas comes but once a year."

— Thomas Tusser, 1573, *Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry, of Good Husbandry. The Farmer's Daily Diet (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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