

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 163

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 = H

Medium · 61 letters

I G S S A R E , I G S S A R E

V C O R R A R A B G F L D ,

Q F H G S M C G J R L V V L I

M C O M C O F W V L F M C G

J L Q W 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

2. Clue: O = E

Medium · 61 letters

R O E O H C C R O W Z F O

Z C D R Q S R C R O

D A L E P B L O D U Z E O ,

C A U A Q W C Z F A L Z E ,

A L Z P A L W Z C Z E 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

3. Clue: L = I

Hard · 61 letters

G M S Y H G J Z P G L D

D Q F L U D B F L H K L Y

G X X H W G H N Q

Z Q Y L D Q , G J Z B J

H W L Y N Q I S Y H

L J Y L Y H .

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 = N

Expert · 61 letters

O Q Z I J N U B A K V E A

W A J T, O Q Z I J U G L

V E A S U B G L, Z I J M J

O F A U Z I O A K C B Z

T U B G L C J L U A J.

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: H = I

Medium · 61 letters

X V S F J X H Q X L V X

I L H Z L H Q H J V

K V J ' Q M U I F O ;

R F J H B Q H Q X L V X H J

I L U Q F M U I F O V K V J

H 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

6. Clue: S = E

Medium · 61 letters

K I S W Z F S M B J M T L V

C B W I S W K J P S W Q J C

B V I B W W F S S G I L V A

S L M V S W K B V I B W

G J V A Z G 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

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. "Merrily, merrily shall I live now, Under the blossom that hangs on the bough."

— William Shakespeare, 1611, *The Tempest*, Act V. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "He left the name at which the world grew pale, To point a moral, or adorn a tale."

— Samuel Johnson, 1749, *The Vanity of Human Wishes*, Line 221 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "A just and fair reciprocity is all that we desire, and on this we must insist."

— James K. Polk, 1847, *Third Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "If the young man knew, if the old man could, there is nothing but would be done."

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

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

5. "Talent is that which is in a man's power; genius is that in whose power a man is."

— James Russell Lowell, 1870, *Among My Books, First Series. Rousseau and the Sentimentalists* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "The superior man wishes to be slow in his speech and earnest in his conduct."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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