

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 173

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: J = E

Hard · 64 letters

Z R D J P L B A J P B Q X B H L F ,

L F J G L F R A Z G I Z N U J Y

N H J , B H U N I L N R A

C J X J Z P R A L F J

U N H U N A J 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

2. Clue: L = E

Expert · 64 letters

S U L Q A H C Z W Q F L G Q

W L K L G J O F A G X Q, J H S J O

S U L S U Y W M Y S Q L C D S U Z S

Y Q Y W E H Y G L X Z D S L 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

3. Clue: S = E

Medium · 64 letters

M S Q Y Z B Y P O O P W B O J S

E T P W Y S Z M O J S W T H T S P O

Y W T S Y, P B V U Z Y O O J S W T

Y W T S Y V W Y H T P I 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

4. Clue: U = E

Medium · 64 letters

S T U N R G O O - A U G R U H ' O

T L H O U O J U R R L X S , G Q A

T U R L L M U A L Q S L O U U

Z T V I T M V I M U A T G H A U O 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

5. Clue: R = E

Hard · 64 letters

B X N G C K C I F L V B X O X K C I

R B R N M Z F L Z C I G S R , -

P R U X L G J R R Y G N R Z R ,

S C G F A A X L G J R V R T N R R .

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: Q = E

Hard · 64 letters

R I Q O Q P I Q P F J R I Q B Q R

F J I Q V W Q B V S Q D V S H Q ;

J V S V E V S R , C M R

D Q R R G B H B F R I G B H

Q P N V E 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

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. "Like stones of worth, they thinly placed are, Or captain jewels in the carcanet."

— William Shakespeare, 1609, *Sonnets, LII* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "The soul answers never by words, but by the thing itself that is inquired after."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

3. "Few sons attain the praise of their great sires, and most their sires disgrace."

— Alexander Pope, 1726, *The Odyssey of Homer (Pope's translation), Book II. Line 315* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "The glass-dealer's horses fell out, and he looked on to see which kicked hardest."

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

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

5. "Virtuous and vicious every man must be, - Few in the extreme, but all in the degree."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle II. Line 231* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

6. "The meshes of the net of Heaven are large; far apart, but letting nothing escape."

— Laozi, 1891, *Tao Te Ching (James Legge translation, 1891)*

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