

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 16

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: C = E

Hard · 40 letters

M U X P C A M Z Z C D C N

Y H P C P M Z E R V X Z T ,

X G V C V M P V X A P C Y 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

2. Clue: L = N

Hard · 40 letters

L X V E Y L D Y B O X L N

H E Y I N B X Q N V E Y L D

F N Q G Y L B Z L O X L 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

3. Clue: Q = E

Expert · 40 letters

M Q N C Q E F U B Q Z Q Q E

U G C L K Q G Z H A F Q L K

Y N E G Y C Q I A L P 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

4. Clue: W = E

Medium · 40 letters

S N W A V Y W S N W T W G G

K E F E W B , S N W A V Y W

T M S W Y K S O K W G B E .

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

Medium · 41 letters

Z A Z G M U M B C H J J

A I M A V H H B G C M A H D

A S U H E M D D Z H B A S

Z 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

6. Clue: N = THard · 41 letters

S N S O F Z N N R M R Z Z U

Z Y N R M Y Z V, K A N

N R M K G S N N R G N

J A Y M 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

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)

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Answer key

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1. "A wise man never loses anything, if he has himself."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays*, Book I, Chap. xxxviii. *Of Solitude* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Nothing is done while something remains undone."

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

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

3. "Few men have been admired by their own domestics."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1588, *Essays*, Book III, Chap. II. *Of Repentance* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The more the well is used, the more water it yields."

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

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

5. "It is a bad well that needs water to be carried to it."

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

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

6. "It is not the hook or the rod, but the bait that lures."

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

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