

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 20

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: F = E

Medium · 41 letters

R V R A Z I F Y H S

G D X D I I D H Z Y F I D I

A S H F R I D W N

Y F K F X H F 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

2. Clue: T = S

Easy · 41 letters

M W M P B A N S U A N F T G

F T W G H H G U H X M Q M

T R B B G T T Y R D T R F 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

3. Clue: A = T

Expert · 41 letters

G O U A P R Z J R A P D

A O K S P X K T V R A F K

R J V Y O A P D A O K

U R O K R .

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: S = T Medium · 41 letters

X S ' Z Y H C V Q N V R I G

E R V Z C S E Y S P X A A

L R S D Y V V Q E X Z

R Y S 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

5. Clue: N = E

Hard · 41 letters

H B N K J B N B N Z G L O

A P K N J B N O B L U

H L Z Z O P P K Q N

H V N F Y 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

6. Clue: J = E

Hard · 41 letters

Q P J E Y A J C S I J S Q

P X W O J J S B S Q P J

P X S K W Y M Q P J

U J Y U 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

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. "A man used to vicissitudes is not easily dejected."

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

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

2. "A bad compromise is better than a successful suit."

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

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

3. "What is lost in the fire must be sought in the ashes."

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

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

4. "It's a very proud horse that will not carry his oats."

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

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

5. "When the helm is gone the ship will soon be wrecked."

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

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

6. "The Government has been in the hands of the people."

— James Monroe, 1817, *First Inaugural Address*

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