

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 185

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: G = E

Easy · 67 letters

Y V G Q T K P A Z Y G

G K K G E Y O Q A O K Y V G

K W O J O Y P S Z E O Y G H

G S S P J Y Q E H

K O E M A G E G K K P S

W Z J W P K 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

2. Clue: W = E

Easy · 67 letters

U B X P K X L J J M W

V O W B J N O W L Y

V P O V N U K J B X V W K .

V P O V N U K J B X V W K B O W

J M W V O W B J N O W K L Y U W X .

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: T = U

Hard · 67 letters

L T Y R V T K O Z H A I T J X Q E R

Y V R V T K O Z Y , Z H A

D E V M E R J H R V T K L T K D C ,

Z H A R V T M J E E Y Z Q C H V

O Z K 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

4. Clue: Q = A

Medium · 67 letters

T X T W Q H Q D T H S E Y X M R

E C Q P P Q F F L B X Q X T E A

X M Q X Q H Q A H Q R M Q U L

X M Q X Q P P E S Q A F L M L

X Q N L W .

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: T = E

Medium · 68 letters

X T O B - U F L T I K H T K S N F T X

K F S J K N X M F C O N K F S

P H A O Z S M T C X T F B

A F O P S P E J O J U T K E P T X

J O F K T .

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: Z = N

Easy · 68 letters

O P M C C S Q G Z R C E A , M Z R

S Z M Q E Z R U M Z ' O W G T ,

A S D P Q M D G R Q F G M D P M Z R

A P S O L G F S Z K

P N U Q C G Z G O 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

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 absolute essential is the spirit of united effort and singleness of purpose."

— William Howard Taft, 1912, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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

2. "Man is not the creature of circumstances. Circumstances are the creatures of men."

— Benjamin Disraeli, 1826, *Vivian Grey*, Book VI. Chap. VII (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Put your hand quickly to your hat, and slowly in your purse, and you will take no harm."

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

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

4. "It is a maxim worthy of all acceptance that a man may have that allowance he takes."

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

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

5. "Self-government does not and should not imply the use of political agencies alone."

— Herbert Hoover, 1929, *Inaugural Address*

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

6. "Shall I bend low, and in a bondman's key, With bated breath and whispering humbleness."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act I. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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