

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 161

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: X = S

Medium · 61 letters

Y K Y X R F X K H G I E Z K H

X I Z K T I K I A D X T H F N M

C D R H B X Y M D E D M ,

C D R I F X D Y K R H G D X

N I X 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

2. Clue: I = O

Hard · 61 letters

W D W J T W Y P E T Z M I U N I V

 G I D D W P S , Y I P F I L B Z E

 P I T Y G I S Z I L X O Y S O F

 P I F E B Y L S F T D 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

3. Clue: X = E

Hard · 61 letters

B R W S X I E P R I E F P N

 V X T L X S B L K F Z Z B Z Y ,

 W S X Q X E Q P X I E F P N

 V X T L X W S X B K L S E F W B Z Y .

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: F = E

Hard · 61 letters

P M Q W L P H L P Q W F Y M N U E

C M N F O G J Q U F Q W K P Q W F

T N M V F O O M D Q W F L N

H N K E G K U V W K P H F !

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: V = T

Medium · 61 letters

Q V Q B O L V V L D V F K F B L

W L C K V W K Q P L C

B M L U R V W D Q E V V W C U V F

S C B V L Q V K Q P L C J Q B L D .

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: G = I

Hard · 61 letters

C D Z Y Z G K P E U X P M Z Y E L

R E T Y P E C H Z G P M

G P C Z F F G M G H F Z , Q D G S D

G K C D Z L G Y K C C D G P M .

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. "It is customary to say that age should be considered, because it comes last."

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

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

2. "I live in the crowd of jollity, not so much to enjoy company as to shun myself."

— Samuel Johnson, 1759, *Rasselas, Chap. XVI (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "If the wolf would cease his running, the people would cease their shouting."

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

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

4. "Nothing in the world more subtle than the process of their gradual change!"

— George Eliot, 1872, *Middlemarch*

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

5. "It is better to lose health like a spendthrift than to waste it like a miser."

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

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

6. "There is no danger of your not being intelligible, which is the first thing."

— Jane Austen, 1815, *Emma*

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