

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 170

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: L = I

Medium · 63 letters

U N G G J G K J Q U C , O L S ; V Z

R L K K M Z I U K W L C N : U O

I V Z X O U X , R V Z C I V Z U N Z

L O L C I V Z R L I L O G Y I .

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: J = E

Hard · 63 letters

R Q J O J M F J R V S

F J Z G P K P K L E V I K L P O

K J H J F R V Q G H J G K

J Z V R P V K R Q G R P O

I K T J M V Z P K 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: K = E

Hard · 63 letters

U W H Q B V K O X K U D K

O U U O B D G K Q U W M W Z V

I K W I Y K U W U D K Z Q H W Q ,

W Z V Y O F X X D W Z Y N T K

A Z X 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

4. Clue: Z = T

Medium · 63 letters

H M D S Z M T O M V S Z V

U S P O Z V, J O S H O M U Y M V

J Q U Z O G Q X D U Q Z Y H Z S Q L

M V M L G Q Z O Y U U S P O Z V.

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: U = E

Hard · 63 letters

C O S Z P U ' Y F N Y E C B U N O

H Z F U M Y U S G L U Y N Z S,

M U N Y C O E J U B N M H, T A E

V N Y Y Z C O Z Y E J U X N S 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

6. Clue: O = E

Hard · 63 letters

A N O W O D A Y O Y C V P

I C L L U O V A K A N O I K K L ,

C D V N O C X O D Y P R D C S U A N

N O L I U Y T - S N U A O Y C I 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

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. "A good old man, sir; he will be talking: as they say, When the age is in the wit is out."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Much Ado about Nothing*, Act III. Sc. 5 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "The secret of remaining young is never to have an emotion that is unbecoming."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

3. "To increase the attachment of our people to the Union, our laws should be just."

— James K. Polk, 1845, *Inaugural Address*

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

4. "Capital has its rights, which are as worthy of protection as any other rights."

— Abraham Lincoln, 1861, *First Annual Message to Congress*

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

5. "On life's vast ocean diversely we sail, Reason the card, but passion is the gale."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man*, Epistle II. Line 107 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "The gentle Lady married to the Moor, And heavenly Una with her milk-white lamb."

— William Wordsworth, 1807, *Poems in Two Volumes, Personal Talk. Stanza 3* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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