

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 159

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: Q = O

Medium · 60 letters

B Z V B Q G I L X O A K

B Q I A Z L R C B Z

T K J W Z C - N X K D Z ,

G I L X O A Z L C B Z J C Q Q

B L S B Q J C Q Q X Q 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

2. Clue: H = T

Easy · 60 letters

Z S U M N H H I A C

H Z N D F N H N K H S

E S S R N D H S

Z C Q Q N D I K K

H Z A S J F Z C D S H Z I A

B C D ' K I P I K !

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: U = N

Medium · 60 letters

G S G W Q L U G N Y K U Z X

Y K X L F U E B E Z L L

X K U D X C G N N G W N Y O U

O U L N Y G W ' X

U K D Y N K U D O P G .

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: A = O

Medium · 60 letters

Y R Y U U M F K P J

S K J A Z W E W A M S R

R N E R V K A V P K

U N A M P W S K E Q A A W

W K E P Y W P K Y Z

J A M R N .

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: L = T

Hard · 60 letters

O Z A U F J K S Q X F V L Q C

L Z Q K C Q F L B X L Z Q

S F X L F L L F R S Q F J U

L Z Q V B C X L L A R Q

W N V V Q 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

6. Clue: L = N

Medium · 60 letters

V B Q U O P W Y L X G W Y

Q L Q K C Y S O L M ; V Q S

L W M W T R V C O X M W

P V L X G W Y Q L

Y L X O K J M Q L X V L C .

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 who builds a house in the market-place, builds either too high or too low."

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

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

2. "How bitter a thing it is to look into happiness through another man's eyes!"

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

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

3. "Every one thinks his own cuckoo sings better than another's nightingale."

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

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

4. "It is surely beyond a doubt that people should be a good deal idle in youth."

— *Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

5. "Who dangles after the great is the last at table and the first to be cuffed."

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

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

6. "I have found you an argument; I am not obliged to find you an understanding."

— *Samuel Johnson, 1791, Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell). Vol. VIII. Chap. IX. 1784 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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