

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 197

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: F = T

Hard · 71 letters

F O Z D C M N K P S Q Z K F O Z

C F O Z A Q F C R J F C D D

F O Z S A F N S W Q , G Z R N J Q Z

O Z O N K W Z D F O S Q C I E S E

F O Z F A N 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

2. Clue: R = E

Medium · 72 letters

K I K J M O B T R J R G S R Z Q

U K G A K G V G I T K R A

R U R T W R G S K R J I E D I I E R

G D I K H R U R I D Y Z Q D U D G

K J I R J I R A .

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: L = E

Medium · 72 letters

P L Y W S A L N K Q S S U N K P L

R S K K G M L W B M P K G A S Y D ,

N H L L K G N K P L F Y B W Y S N L

F L L F N V L D L G K P K P L

K P S Y D .

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: X = E

Expert · 72 letters

E X P Y M W Y D L X Y E X X A U ,

 W J I F B P X E X P Y M W Y D L X

 Y D K U Y , Y D V X J A X O U W O

 Y E B N X , W J I X V B Z M X J A X

 B T X C X Y .

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: L = O

Expert · 72 letters

R U K Z P G H T V X T F C L W I U

 K Z N I R E , E L I P K Z T F C

 O T V X P S K Z T E O D U

 V L I P E . L G P F , M L V X E ,

 O Z L P B P H X F L V X 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

6. Clue: O = E

Medium · 72 letters

D S O I O X C Y P X G G O I O A R O

T O D V O O A O Y D X A U Y A P

P I X A M X A U G Z I

C D I O A U D S Y A P G I Z F

F O I O U J N D D Z A 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

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 fox advised the others to cut off their tails, because he had left his own in the trap."

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

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

2. "It is by presence of mind in untried emergencies that the native metal of a man is tested."

— *James Russell Lowell, 1871, My Study Windows, Abraham Lincoln, 1864 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Her modest looks the cottage might adorn, Sweet as the primrose peeps beneath the thorn."

— *Oliver Goldsmith, 1770, The Deserted Village, Line 329 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "Persuasive speech, and more persuasive sighs, Silence that spoke, and eloquence of eyes."

— *Alexander Pope, 1720, The Iliad of Homer (Pope's translation), Book XIV. Line 251 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "By the pricking of my thumbs, Something wicked this way comes. Open, locks, Whoever knocks!"

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

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

6. "There is a difference between eating and drinking for strength and from mere gluttony."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1862, Walking*

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