

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 247

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: A = E

Medium · 110 letters

W T , P W X G V J W X O Q A E S T A

 N A G W V J W D A O A C J F C B P A

 B M V N X H Q P W D T A C D B P A ,

 J W X ' V V C W R B S A B C ;

 H A A Q M F N W C A T B C N W M J

 Q M T A C Y C Q F T S A J A

 S T B M M W E J W X T A B 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

2. Clue: I = N

Easy · 111 letters

Z P K M K Z R M I X Y M K Y

Z P A R X Y I T U A V T H I

K B A I A D H B L K I K U H Z X ,

Y I T H I U H I H Z K V J D A M K

H I M K T R B Z H A I A U

X R U U K M H I E Y I T

W M A D A Z H A I A U P R D Y I

P Y W W H I K X 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

3. Clue: C = T

Medium · 111 letters

C K R I R Q V X N L Z R V P V L

Q K N , L N C U R O L H V U M R C N

W O L Y V L E N C K R I W V B M C

Q O C K K O X Z N V M ,

Z N P F M V O L R Y C K V C

C K R I R Q R I R C N N P V L E

F I R K O X C N I O Z C N V Y X O L

O 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

4. Clue: P = E

Easy · 112 letters

I P E W H F F Y W P S P U W A Z A Y

Y W P O H O P P U H K D F P T X H

C O P H Y S H Y A T S ,

H Z T N S G A S C A S H F F Y W P

K P H S E T X W H D D A S P E E

H S G E P L N O A Y J ,

H F Y T C P Y W P O X O P P X O T K

G P Z 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: G = I

Easy · 112 letters

R K B K X L E I X S N K K B P G B

B E X B B E K C K C G L X B G P S

G N G S E G N P M S E K X Q B ,

B E K E G J E O A Q O P N K P V

B E K S X B G P S G S E G N P M S

I G S C , Q A R K Q P V E G N P M S

M G R R X S C C K N G Q 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

6. Clue: V = T

Hard · 113 letters

G B Q T W C O T R X O K Z V V O X

V B Z T U O T V V L R T V B

M Q F W O , K Z V V O X K B X

O D O S Q V Z B T V L R T K B X

S B Q T N O J , R T F K Z V V O X

K B X T O P Y X B M O S V N V L R T

K B X N O V V J O F I Q N Z T O N 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

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. "Oh, could you view the melody of every grace and music of her face, You'd drop a tear; Seeing more harmony in her bright eye than now you hear."

— Richard Lovelace, 1649, *Orpheus to Beasts* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "The returns are a thousand fold in economic benefits, and infinitely more in reduction of suffering and promotion of human happiness."

— Herbert Hoover, 1929, *Inaugural Address*

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

3. "There was once a man who, not being able to find any other fault with his coal, complained that there were too many prehistoric toads in it."

— Mark Twain, 1894, *The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson*

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

4. "We shall then exhibit the rare example of a great nation, abounding in all the means of happiness and security, altogether free from debt."

— Andrew Jackson, 1831, *Third Annual Message to Congress*

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

5. "Let each man see to it that the dedication is in his own heart, the high purpose of the nation in his own mind, ruler of his own will and desire."

— Woodrow Wilson, 1917, *Second Inaugural Address*

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

6. "Young men are fitter to invent than to judge, fitter for execution than for counsel, and fitter for new projects than for settled business."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *Essays, Of Youth and Age* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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