

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 231

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: I = E

Hard · 93 letters

H X I I K G I Z H F M Z N F M C

Y Q B I Q L H X I L F E Y

B H F H I, H X I D T F B B Q L

L F B X E Q M F M C H X I R Q J T C

Q L L Q Y R, H X I Q V B I Y S I C

Q L F T T Q V B I Y S I Y B!

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: I = E

Easy · 93 letters

T H T Y H E S L Q J E H E I T S

B L H P I T B J V Q U U L V

H E I X Y I U C I Y H E O H H E I M

K O B O V V L S W H L Y I I X

F L S B O B W B L H O R R I O S

B I F O B W K L X R U I H 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

3. Clue: S = E

Medium · 94 letters

R D S L S C N O Y I M I L P C F

N S Y W - B C N E L O C N S ; O F B

C F T O L B

N S Y W - B C N E O L O U S Q S F R

O W W Z L B N R Z

Q S B C R O R C A S N E Y S S F O

U L O R S W I Y W S O N R .

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: S = T

Medium · 94 letters

J I B A L G P N S Z F S

P E P N W S Z L B K U Z L J Z

Z F Y Y P B A , Z F Y Y P B A

C M A S D W , F B G L T S Z I M

I V A P N E P A S J F N P T M D D W ,

S Z I M U L D S T L B G L S S I

V P A 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: Z = E

Medium · 94 letters

O K R Z W F O W Y X Y V Z Q

V C Z W Z P Y S W Z Q Z R X G F W

S M M Q Z W Z B F M P V P U S M

Z H P M Y P K V C Z Y F O K R

Y Z K Y Z S K R Y F D Z W

L O R E Q Z K V F G V C Z

B Z F B M 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

6. Clue: W = T

Easy · 94 letters

A Y U A K V W W U Y T W R

E T P Y I Q W V T P Q T K W A S T H ,

V W W A S I W R F T K U Q

T K W A S T H , V T P V W O K I W R

A V Q T K W A S T H , U S N N

N Y V P V U I Y W X A Y P K N P

V H 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

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 expectancy and rose of the fair state, The glass of fashion and the mould of form, The observed of all observers!"

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act III. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "It is through their not being full of themselves that they can afford to seem worn and not appear new and complete."

— Laozi, 1891, *Tao Te Ching* (James Legge translation, 1891)

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

3. "There is a luxury in self-dispraise; And inward self-disparagement affords to meditative spleen a grateful feast."

— William Wordsworth, 1814, *The Excursion*, Book IV (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Consider that everything which happens, happens justly, and if thou observest carefully, thou wilt find it to be so."

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

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

5. "Under our system there is a remedy for all mere political evils in the sound sense and sober judgment of the people."

— James Buchanan, 1857, *Inaugural Address*

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

6. "He who at twenty understands nothing, at thirty knows nothing, and at forty has nothing, will lead a wretched old age."

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

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