

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 175

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: S = E

Medium · 64 letters

X J S I S N E C O E L

A C P S A S V X K C B X J S

R V E P S N K S D N S X J S

K D A S , R I D V O O C Q V B N C A

D U S X C D U 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

2. Clue: J = E

Medium · 64 letters

J X T K L S K L D S X G G Z V

T J O O W Z G J B J G O X L Y ,

R K J G P Y J W Z G J W X R K J G D

Z W R K J K X H O J R D O J J 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

3. Clue: G = T

Medium · 64 letters

G S D I S J G N S C S Q Z

G B N H C O G K E O Q G H G B I

S O N , - M H K T S M J I I U M

G B S G C B O A B C S M G B I

C O Q Z O J .

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: H = T

Hard · 64 letters

E M I H O H L I B O M I D E X Z L H
 H D L W P A B O S E H E L I
 A E Z D H , M L U L A B E M Q
 O K P T H H D L B P A O S E H E L 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

5. Clue: Z = E

Medium · 64 letters

R Z F P H H Z H H Z I G
 F Z V S O Q G W K G O Z B K P N
 F W P I S V Q B J Z N N Z V K Q B
 L R G K Z X Z W R Z H G Q I P W
 I Q 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

6. Clue: A = T

Medium · 65 letters

A L U B U D F R M U Y N U Z Z U R A

K U Q E A H , A L Q A L Q A L R M A

F M G U F A B Q R C U R U F F D R

A L U S B M S M B A D M 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

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. "The periodic movements of the universe are the same, up and down from age to age."

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

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

2. "Each in his narrow cell forever laid, The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep."

— *Thomas Gray, 1751, Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard, Elegy in a Country Churchyard. Stanza 4 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Take a straw and throw it up into the air, - you may see by that which way the wind is."

— *John Selden, 1689, Table Talk, Libels (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "In statesmanship get the formalities right, never mind about the moralities."

— *Mark Twain, 1897, Following the Equator*

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

5. "He possessed a peculiar talent of producing effect in whatever he said or did."

— *Tacitus, 105, Historiae, II. 80 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "There is no excellent beauty, that hath not some strangeness in the proportion."

— *Francis Bacon, 1625, The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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