

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 238

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: N = T

Medium · 99 letters

V N V Q Q V B B X L S

X L P, S L U N K Z U Z V Q

L I B X L I Z N K V I A V I

N K Z T L U B J T L U Q Z

N K W I G Z V I A N W B H Z J

W G L P N, W I J N K W N V Q

I L N G Z V I A N W B H Z J

W G L P 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

2. Clue: I = E

Medium · 99 letters

S I V I Q Z G I K W R

M I C J I W N I

F V R A M I E G R Q R Z V

Y R E E R L S I M Q C V I W R

A I G R M J I K A U W N I

S B L K G R Q Y N C L Y I

C L K W N I

N Z V V B Y C L I G R Q

K B G C G W I V .

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: J = O

Easy · 99 letters

O I A Q U Y T I J C A

Z U L O H C O U P A Y U Y N

T I J N J A C Y J O T U H O

B J L C J K H A O V H Y

U Y V O I H Y M, I U C U

Z J T A L T I H K I

C J K H A O V K U Y Y J O

K I J J C A E G O B A A 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 = T

Easy · 99 letters

U B R X R U B P D A X W H R

D C U O C H U B R Q R X U ,

D C H W X P U B P D V

U B R L C F A B U U C Q R ;

Q F U X U P T T U B R L

W H R Q R U U R H U B W D

U B W U M B P N B P X

E C M D H P A B U Q W 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

5. Clue: N = E

Hard · 99 letters

X N L V F A I S N F V K N

Q F Z Q T Q Z B V Y H ; H W

V K N M B S M C Q F H ; E B O

N T N K I M B S M C Q F Q F

O D N L Q N Y Z J W N H

O D K W B J D N T N K I

M W Q F O W L M B S M C Q F

D Q H O W K 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

6. Clue: A = E

Medium · 100 letters

N I M X Y A M G Q L T O A

H Q I N A C A Q E

M X L V Y S I G V X I H

V L X G I V L O

G V X A Q A M X L V Y

S L X Q G I X G M N G M X F A

A H H I Q X X I A K X A V Y

I B Q H I Q A G D V

P I N N A Q P 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 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. "It is silly of you, for there is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

2. "We refused to leave the problems of our common welfare to be solved by the winds of chance and the hurricanes of disaster."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1937, *Second Inaugural Address*

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

3. "The man whose part is taken and who does not wait for society in anything, has a power which society cannot choose but feel."

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

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

4. "These things are not for the best, nor as I think they ought to be; but still they are better than that which is downright bad."

— Plautus, 194 BC, *Trinummus*, Act II. Sc. 2, 111. (392) (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "We fancy men are individuals; so are pumpkins; but every pumpkin in the field goes through every point of pumpkin history."

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

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

6. "Most desirable from every standpoint of national interest and patriotism is the effort to extend our foreign commerce."

— William McKinley, 1897, *First Annual Message to Congress*

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