

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 18

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: A = E

Hard · 41 letters

O A H O J T M Z U A C Z E U

K J J Y Z O A E Y Z B J Y A

U O E C O A K A Z M Y A Z .

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 = S

Expert · 41 letters

A D W K J S X T R J W S Z

V A D Z R J A D W K J S X T,

I Y Z V A D Z U N T D J T 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

3. Clue: F = I

Hard · 41 letters

S L B Z V F H N I R X L

F Y W E I I F G M L Z E

Q F M F N L H O L R H Q

I D F M M.

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: E = THard · 41 letters

H I U E , H J F F E I V

F J G V Y E N V E O I S X E

E S E I V O N U O M S K

R S S B ?

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: Q = E

Medium · 41 letters

E C O B B Y R Q Q S O W J

L S Q O F V Q B Y G C Q

C O U Q E O C Q S S P

K Q O E 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

6. Clue: V = E

Hard · 41 letters

J Y Z I M Q J G G E C J S

M H C W V X J S V, Z I M

X M E C A V L S C W V

E X V G 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

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. "He who listens at doors hears more than he desires."

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

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

2. "Handsome is not what is handsome, but what pleases."

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

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

3. "Few things are impossible to diligence and skill."

— *Samuel Johnson, 1759, Rasselas, Chap. XII (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "What, will the line stretch out to the crack of doom?"

— *William Shakespeare, 1606, Macbeth, Act IV. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast."

— *William Shakespeare, 1594, The Comedy of Errors, Act III. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "If you will stir up the mire, you must bear the smell."

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

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