

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 251

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: V = E

Easy · 121 letters

V I V W P E J O L Y B N V

G D L T S V W Q C J B V E A T V ,

F J T T V S N L Y G Q S P , B Q

B N V K Q S N V Z Q W Y N L A Y ,

J C B V W J Y B P T V A D W V T P

N L Y Q Z O , O Q W F J O N V

K V B Q C C G P N J E E V W L O K

E J W G T V L O Y B V J S .

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: F = E

Medium · 121 letters

B E F X F J Z K Z Q X B Q W

N F K N - K S J C F , E K L A G F I F N

U F Q U S F K T Q H B , P E Q K X F

Z L K X L F S I L Q G Z L J Q H Z

Q W S J C J G Y F O L F U B J G

B E F F O F X L J Z F Q W Z Q V F

L Q G C F G B J Q G K S

Q L L H U K B J Q 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

3. Clue: W = E

Medium · 121 letters

J M K Y W P W D K V I

C V D D J P T W N V A T Z D K Y W

Q Y U K W U F V I

O V M D W J X M W F A K Y W

P U A V M N U D K Y W O V D K

P W U F K J I F T V I

Q Y U K W U F H, U M Z O U Z U O W

K Y W P W D K V I C V D D J P T W

P U A V M W D D W D.

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: X = E

Easy · 122 letters

L J X G Y L F M R L M K P R H L J X

G X R G A X , Z M F X T L X Z D W Y

Z X X G T R U S M T L M R U R H

L J X M P G R F L Y U T X R H L J X

N U M R U , G F R Z N T X Z

P N L N Y A T R U T X K K M R U

Y U Z F X T M G F R T Y A

H R F D X Y F Y U T 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: X = E

Easy · 123 letters

H U U G J Q Q J B I U Z Z L J W T N

J W Z L X C S V U G H V X N I V X

Z S H V J N X Q V S D H

M V X P J S I N N Z H Z X J W

C L J B L Z L X F C X V X X H N F ,

H W G H U U T V X H Z Z L J W T N

Q V S D S W X J W C L J B L

Z L X F C X V X N D H U U .

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: Y = O

Easy · 123 letters

J R J W J G Y S B T Y M Z B R Y
 L K F Z G Y Y T J G J Y G K E Y S R
 K R L J G H , K G P G Y R R Y E Z
 P J W R S B E Z P J G Y S B
 W Y S V ; C Y B R L J G H W
 R L Z O W Z V F Z W L K F Z G Y
 G K R S B K V T Y M Z B R Y C Y B O
 Y S B N S P H O Z G R W .

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. "Every man is the builder of a temple, called his body, to the god he worships, after a style purely his own, nor can he get off by hammering marble instead."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

2. "There is a sort of dead-alive, hackneyed people about, who are scarcely conscious of living except in the exercise of some conventional occupation."

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

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

3. "In the best of possible worlds the chateau of monseigneur the baron was the most beautiful of chateaux, and madame the best of possible baronesses."

— Voltaire, 1759, *Candide, Chap. I* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The patriotism of the people, directed by a deep conviction of the importance of the Union, produced mutual concession and reciprocal forbearance."

— Andrew Jackson, 1830, *Second Annual Message to Congress*

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

5. "All difficult things in the world are sure to arise from a previous state in which they were easy, and all great things from one in which they were small."

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

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

6. "It is in our power to have no opinion about a thing, and not to be disturbed in our soul; for things themselves have no natural power to form our judgments."

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

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