

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 250

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: B = T

Easy · 117 letters

T B T J A W J J T D U Y B W

T G I Y G B S M W X J Y J B T U U

C W E Y Q W G I Y G T Y G B S G F

U X L X E T W X J B M S G N Y

M S I Y, N M T Q M H Y B S U U

N W X U F S F C T B B M S B C S G

Q W X U F G W B S R R W E F B W

A S H R 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

2. Clue: Z = E

Medium · 118 letters

C B Z F C Z G Z D F V S E Q H J I ,

C Z O H U Y V Y Q U L Z R V B Z

W J S V , V B Z F I U D C V B Z

G S I Z J ; D F I C B Z F C Z Y Z Z

V B Z O H N Q U Z S O V B Z

B S Q Y Z , V B Z F G Q Y V C Z

U D V Z V B Z A S Y V S O V B Z

Z U Z A V H S F .

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: K = E

Easy · 118 letters

D F K S K G M . . . M O G M G I I

S N C K F D W G M F A W M ; M O G M

C K G F K G E E N A Z M G P I K

R N F D M W K U K F E D W K ;

M O G M R F N T M O K S K N S I K

G Z Q R N F M O K S K N S I K

G I I W S F D Z J W , G Z Q G I I

T A W M K U D W M .

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: Q = E

Easy · 118 letters

D Y F Q K A D K G A K W A G

Z A J Q K Y W Q Y B J A B E Y Z E R

Y A B W Q K Q U I C K E Z N B

V D B C F D B I , C Y F ,

W A K Q A J Q K , C

G D Y F C W Q Y B C U C Y F

Y Q P Q R R C K I F D B I E G C

W C Y E R B A V Q C Z A A F

P E B E S Q 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: Y = E

Easy · 118 letters

H C H E Q G E W V A Y A H V

R Y Y E M O K E P H L Y F Y O B

N O Y Z Y W G E P V L H P Y K Q

A G V Z H O Y Y O , K E S B L K

W Y W I Z Y L A Y

H V L K E G V A G E P

Z K E Z S I V G K E L A H L A Y G V

H L S H V L Y E L G O Y S B

O G P A L .

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 = N

Medium · 120 letters

X F L Y X F E U H Y Q Q T Q S

F T O X T F M I W S V U, Y F S

K U F S T W D H T F M H X U F H U

O T T W D S U Y Q X F V; O N U

O U F H T A A Y F S A U F O M

E X Q Q F T O K W S V U, Y F S

M O U Y Q X F V E X Q Q

H T F O X F W U M O U Y Q X F 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

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 possible to invent a house still more convenient and luxurious than we have, which yet all would admit that man could not afford to pay for."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

2. "When we mean to build, We first survey the plot, then draw the model; And when we see the figure of the house, Then must we rate the cost of the erection."

— William Shakespeare, 1598, *King Henry IV, Part II, Act I. Sc. 3* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "I repeat . . . that all power is a trust; that we are accountable for its exercise; that from the people and for the people all springs, and all must exist."

— Benjamin Disraeli, 1826, *Vivian Grey, Book VI. Chap. VII* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Under our form of government voting is not merely a right but a duty, and, moreover, a fundamental and necessary duty if a man is to be a good citizen."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1907, *Seventh Annual Message to Congress*

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

5. "A man finds he has been wrong at every preceding stage of his career, only to deduce the astonishing conclusion that he is at last entirely right."

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

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

6. "In vain we call old notions fudge, And bend our conscience to our dealing; The Ten Commandments will not budge, And stealing will continue stealing."

— James Russell Lowell, 1885, *Motto of the American Copyright League* (written Nov. 20, 1885) (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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