

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 172

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 = E

Hard · 64 letters

G J B S M U L O L T Y S C C

J A X K Y J Y L Y S E E M

G T C L T, S V P T L L J Y L

Q H L S J S K Y G C C L T O Y A B

O L N V L 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: Z = E

Medium · 64 letters

V N L P N Z X Y V Z R N Z Y

X R Z M O Y N Q Z W L T Y V

R N L Z C , J K Y J F J Z T W A

X Y T D D Q N C Z M Q M W Y V M W

Y V Z F ?

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

Expert · 64 letters

E Z O D A A Q F G Z U K C F

Q S U V Z R H Z V F Q M Z

A D U U Q E Z W D A W W E D U N Z W

M J V R Q I D A V D A W

G X U D V 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

4. Clue: G = E

Medium · 64 letters

E U G A S M P W V A G B G J A D W M
 B G A B M D W C M M I , D U G
 Q M M T D V Z M A W U G B E K W U
 J W U P G J W G A K A C G H 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

5. Clue: L = E

Medium · 64 letters

X V L V N X S D L M J S L L M P F
 Y X V P V N A T L I L Y Q S L M
 T A K E L X H H N W Y X K W P V P J
 K E L D P N M L V S Q N 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

6. Clue: K = S

Medium · 64 letters

Y V M K L X S K K H L C W Y X
 L X T G R S Y C L C K W S S P K
 O M Q X L K W S K Y P H Y Z K G L P
 O G Q L C K G H X H W S S P 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. "It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles, And see the great Achilles whom we knew."

— Alfred Tennyson, 1842, *Poems (1842)*, *Ulysses* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "How does the poet speak to men with power, but by being still more a man than they?"

— Thomas Carlyle, 1828, *Burns. Edinburgh Review*, 1828 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "We can not permit ourselves to be narrowed and dwarfed by slogans and phrases."

— Calvin Coolidge, 1925, *Inaugural Address*

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

4. "When Fortune means to men most good, She looks upon them with a threatening eye."

— William Shakespeare, 1596, *King John*, Act III. Sc. 4 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "An enlarged freedom can only be secured by the application of the golden rule."

— Calvin Coolidge, 1925, *State of the Union Address*

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

6. "A business with an income at its heels Furnishes always oil for its own wheels."

— William Cowper, 1782, *Poems (1782)*, *Retirement. Line 614* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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