

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 168

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 = E

Medium · 63 letters

D L W J P G S Y V K X S

C X X C R W H X Q S W R R M

W L B I K D R B X M V K Y B

V K X Q D S X W B

Y B W V K X S ' C K X Y S V 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: Y = A

Easy · 63 letters

O K Y N ' B E P Y P Y R D ?

N K Y N O K E G K O D

G Y T T Y X J B D I Q Y P Q

J N K D X P Y R D O J H T L

B R D T T Y B B O D D 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: Z = E

Medium · 63 letters

U P L Z Z V R B C S G D Z I L

P G P V N G D Z I ' L Q N B ,

P V T D P G Z L G D P G

Z K A Z W W Z V A Z S G

A P V V N G I Z P A 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

4. Clue: K = E

Hard · 63 letters

J R " S V N H D E ,

S K K T D E ,

A K V C Q O G C D D E

A D C K ! " V U U J B K J I K

U J B K L R K N K U O I Z U

V A J C Q Q R K U H 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: K = I

Medium · 63 letters

S U G Q G K O

O X R G S U K A I K A S U K O

R X Q G S U D A

A D S Z Q D C , K B

J U K C X O X J U P L X Z C F

B K A F K S X Z S .

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: U = E

Hard · 63 letters

W M X S P G U V O H W A D M U

E R D M U G Q M U V D M U K

L G U K R H V J , L V P D M U

Y L D M U G Q M U V D M U K

L G U R S P .

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. "I would rather see smoke from my own chimney than the fire on another's hearth."

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

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

2. "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

— *William Shakespeare, 1595, Romeo and Juliet, Act II. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Base Envy withers at another's joy, And hates that excellence it cannot reach."

— *James Thomson, 1730, The Seasons, Spring. Line 283 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "Oh "darkly, deeply, beautifully blue!" As some one somewhere sings about the sky."

— *Lord Byron, 1819, Don Juan, Canto IV. Stanza 110 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "There is something in this more than natural, if philosophy could find it out."

— *William Shakespeare, 1601, Hamlet, Act II. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "Children suck the mother when they are young, and the father when they are old."

— *English proverb, 1859, Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated (London, 1859)*

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