

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 253

5 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: E = T

Easy · 127 letters

T O L O L F O T E I I I P O Y O T W
 I X X U G Q I P H A Q X A R O U N G
 E A O O E I Y O V U E Q I P E I
 U B B R W E A Q G B T Q P X Q B R O ;
 P I E E A U E E A Q G Q G U
 L Q G K I T E S P O , F S E E A U E
 E I F O U T Q E P I F R W Q G
 C I I N K I T E S P 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

2. Clue: X = T

Medium · 128 letters

X P Y Z E F Y B E H G E C W U

V W N X P C W U F C X P

D J C O M W Y L L C L V Q F V N L

I J O P Z B C K Y G R N X P Y

Z E L L Y L L E B, V W G E H X Y W

F C X P E J X V W N

V X X Y W X C E W X E X P Y

C I Z Y B H Y O X C E W E H X P Y

Z Y B H E B I V W O 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

3. Clue: K = A

Medium · 128 letters

E Y S H Z I X R N E K R L I T

 J I E Y D J V G X E Y D V Y

 R D T S , K J N Y D V Y - R D M S N

 F I P B K J H , Z D E Y I E Y S W

 T K U Y D I J K G R S E I B D F U ,

 U X F Y K U B D F E X W S U ,

 E K U E S , U Y K L S U B S K W S ,

 K J N E Y S P X U D F K R

 V R K U U S 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

4. Clue: K = E

Easy · 128 letters

W G A T K D K L D I K

U F W S A F W S A T F A

Z L S G W C K S Z K N T W Z T

A T K M F O K K S A W A I K C A L

T F J K W S A T K U E K I J K E ,

W S K F Z T L A T K O , F S C W S

F U K O W Z F , F

Z L U G L O A F Q I K

D O L E D K O W A M N W I I

Z L S A W S B 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

5. Clue: K = E

Easy · 128 letters

W L L W K F Y W L O V K N Z Z L

M L P A Z Z R E Z K C K S U

A P S M K W O F V V A K

X R K K S N P V V U A L S W K

Z R E Z Q E U A K W K X K Y Y E S U

Z L Y P Y Z E F W L P S X F C F V

F W Y Z F Z P Z F L W Y L S

B P E S M L P S R L W L S L S

O K V N E S 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

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

Alphabetical order

T (don't) S (ittle) DE (velop) VE (lives) LL (m11) D (Id)

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Answer key

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1. "Remember too on every occasion which leads thee to vexation to apply this principle; not that this is a misfortune, but that to bear it nobly is good fortune."

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

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

2. "The power of doing anything with quickness is always much prized by the possessor, and often without any attention to the imperfection of the performance."

— *Jane Austen, 1813, Pride and Prejudice*

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

3. "They would talk of nothing but high life, and high-lived company, with other fashionable topics, such as pictures, taste, Shakespeare, and the musical glasses."

— *Oliver Goldsmith, 1765, The Hermit (Edwin and Angelina), Chap. IX (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "If the people maintain that confidence which they are entitled to have in themselves, in each other, and in America, a comfortable prosperity will continue."

— *Calvin Coolidge, 1927, State of the Union Address*

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

5. "No one is now left to doubt that every burden will be cheerfully borne that may be necessary to sustain our civil institutions or guard our honor or welfare."

— *Martin Van Buren, 1837, Inaugural Address*

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