

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 252

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: Z = I

Easy · 123 letters

X L W L W D L X K O C K

K O Z I Y O Z G O R N M M I

K O L I K X Z J F I Z I

K O L K O Z J F Y O Z G O

Z I O Z A A L J Y Z K O Z J :

K O Z I Z I K O L R U Y L X

U T R L X I N C I Z U J ,

K O Z I Z I M Z T L ,

K O Z I , Z T U J L W C H

I U I C H , Z I W C 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

2. Clue: W = A

Easy · 125 letters

W X X T S S T J W D P J ;

D Y W D M R , V Y P C W

S W C M R , W R D Y P N

R W N ,

W X X T S S T J W D P J ; T Q

V Y P C W S W C M R ,

F P M C O , V Y P Q P F N W '

S W N F P D Y T A O Y D D T

F P W X X T S S T J W D P J , -

V Y M X Y M R W C

P G X P U U P C D D Y M C 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

3. Clue: T = E

Medium · 125 letters

U G R E G S P V Y U P Y G S

E T G P M Y O M Q Y R E V,

W N R Q K O T W M T G Y R W

O M U W P Q T W N T U O

P V Y L R N S; E T

A P N B T Y V R K P G M V T,

P V Y E T N P M U T Y V R K

P U K R V T, F X K E T

G T W K O M Q P G R V T

E M K O O M U L G R N 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

4. Clue: B = E

Easy · 126 letters

C Z C G Z E B R J Z X W N

H A A K B U G W L G , I E B L

H N N H C U G H U B Z E B

P W G Z K U W G K B U W J G ,

Z E B L C L B G K B T C H A

Z W U B N A B T Z I C Z E C L

Z E B P G B A D B G C L

I E H Z I H X Z E B X H U B

Z W B L R J U B

H R D B U G C Z 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: H = O

Medium · 127 letters

H B J E Y T N N I H T F E

H P X N I S B K S

Q S J E M I T Q Q S J E H C J

I Y Z C F J T B F Y P I H U

J E Y B H S X R T B M

Y L J Y B X S G Y X F Y B Y

H P F I H Q M X Q S J E H C J

F H U N T B R, T B M

M S X X S N T J S H B

Q S J E H C J N Z Y T X C I 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

6. Clue: Z = E

Medium · 127 letters

O Q Z E T B Z G B W I F T R

I R Z E B - Z M G E M T F J

Y T U Y E Z , H Q T Y Q ,

B U G W I U T F J

T W X Z U Y Z X O T D E P

R W I E E , U L R Q Z R G F

I E E R T N Z R

G L O H I U N R O G F Z H

I F N E I U J Z U

Y T U Y E Z R , I F N O Q I O

H T O Q G L O Z F 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. "Remember that this which pulls the strings is the thing which is hidden within: this is the power of persuasion, this is life, this, if one may so say, is man."

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

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

2. "Accommodated; that is, when a man is, as they say, accommodated; or when a man is, being, whereby a' may be thought to be accommodated, - which is an excellent thing."

— *William Shakespeare, 1598, King Henry IV, Part II, Act III. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Slowly and sadly we laid him down, From the field of his fame fresh and gory; We carved not a line, and we raised not a stone, But we left him alone with his glory."

— *Charles Wolfe, 1817, The Burial of Sir John Moore after Corunna (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "It is the duty of all persons, when affairs are the most prosperous, then in especial to reflect within themselves in what way they are to endure adversity."

— *Terence, 161 BC, Phormio, Act II. Sc. 1, 11. (241) (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "On the approach of spring I withdraw without reluctance from the noisy and extensive scene of crowds without company, and dissipation without pleasure."

— *Edward Gibbon, 1796, Memoirs of My Life and Writings, Vol. I. p. 116 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "The life of man is a self-evolving circle, which, from a ring imperceptibly small, rushes on all sides outwards to new and larger circles, and that without end."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, Essays: First Series*

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