

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 164

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 = N

Medium · 61 letters

X R S K U X O M F X M R P Q R N S

R Z X R S K U X O, F X D P R G Q

S K F X F S K U X O M F X O R

H F M V S R X R S K U X 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

2. Clue: H = T

Hard · 61 letters

U H U F H Z Z I Q Y P H Z

D K S D Y H Z W E Y E H H P E H

F P D F P Z Q X B F U H L G H P D

I U X J E V B V Z H X E S U 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

3. Clue: N = E

Expert · 61 letters

B U V A E Y D S I B T B U N
 K T C N X A T E B U N X Y I Q
 U Y J N C N G Y D H U N Q T I
 C S B U T V B S G R N Q S G N I B .

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 = T

Medium · 61 letters

Q K P W G G Y P W G P Y Y G
 G M Q P D C D Q G Q K P
 T C Q I K P D , Q C A A H Q A H Y Q
 Y K P Y Q C I T Y Q G Q K P
 Y J C 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

5. Clue: H = T

Easy · 62 letters

O S R P P E H H R V J F O H B
 S O G M H O P H B M X E E W, R
 I O P M A Z T T - U M P H V M W R P
 H B R H ' T R V V A M X I Z W 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

6. Clue: O = T

Medium · 62 letters

O K G C G W O Z A
 K Z W N M O J X M O T J E Y Z A
 R G E G D Z W M O T M W J X W Z
 E Z O M E O K G L M X X, C Q O
 M E A J O 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

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. "Nothing can come out of nothing, any more than a thing can go back to nothing."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, IV. 4 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "It is too much to expect of a cat that she should sit by the milk and not lap it."

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

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

3. "Thus far into the bowels of the land have we marched on without impediment."

— *William Shakespeare, 1593, King Richard III, Act V. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "The goose goes so often into the kitchen, till at last she sticks to the spit."

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

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

5. "I cannot talk with civet in the room, A fine puss-gentleman that's all perfume."

— *William Cowper, 1782, Poems (1782), Conversation. Line 283 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "The best of hospitality and of generosity is also not in the will, but in fate."

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

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