

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 245

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: M = E

Medium · 107 letters

V B M F P Q M V B N V B M

M C J M H R D G P Q

P V B M Q D , V B M F P Q M

R P M D B M J P D D M D D

P G B S D P K H ; V B M

F P Q M V B N V B M

L S X M D V P P V B M Q D ,

V B M F P Q M R P M D B M

B N X M B S F D M A 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

2. Clue: J = A

Medium · 107 letters

X V S J E R X J E R J

F G S V A D J A C V Y

G Y Y V D X D G Z L E D G M J

N J M X J S V L R X V Y

B J X E G R A G E R

F G J Q E R T K E X I

F E Y Y G D E R T

S G X I V F M, J N J M X

J S V L R X V Y

I L S E Q E X 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: P = E

Medium · 107 letters

V P R C P Y A Q Y P Z R P

G R Z B D P E G R C

H S G B B P E Z R P

G R Z B D P E ; G R C V P R

K Q Y D B Z E G Q Y P

B D P V Y P S U P Y G N Z U P

Z R P G R Z B D P E , G R C

I E Z L I D N P H Z E P Z R P

G R Z B D P 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

4. Clue: G = T

Easy · 108 letters

S Q W L G U G T M C ,

S Q W L G U G T M C ,

S Q W L G U G T M C ! M E , T

E U K Q X M Z G P R

S Q W L G U G T M C ! T

E U K Q X M Z G G E Q

T P P M S G U X W U S G M I

P R Z Q X I , U C H V E U G

S Q P U T C Z T Z

N Q Z G T U 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

5. Clue: P = E

Easy · 108 letters

P M X P G Z G Y J P J F V

X K P K Y Q K P J X

Y E Z F G X N M H P X F F A G

E F G N R N M T

E N X P G Y N R

D P R R - W P Y M Q A M Y X P

A J N M T F V V P G

N E Z R P P E Z R F U E P M X

F V F A G W P J X

Z F D P G J .

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: F = T

Medium · 108 letters

U P F R Y G P Y F K G P F K

Y K S B W U

B J F P G S K R G Y P F X W F

X W G A K J I W J M

W Q Q P S F B K J

Z B F X K R F Z X B S X

U B N P G F I W J M P T P J

U B Q P B F Y P U Q W G P

N R F M G P W G I

F X B J V 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 more that he expends for others, the more does he possess of his own; the more that he gives to others, the more does he have himself."

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

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

2. "To maintain a democracy of effort requires a vast amount of patience in dealing with differing methods, a vast amount of humility."

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

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

3. "Men despise one another and flatter one another; and men wish to raise themselves above one another, and crouch before one another."

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

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

4. "Reputation, reputation, reputation! Oh, I have lost my reputation! I have lost the immortal part of myself, and what remains is bestial."

— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Othello, Act II. Sc. 3* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Enterprises of the highest importance to our moral and material well-being unite us and offer ample employment of our best powers."

— James A. Garfield, 1881, *Inaugural Address*

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

6. "Let us restore to social intercourse that harmony and affection without which liberty and even life itself are but dreary things."

— *Thomas Jefferson, 1801, First Inaugural Address*

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