

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 254

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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: P = E

Easy · 129 letters

I K P Z P M D C H M D N A W

M T I K M D S P G A T N

I K P Z X Y P D A Q

O K G D M B . C W C T ' D

A H T A S D P Z R C I M A T ,

H K C I K P Q M T N D

L A A N A Q C T N H K C I

K P Q M T N D K X Z I A Q ,

M D I K P S P D I

O K G D M B I A

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: N = E

Medium · 130 letters

K G K L B D L J B D U I N

C J S R N , X V N S N K B

W K B T G , S N F A U I K R G ,

J B Z N P F N S D S G V J Q N

C D S G D P J B E J T N G

F I J E N Z L V N K S

F J S L G , J B Z L D

X V K R V L V N X V D I N

Q J G L A B K Q N S G N

G N S Q N G C D S J

L V N J L S 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

3. Clue: R = E

Easy · 130 letters

H N X I H D B I O A R D O R I

H N R D U X O H I X A D H

W U P M B, K P X H N R

C U N W R B H D B

T R N C R O X R B K G

B R V N R R I, K G U C X R D

Q H D B M A D V H D B

T U M A I Q A D V, H I

K R H N I M R A I P N R M G

M A O F X Q R A N O P K I

A D X U C U N 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

4. Clue: K = I

Easy · 130 letters

K W B Z M W X B K V W X U

A V V I Y X K B F, X

E K E B Z M V Y

I Z T V L M X L R,

E J M K W A E Y M V T B F Z

H K U U V Y L K N K U K G Z I

W X B K V W E V Y T Z W B V

M Z E J Z L B B F Z

M K A F B E X W I

U K O Z M B K Z E V 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: A = H

Easy · 131 letters

J A D T D H L N

K X R R H R S U A H K A U D

H R D R S C N R Z K N C C

" J A D J X T R H R S I E

J A D K N J H R J A D

F N R ; " U A H K A H L ,

U A D R J A N J U A H K A N

B N R L N M L J I

N R I J A D T , A D C N M L

H J N L H E N R I J A D T

A N Z L N H Z H J J I

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. "There is a wisdom in this beyond the rules of physic. A man's own observation, what he finds good of and what he finds hurt of, is the best physic to preserve health."
— Francis Bacon, 1625, *Essays, Of Regimen of Health* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=O B=C C=A D=S E=K F=Q G=Y H=W I=T J=X K=H L=G M=I N=D O=P P=E Q=F R=V S=B T=N
U=J V=Z W=M X=U Y=L Z=R
2. "Is it not a noble farce, wherein kings, republics, and emperors have for so many ages played their parts, and to which the whole vast universe serves for a theatre?"
— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays, Book II, Chap. XXXVI. Of the most Excellent Men* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=U B=N C=F D=O E=Y F=P G=S H=Z I=L J=A K=I L=T M=X N=E O=J P=M Q=V R=C S=R T=G
U=B V=H W=K X=W Y=Q Z=D
3. "Arts and sciences are not cast in a mould, but are formed and perfected by degrees, by often handling and polishing, as bears leisurely lick their cubs into form."
— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays, Book II, Chap. XII. Apology for Raimond Sebond* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=I B=D C=F D=N E=Z F=K G=Y H=A I=S J=W K=B L=J M=L N=R O=C P=U Q=H R=E S=X T=P
U=O V=G W=M X=T Y=V Z=Q
4. "International good faith, a sister of democracy, springs from the will of civilized nations of men to respect the rights and liberties of other nations of men."
— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1939, *State of the Union Address*
Cipher key: A=G B=T C=Q D=U E=S F=H G=Z H=W I=D J=P K=I L=C M=R N=V O=B P=K Q=X R=Y S=J T=M
U=L V=O W=N X=A Y=F Z=E
5. "There is a cunning which we in England call 'the turning of the cat in the pan,' which is, when that which a man says to another, he lays it as if another had said it to him."
— Francis Bacon, 1625, *Essays, Of Cunning* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=H B=M C=L D=E E=F F=P G=B H=I I=O J=T K=C L=S M=Y N=A O=Q P=X Q=K R=N S=G T=R
U=W V=Z W=J X=U Y=V Z=D