

## Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 255

*5 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: B = O

Medium · 135 letters

H J H K N S Z R N J E R N M

Q B Z R D N J I Z N M J F N D

B D R Y B I M E U H K F,

J F N J N X B I D S Q N D,

T Z B I S F J I C T X

J F B K R U F B N Z R

C Z B I E, M I G I Z H B I K,

N D E K R M V H K F,

K F B I M E T R C Z B I E,

M I G I Z H B I K, N D E

K R M V H K F J B B.

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

Easy · 137 letters

W D W G M P M G N D Z W O H

Y U B D Z N

I U V O D N O M O I N D U P N

U P N R W N O D M O R D U

B N H V F M D N M O R

I U C T U G N W D G N F Y M G

D Z N C W O R

I U C C M O R G , M O R Y U B

D Z N C W O R O U D D U P N

B N H V F M D N R M O R

I U C T U G N R P 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 |

3. Clue: A = E

Medium · 139 letters

W M Y K B L K T W

E W T T A B L F A I T F M

A C A T R T F H H Y W M Y A

Y W I L F T A, Z Q M Y A

K I S K R A W C K T A

H Y K N Y Y W I

G B F L Q N A L X B W G A I,

W T L I A A R I J F B

T F M Y K T X E F B A

W J M A B K M Y W I F T N A

G B F L Q N A L K M 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 |

4. Clue: M = E

Medium · 139 letters

L K X F C I H X L C Y X S X

F L V F F L M G C I V B

X M A X M M A V W B M X S X

F C R M I E M K T M

G C I V B K F H V A J L C Y

F C V T C K J K F, V A J

F L V F F L M K G G C I V B

X M A X M M A V W B M X S X

F C R M I E M K T M

K G G C I V B K F H V A J

L C Y F C M A U C H K 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 |

5. Clue: D = T

Medium · 140 letters

D N F V B K A P Y U C T F V

T A D N A P, T N F P A D A E

A P A D E P Z D B V Z K

E D Z D F, A E E C

V F K Z D F W D C C B D F V

X A V X B S E D Z P X F E

D N Z D A D F Z E A K I

X N Z P Y F E D C Z X X C V W

T A D N T N Z D X Z P O F

W C P F Z P W T N Z D A E

Y A G F P A D D C W C.

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>I</b> | <b>J</b> | <b>K</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>M</b> |
| <b>N</b> | <b>O</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>Q</b> | <b>R</b> | <b>S</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>U</b> | <b>V</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Z</b> |

### Solver's cheat sheet

|                                   |                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Most common letters</b>        | E T A O I N S H R D L U                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Most common 1-letter words</b> | A I                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Most common 2-letter words</b> | OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY<br>UP AN GO NO US AM                                                                                    |
| <b>Most common 3-letter words</b> | THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE<br>OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE<br>TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT SAY SHE TOO USE |
| <b>Common double letters</b>      | LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Common word endings</b>        | -ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST                                                                                                                         |
| <b>After an apostrophe</b>        | T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D<br>(I'd)                                                                                                 |

## Answer key

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### Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 255

1. "It is a great deal more natural than one could wish, that a young man, brought up by those who are proud, luxurious, and selfish, should be proud, luxurious, and selfish too."

— Jane Austen, 1815, *Emma*

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

2. "It is a base thing for the countenance to be obedient and to regulate and compose itself as the mind commands, and for the mind not to be regulated and composed by itself."

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

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

3. "A third in a manner does not even know what he has done, but he is like a vine which has produced grapes, and seeks for nothing more after it has once produced its proper fruit."

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

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

4. "History shows us that the Moral Sense enables us to perceive morality and how to avoid it, and that the Immoral Sense enables us to perceive immorality and how to enjoy it."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

5. "The ruling power within, when it is in its natural state, is so related to outer circumstances that it easily changes to accord with what can be done and what is given it to do."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations*, IV. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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