

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 24

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: E = H

Medium · 41 letters

I E R E C A E R J I E R N R V V

C K E Y O A, I E R K E J C V V R J

C I K M Y O T K.

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: N = S

Expert · 41 letters

N R W O G C G C T E O W N E

M G N Z L W M N O C M

K C S I X O N G C T N E O W S 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

3. Clue: O = D

Hard · 41 letters

D K K O V L M O C B K F V O M K U

Q A X F J U U A O E K W L Q L O

V L M O V K W O .

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: T = E

Hard · 41 letters

W Q T Q T G D I L Y X O T U W Q T

J X W T G L T K X B U T Q T

K X I I D W U J F O .

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: F = E

Hard · 41 letters

R H R D O R K H , V N F A X E N V

O X D D B A G Y F V G U F V N F

F J B F P X F M 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

6. Clue: V = T

Medium · 41 letters

V A F W Z Q Q P E F L B E V

S O Z B P C Z V A C Y V F O V A Y V

A Y L X Y L L F 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

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 higher the bell is hung, the shriller it sounds."

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

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

2. "Straining harsh discords and unpleasing sharps."

— *William Shakespeare, 1595, Romeo and Juliet, Act III. Sc. 5 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Good land should not be quitted for a bad landlord."

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

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

4. "The heron blames the water because he cannot swim."

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

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

5. "As always, the right will prove to be the expedient."

— *Woodrow Wilson, 1917, State of the Union Address*

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

6. "The mill does not grind with water that has passed."

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

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