

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 162

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: X = O

Hard · 61 letters

X I , D I M Q M S Z M C X U

N P X K L C X X W N

Y Z M H Q T U H C T L Q I Z

P X L Q Z A R Q M L S

M L V Z K X U I T N C T 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

2. Clue: Z = E

Medium · 61 letters

S Z Y C L M Z Y G W H Z W

I G Z W H U Z W K C B

L C L M Z L M Z N Z Y W T M Z

Q H S W M W K K C S Z U N P

I G Z W H A Z L .

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: F = I

Expert · 61 letters

J F A C L H Q A , P F T V A L

O M W N W F O S P V M W Q

M F H N A V H G F K L H A ,

K H F U M S L Z K J F O M K

R L O O M W Q .

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: Q = E

Expert · 61 letters

J N Q K D I L J D L

W Q I J B D H U X

P I D V N J Q I , P M J J N Q

L Q W A H R L J B V Q D L

J N Q C A I Q

F Q B W Q K M 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: D = T

Hard · 61 letters

E G X F G N K M B N N K M

D L B O K B H U E O

O K I L D K N M E D D E

J G B N D K E M , F G D D E

Q X E P B E G X T K I 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: R = O

Hard · 61 letters

H E R T X E I F U U M R O

Z F L E F J D U H C F M O D W

M H Z T U H O R H V C D F A

R T C V R O W U R Q

F Q Q D Y H M R 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)

Answer key

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1. "Oh, what a deal of scorn looks beautiful in the contempt and anger of his lip!"

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Twelfth Night*, Act III. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "We consecrate a great deal of nonsense because it was allowed by great men."

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

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

3. "His words, like so many nimble and airy servitors, trip about him at command."

— John Milton, 1642, *An Apology for Smectymnuus* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The first is certainly brighter, but the second stage is the more peaceful."

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

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

5. "Our business in the field of fight is not to question, but to prove our might."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer* (Pope's translation), Book XX. Line 304 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection."

— Abraham Lincoln, 1861, *First Inaugural Address*

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