

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 186

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: V = E

Medium · 68 letters

Z G V J R C W Z D Z Q Z D R C

U Q W Z N V M K V B Q M Z V Z R

W V J Q E V M W Z M N P V ,

R E K V E P I , M C K S E V V

Y R H V E C U V C 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: Y = E

Hard · 68 letters

G X Y J U C G O U Q H Y P A Z Y B

 P A Z J Q Y G Y ; G X Y P C A A D Y N ,

 B G C U O L X G ; G X Y Y Z J G V ,

 W T Q Q ; G X Y E A C F A T G ,

 F Y E .

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: V = E

Medium · 68 letters

P F R U X W W T E Y R H O R E

 G V X X R E R U W S Y V H , R U C

 X V S J V R X W U V S W T V V O

 S Y V F W K G V K E W L S W A J Q

 V Q V E .

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: R = E

Medium · 68 letters

B S R R P S E H M , B E M E D R
 R Q B R K B , L K E T H U H K L Z
 M E J K X , L K X B S R T R H K H M
 B S R D L U H P L K X P S L T D
 E W H 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: I = S

Medium · 68 letters

M G B I E U B L P A L S Z W P I
 I Z M P I O P B Q Z W Q
 D A S U A I B Q ; M G B S B Z W
 S Z W P I Z T C Z N I O E T T A O
 Q P I M L B I 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: Z = E

Medium · 68 letters

P J U Z J D H D Z C J Z D L U

D F C N C J D Z D , H X S V L F P S

X L K I Z V L C K Y K H R J X O

L C R Z Z N J X O J U J K V Z C Z

X L 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 wordsOF 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 constitution must be adequate to secure a stable, orderly, and free government."

— William McKinley, 1900, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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

2. "The partial becomes complete; the crooked, straight; the empty, full; the worn out, new."

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

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

3. "I can look sharp as well as another, and let me alone to keep the cobwebs out of my eyes."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1615, *Don Quixote, Part II, Chap. XXXIII* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The echo is, to some extent, an original sound, and therein is the magic and charm of it."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

5. "The superior man is satisfied and composed; the mean man is always full of distress."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

6. "Life is a series of surprises, and would not be worth taking or keeping if it were not."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, *Essays: Second Series*

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