

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 169

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: U = L

Expert · 63 letters

V M N T C D H B P V Y U

M L R N V Q Y H C A U F

A M N L D, U Y I B

G Y P P B L U C E R D Y L

V U P D B R M U O G N C U

M N 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

2. Clue: O = T

Medium · 63 letters

F O F I G I Y G U H O Y H P

O Y G O F T P K L G P Z H

G P J Z K P Z H F O

I Y K A R J C H

I O L K P T H L O Y G P

V F I J K 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

3. Clue: R = T

Easy · 63 letters

Z R Z F E H

M R R L J R Z Y J R Y R O Z F

C Y Z J R R O M R Z D M J

G Y K L F L L I O Y Z F

V Z Q L V H R Y I Z J Y K

V Y F 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

4. Clue: A = N

Hard · 63 letters

A L H O G A C G Z H O B D B

H L X L J B, T A W

A L H O G A C U T Z H, N E H

T A B H B D A T F A L I

W L B Z T F I T V Z F T Z 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

5. Clue: A = S

Medium · 63 letters

N W X P C Z H G Y W

V X A A Z A A Y X W

A Z F I X O U Z G N Y W A

G E Z A N O Z H E N U O

G E N G Y G E N I Y W

V S U A S Y 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

6. Clue: X = T

Expert · 63 letters

D M Z M X L V X N H T H S J

N W Z D H S X M X N H

U W K Q M P S R, Z M S

L V X N H T H S J X N V S O X

X M X N H K V X U N H 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

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. "Our wasted oil unprofitably burns, Like hidden lamps in old sepulchral urns."

— William Cowper, 1782, *Poems (1782), Conversation. Line 357 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "It is a shame then that ignorance and conceit should be stronger than wisdom."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

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

3. "It is by attention to this point that I can foresee who is likely to win or lose."

— Sun Tzu, 1910, *The Art of War (Lionel Giles translation, 1910)*

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

4. "Nothing is there to come, and nothing past, But an eternal now does always last."

— Abraham Cowley, 1656, *Davideis, Book I. Line 25 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "An object in possession seldom retains the same charm that it had in pursuit."

— Pliny the Younger, 105, *Letters, Book II. Letter XV. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "Go not with every hunger to the cupboard, nor with every thirst to the pitcher."

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

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