

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 218

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: U = A

Easy · 82 letters

U B X K U O R P F M U M T D

S T L X H T K U H H P U Y T P O

X H R T H M J U M D J T K U W

J U C T U O U E E T M P M T L X H

D V S K P D D P X O

U L M T H B U H R 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

2. Clue: G = T

Medium · 82 letters

P E G M H G M H C Y E C N C B Y

A C Q H Y O T H O G

T W F C Y S G S H Z Y B V H , P B G

G M S Z Y S A M G S Z O C G W O

W Y P S G Y W Y E C Y

B O V S T S G H R C O 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: O = I

Medium · 83 letters

O Q O A V J Q S O Q Q P U Q O

A P J G N Z C O E D F B A D N S

Y U O V , S J X O P U E D V D E D X

O V Q D V Q O J V U N N B C O E D V

Y U O V D E D V Q J U V J Q P D 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

4. Clue: U = E

Hard · 83 letters

X T N U A R M D V M P U R M T U

Z A N V F U Y A ; E B V V Z X U V

V I U A B Y Y H M Y B U Z A M

W Z S S Z B O B F V I M H U

F Z O U E Z Q S V Z Q N H N Q U N V

J N V 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: E = T

Medium · 83 letters

E V N T M S Y V X M Y B Z C V A T E

 E Y I A K I N K X N T W M L V A C E ,

 N T Z L Q P N E M E Q P P J P M

 Y S K N B B P V J L V A E A L M H J

 N E Q Y W M N T Z N V E M .

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: A = E

Easy · 83 letters

A R A Y W A Q U D O

H Y F O H A G B D R A F T O F S A

F B C A Y A Q U , N C D G C D O

X Z O F B A S H F Y X Y W ; X

Y F L Q U X Q U T D Q X Z

O L G G A O O Q F N C A Y A .

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 wordsOF 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 woman dictates before marriage in order that she may have an appetite for submission afterwards."

— *George Eliot, 1872, Middlemarch*

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

2. "By the theory of our Government majorities rule, but this right is not an arbitrary or unlimited one."

— *James K. Polk, 1845, Inaugural Address*

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

3. "It is not fit that I should give myself pain, for I have never intentionally given pain even to another."

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

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

4. "Grief can take care of itself; but to get the full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with."

— *Mark Twain, 1897, Following the Equator*

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

5. "Transforms old print to zigzag manuscript, and cheats the eyes of gallery critics by a thousand arts."

— *William Cowper, 1785, The Task, Book II. The Timepiece. Line 363 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "Every end is prospective of some other end, which is also temporary; a round and final success nowhere."

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

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