

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 209

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: K = O

Medium · 77 letters

S O S U K Q A R C J H W I F A O K
 C S W E C K C J U S O S Q C S U
 B K E T H O K X T H T A T J U T G
 I H K W S O J U U K K Q J U C T
 U C J A A N C K K U 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

2. Clue: X = A

Medium · 77 letters

K G X R N B V R I X F F H G G N ,

X A Y J E R A S X F

K G X R N B V R I , X A Y F E V N

X F J E R A S , X A Y S X J X F

F E V N , X A Y B A A E Q G A N X F

S X 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

3. Clue: J = E

Medium · 77 letters

K F J R J T Y H L K J E

W J B J E P J K F J S G J U B J G

H E K F H G J R F H D G J K F J S

V U U, J B J E K F H D P F K F J Q

N J S H W J Z H R J W L D U.

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: M = O

Medium · 77 letters

Q A Q Y A S C P M U U M B

R M B H C L M J V E E U C B, S M R

V U M B X Y M U V B G U Q E E Q M B

M J J V P C Y A S C L C Y S M K E H

W C B M B C V E Q Z 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

5. Clue: U = E

Medium · 78 letters

H O U C O Q Y J Q M W Z A Z Z J U

L M H O U F A Y I N B U L I N

Z Y L L G N R T Q H F A F H L

H O U F U B Y U H L I H O U

T U B O N M Q B F L I H O U F G 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

6. Clue: Q = E

Hard · 78 letters

X Q T W O P Q E P Q B J P R
R P A Q K Z R W B P K V Q O P A Q
F M K D Q O P T Q M O W K Q R I
D Q B Q K R O V P S ,
T R J Q K M P V R B , M B J
C M P V Q B Z Q .

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 only harmful to him who has it in his power to be released from it as soon as he shall choose."

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

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

2. "Beautiful as sweet, And young as beautiful, and soft as young, And gay as soft, and innocent as gay!"

— *Edward Young, 1745, Night Thoughts, Night III. Line 81 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "The weak often revenge themselves on those who use them ill, even though they be more powerful."

— *Aesop, 1867, Aesop's Fables (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)*

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

4. "It is the common wonder of all men, how among so many million of faces there should be none alike."

— *Sir Thomas Browne, 1643, Religio Medici, Part II. Sect. II (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "The whirling bubble on the surface of a brook admits us to the secret of the mechanics of the sky."

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

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

6. "We must extend to other countries the largest measure of generosity, moderation, and patience."

— *Calvin Coolidge, 1928, State of the Union Address*

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