

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 236

6 puzzles · Large 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 = O

Medium · 97 letters

C V P L P R K B I Z W B

S I C V W M L I B Q , O I L

C V P M L I B Q ' K K W D P ;

A G C C V P L P A J C I

E G L X V W K P V R Z K P F O

E L I O R C , I L

E F P W K G L P , I L

V I B I L , I L C V P

F R D P .

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: Z = E

Medium · 97 letters

E Q Y Z V Z Q V J Z

E M F J J Q M A I Z

K H D C Z O E Z J D P Z F

V D J J ; A I Z R A O F C Z J

Q H A I O Q K W I A I Z

M Q O J G , J D P Z

E Y D J D H W D Y F W Z E

V K E I Z G N O Q Y

T Z I D H 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

3. Clue: D = N

Medium · 97 letters

D S W I R D Z K H D U S Y F

M Y S U S W F W I F

M F Y U H D F D W

A F T O H Y F S O W I F

D H W R S D H D C

D S W I R D Z A S P T C V F

U S Y F Z Y H W F O P T W S

S P Y K S D G W R W P F D W 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: C = A

Easy · 98 letters

Y C V L C I V R Z Y C T M

I R D C P H M D U Y F M T

C V T P R F O I Z F O Z

Z A C Z A M Y O I Z I M M G

Z R V C P P R L A U I

L R P D T, C V T L C D D U V

C I N C X M I O X A C I

Q U Z Z M T A U 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

5. Clue: W = E

Easy · 98 letters

K H Q V N F W T H Z W H O

S N O O N Z W J N H O G W

R K E E N I Q E E O G W

E K I W Q H J E K S W T O M

N I W F W T M

K H J K F K J P Q E

D K O K L W H S W D N Z W

K H O W T W U O K H V O N

Q E 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

6. Clue: B = N

Medium · 98 letters

Y B I M H E E U B Y G U B

W C R , T Q X F

Q S G U X H Y H M Z U D Y Q C

I B E N I Z Z Q B V

M Y H B E , X F '

Q B W U Z B I C E Y Y Z M ,

I B E Y B X F U Q Z

F Q B V U M V Z I X U

F I Z M F X F H B E U 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

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. "There is no man doth a wrong, for the wrong's sake; but thereby to purchase himself profit, or pleasure, or honor, or the like."

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

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

2. "Some people swallow the universe like a pill; they travel on through the world, like smiling images pushed from behind."

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, *Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

3. "Nothing can more promote the permanent welfare of the nation and nothing would be more grateful to our constituents."

— George Washington, 1794, *Sixth Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "Man was not made so large limbed and robust but that he must seek to narrow his world, and wall in a space such as fitted him."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

5. "In a government bottomed on the will of all the life and liberty of every individual citizen become interesting to all."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1805, *Fifth Annual Message to Congress*

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

6. "On a sudden open fly, With impetuous recoil and jarring sound, Th' infernal doors,
and on their hinges grate Harsh thunder."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book II. Line 879 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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