

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 233

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: S = E

Medium · 95 letters

P E D G Z O S N B S O I B F B H Z C ,

U M B R Z X O F C B Z O S S B

F C V O F N B S X F C V O F L S

G X Z M G E U S C S F B E E H N

R Z Z B , F C V N Z U S

I S V S N B F T S V H C

B X H M O I E ?

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: K = E

Easy · 95 letters

Y U P L X T H X Z P U A X H S

B K K V B U O V T X S V Z B Z

E K Q V K Q W K , T Q H R K

K T O V Y S Q E K Q E S R X K ! Y U P

L X T H P U A X H X T Z B K

H U P Q T E S Q B Z B U V Y K O ' E

X T 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

3. Clue: L = E

Easy · 95 letters

J F J R G R F Q G K P L

A L R J Q L , F H R L L M Z H B L Q

G K A F H W H R L W J C L Q F E :

H Q F H R L L M Z H B L Q H Y L Q

H F S L Q R , G K A F H W H R L

Z H B L Q H Y L Q G D G K ' R

R L W 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: F = N

Easy · 95 letters

Q G S M S U I F Y Q G U F V

Z G U P G G B I X S Q L S S F

P Y F Q M U K S A L X J B F L X

Z G U P G I Y J T P G

G B H H U F S I I U I

H M Y A T P S A B I L X B V Y Y A

Q B K S M F Y M U F F .

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 = T

Easy · 95 letters

Z Y R C D R Z D A Z Y R

N A Z J M Z H R T R A F R Z Y N O

M D K N J A N H O H D S B R N

O R M J L H S X Z M D V R D K

Y J M C D M Z R A J Z F N Z

B R N M Z U D X B O

N U U D V C B J M Y J 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: O = E

Medium · 95 letters

P N I O L J W O J S N G S U O

Y O N Y D O , Z F S U O Y O N Y D O ,

G N L S U O Y O N Y D O T X D D

Y O L X C U G L N W S U O G K V O

N G S U O O K L S U X G

Z L X Z O L F X C S N D O L K S 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

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. "Why comes temptation, but for man to meet and master and make crouch beneath his foot, And so be pedestaled in triumph?"

— Robert Browning, 1869, *The Ring and the Book, The Pope. Line 1185* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "How gladly would I meet Mortality my sentence, and be earth Insensible! how glad would lay me down as in my mother's lap!"

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost, Book X. Line 775* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "It is a strange desire, to seek power and to lose liberty: or to seek power over others, and to lose power over a man's self."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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

4. "There is nothing which has yet been contrived by man by which so much happiness is produced as by a good tavern or inn."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell). Vol. VI. Chap. III. 1776* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "The poet or the artist never yet had so fair and noble a design but some of his posterity at least could accomplish it."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

6. "Government of the people, by the people, for the people will perish from the face of the earth if bribery is tolerated."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1903, *Third Annual Message to Congress*

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