

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 205

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 · 75 letters

H E A W I P Y A G H J Q I G J A M H

S E X M E F G M I H M E T F W

A L A Q G A A G X G H E A

E X U E - Q I F Z H E F H Y A F Z G

E X T H I A W U Y F W 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: F = S

Medium · 75 letters

Y X Y O ' F B W Y Z R B

Q W N A V Q W F Y F X Y O P

Y J Q W F U E X W Y H U I R U

B V F K Q U F K W J R Y F B V F

E Y Q X H U W F Z U Y H F U E

X A J C .

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: G = E

Medium · 75 letters

L W G H G J H M G ' C

F J A G Z S N G S L , N V R G Y J Z

L W G H G J H M G , N V R G X K

L W G H G J H M G , V S R

V S C T G Z V X M G L J L W G

H G J H M 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

4. Clue: I = E

Expert · 75 letters

Q T B S K G I E Q I M T N , B Q I X

W A G P E Z N Q V X J P K X W T C J

E Q I P Z V C C , G V G I

F T C K Z I , Y C V U O B A E Q

E V G X A P Q I J H T C 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

5. Clue: M = I

Easy · 76 letters

R A R Q U E Y O M B Y O

M E K L B B M S M G M X U C O X M G

N R M B S L Q O ; R A R Q U

X N M O Z M E K L B B M S G R

C O X M G F R B R R Y

B C H H R B 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

6. Clue: G = E

Medium · 76 letters

X O A F B D E F R A F B I P G T O
 S B V E F V V U G G E G K A , O F I
 G N G I A N X Y V F I A W L X E G Q
 A F B R X T T L T P F P B O O G I
 L Q G O G L V .

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 noblest prospect which a Scotchman ever sees is the high-road that leads him to England."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell). Vol. II. Chap. V. 1763 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "A man's health requires as many acres of meadow to his prospect as his farm does loads of muck."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

3. "The people's government, made for the people, made by the people, and answerable to the people."

— Daniel Webster, 1830, *Second Speech on Foot's Resolution, Jan. 26, 1830. P. 321 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "How pure the joy, when first my hands unfold the small, rare volume, black with tarnished gold!"

— John Ferriar, 1798, *Illustrations of Sterne, Bibliomania. Line 137 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "Every man is an impossibility until he is born; every thing impossible until we see a success."

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

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

6. "If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat."

— Sun Tzu, 1910, *The Art of War (Lionel Giles translation, 1910)*

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