

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 208

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: O = I

Medium · 76 letters

O S O J Q W U Q I J U B A S R

U R O W P Q J F O X N Q

H K P J S O B X, S R B K N R O S

O J X B S Q W U Q I J U B A S R

U R O W P Q X J U P A O X N B X P.

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: L = A

Medium · 76 letters

K S K V L F H L O V N K B D S
 S D L S L T L R V D E Y F M U W
 L U F W S E N W R M W N L
 N W L V E R P E N S D W P L K S D
 S D L S K V H K S D K R D K T .

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 = A

Medium · 76 letters

G M K C C N A Z O G Z T G J K P
 R N M W D E H K W R B N T Y G R X ,
 G R Q O G P G T W R Q G P
 R G H H N A G P Z O K R K B J N M
 G F W R K D G H - B H E K 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

4. Clue: U = E

Medium · 77 letters

W G P I P I W G U I N T F R
 Z F F K Z F H U L Q T U Q W , V Q K
 W G P I P I Q U Y U I I V L B W F
 Y C F I U W G U Y P L Y C U F R
 F N L R U C P Y P W P U 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

5. Clue: Y = E

Easy · 77 letters

J Y B Y Y O D O Y N C X V Z N V
 P N B S Y Q W C C W J Y O D B
 O N D C A C D Q Y , V Z N V P N B
 S Y V T N B X C N V Y O D B V W
 V Y T G X W Q V Z Y Z W G 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

6. Clue: X = O

Easy · 77 letters

Q S R D L J X Q A Z H X Z O A O

A Z Z X W R O S A D P O X

I R J X C R I A O Z O L A H ,

Q R I R A O X D H N O X W L G R L

S L D K H R V X I X D R ' Z K X X 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

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. "It is always worth while asking a question, though it is not always worth while answering one."

— Oscar Wilde, 1895, *An Ideal Husband*

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

2. "It is always right that a man should be able to render a reason for the faith that is within him."

— Sydney Smith, 1855, *Lady Holland's Memoir of the Reverend Sydney Smith, Vol. I. p. 53* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "A fellow that makes no figure in company, and has a mind as narrow as the neck of a vinegar-cruet."

— Samuel Johnson, 1773, *Tour to the Hebrides. Sept. 30, 1773* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "This is the sum of good government, and this is necessary to close the circle of our felicities."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1801, *First Inaugural Address*

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

5. "We need ideals that can be followed in daily life, that can be translated into terms of the home."

— Calvin Coolidge, 1926, *State of the Union Address*

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

6. "When a cow is lost it is something to recover its tail, were it only to make a handle for one's door."

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

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