

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 217

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 = E

Medium · 81 letters

Z W K L N A H B Y L N N B S K B Z

J E Z W K R F I , M B V

B N S W K O K V H V M G H V K ;

R N T Z C I R W K S M R Y N H B Y

J E , M B V M R Z M O N O Z S N

G K R H V K .

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: Q = E

Medium · 82 letters

N Y S Q V N D Q H A N Y F C Q
 X B F Q D I ! L Q F N Y S Q V N D Q !
 B Y R F C Q X B Z Q I E N H Y R
 E Q Y Q B F C V Q B I B I F Q Q R
 F C B F G Y N X I C P I D P R Q 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

3. Clue: O = T

Easy · 82 letters

N J P Z V O Q K F N U J O J U B Q
 O K V R G Z S Z B V H V M T O O K V
 F M N J B T O V E T O Q J W
 R G J O V P O Z U H Z O N V B W
 F U E Z O N Z U E Z S Z E T F B N .

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 = I

Easy · 82 letters

Y S S Y Q L U F Q O X K Q

U G W N Q O O U S Y S R

O B W Q N U S N U X M X S X K Q

U Y O X U X B X U S Y, C K U V K K Q

G B O X L U F Q C K S C U T T

N Q R S N G U X.

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

Hard · 82 letters

O Y X R Z P R T B Z Y T W U

C N X B P U T O Y G P Y U X ,

J N R P U K U X Z N T L U L P Y T P

T A A P Y U T K G Z P A U Z

M G N A L Y T W U L G B U T Z

P Y U F L R 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

6. Clue: N = O

Medium · 82 letters

X Y X K O N T D X E G N C

Y M X O Q K Y N V O R T C Q N

W M I O Q T, I O R O N Q N N R

G N C Y M X O Q K Y N K V L K X K Y

X O W N O K T Z V T O W T N G

W M I O Q 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

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 moving moon went up the sky, And nowhere did abide; Softly she was going up, And a star or two beside."

— Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1798, *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, Part IV* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Once more upon the waters! yet once more! And the waves bound beneath me as a steed that knows his rider."

— Lord Byron, 1816, *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage, Canto III, Stanza 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Society has not only the privilege but the absolute duty of protecting itself and its individuals."

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

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

4. "No one gives the impression of superiority to the institution, which he must give who will reform it."

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

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

5. "Christians have burnt each other, quite persuaded that all the Apostles would have done as they did."

— Lord Byron, 1819, *Don Juan, Canto I. Stanza 83* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "It is no evil for things to undergo change, and no good for things to subsist in consequence of change."

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

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