

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 223

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: D = E

Easy · 85 letters

X Y B L H B W N D Q O L A D

D E H R W D X I C L A D W B K D ,

L A X L O W Q E X N A D K O L A D

H W D Y R Q B N C R X C D E

N L Q K D , X I C H B L R L R I

A R N H Q Y U D 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

2. Clue: D = E

Easy · 85 letters

V Q J H M , W V J E C F J I I

P Y D F J P P I D Y V Q D , J E C

F J I I P Y D F J P P I D Y V Q D ,

J E C F J I I P Y D F J P P I D

Y V Q D , J F H V B B P Y D

B J E C B V ' C D 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: B = I

Easy · 85 letters

B H Q B Y R H D Y R W E . B

V B U U Y N E R S I B J N A H E R ;

B V B U U Y N E R M A I W R ; B

V B U U Y N E D R E D R H E H

W B Y F U R B Y A P ; H Y G B

V B U U Z R P R H D 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: G = E

Medium · 86 letters

Y R G X Q X G F J U X O J U X W

R U W H B Q H G B J O O U O D M G

U X I U V G , R G M Q G W X Q O

I Q X T J V O G B G C O G B X J I W .

Y R J O Y Q D I M K Q D R J A G , Q

F J 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: A = O

Easy · 86 letters

R Z D A N D A H S F I A J F A
 W S O Q T S F I S T S Y S X P A C
 U X J A T A U D A B R A Q W P X N W
 W A S C C S O F Q X P X W F I S R T
 W F T R O F O A D W F T Q O F R A 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

6. Clue: Q = E

Medium · 86 letters

E O X G V N O G V E L Z Z E O Q W Q
 Q D J Q X S Q Y H Q W B Q O L R Q
 Q Y Z L X N Q I G V X U X Q Q I G C ,
 B Q O L R Q W E X Q Y N E O Q Y Q I
 G V X S Y I Q J Q Y I Q Y H 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. "A cutpurse of the empire and the rule, That from a shelf the precious diadem stole, And put it in his pocket!"

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act III. Sc. 4 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "O Mary, go and call the cattle home, And call the cattle home, And call the cattle home, Across the sands o' Dee!"

— Charles Kingsley, 1858, *Poems*, *The Sands of Dee* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "I am in earnest. I will not equivocate; I will not excuse; I will not retreat a single inch; and I will be heard!"

— William Lloyd Garrison, 1831, *Salutatory of the Liberator*, Jan. 1, 1831 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "When one maintains his proper attitude in life, he does not long after externals. What would you have, O man?"

— Epictetus, 108, *Discourses* (recorded by Arrian), Chap. XXI (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "I know no method to secure the repeal of bad or obnoxious laws so effectual as their strict construction."

— Ulysses S. Grant, 1869, *From the Inaugural Address*, March 4, 1869 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Throughout all these experiences we have enlarged our freedom, we have strengthened our independence."

— Calvin Coolidge, 1925, *Inaugural Address*

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