

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 188

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: A = E

Medium · 68 letters

V C A F C A Z F C A L X F H C A Z

O F Z X U A F C A O F K T A , K Z

F C A O F K T A F C A

L X F H C A Z , V K A I A F K F C A

L X F H C 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: W = E

Expert · 68 letters

U K A N S Y P H W , U K Y A O W

 L D H Z W Z N K U I N W U A J K R

 C Y D U F W J , J O S H H

 K I A H D B W A O D J

 C K Q W Y R I H Y O V N 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

3. Clue: W = E

Medium · 68 letters

J I G Q V J C H C L G D Q F W ,

 I G P M Z W B J M R W V Q K L T W

 I Q V R R W B ' Q J K M V P ,

 A L H C M V H M V B Q X W J L I K

 A M G P W 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

4. Clue: C = L

Easy · 68 letters

I Q R O A T X O F R A A B U C Y C L
 O E I C C O E B F I O O A R A E B
 W H R T X U , I X U I C C A E B
 N R H C U O E I C C Q R T H X
 E B H .

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: F = E

Hard · 69 letters

D F L D N L Y J J L Z M W R F P
 H B Y P X W N P P S L U S Z V F L
 L D F Q Z F W Y S M J
 L Z F N J M Z F S U D Y J
 F O F J Y V D L B S 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

6. Clue: C = E

Medium · 69 letters

M Z Z H W C A C H W D E Y A

W M V V C E H R H W C G I O

Q C M A R E R J H W C D Q

D Y E R Q M E B C R J N W M H D A

Y R R T M E T C S D 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

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. "Whether the pitcher strike the stone, or the stone the pitcher, woe be to the pitcher."

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

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

2. "Not marble, nor the gilded monuments of princes, shall outlive this powerful rhyme."

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

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

3. "Can such things be, And overcome us like a summer's cloud, Without our special wonder?"

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth, Act III. Sc. 4* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "A most unspotted lily shall she pass to the ground, and all the world shall mourn her."

— William Shakespeare, 1592, *King Henry VI, II. Act V. Sc. 5* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "He that is stricken blind cannot forget the precious treasure of his eyesight lost."

— William Shakespeare, 1595, *Romeo and Juliet, Act I. Sc. 1* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "All these things happen to them by reason of their ignorance of what is good and evil."

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

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