

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 26

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: L = A

Hard · 41 letters

A Y Y F G M L B E O B J G J L M

V L A F G M B P S L E T J P Y H P

Y O P J G L S 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

2. Clue: K = T

Expert · 41 letters

K S Y L Q K S A Q Y C L Q C K

L V C X S V Y J K Q K S Y

J V W Y C K E I F L Y W 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

3. Clue: K = T

Hard · 41 letters

J K J B W Q L F H M B J H O K N

A H L O J K J L M S K F M X K N

A H L N O O H L 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

4. Clue: W = E

Expert · 41 letters

W L I D M S W G E I S Z I U E

D T N W W O O G B I B G T J E

H K I Y M N W B W M H .

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: W = E

Expert · 41 letters

S W U S V U V T M Y W O K V N

E S W L W Z B E B S V T M Y L Z B E

V O E S W W I 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

6. Clue: Y = E

Hard · 41 letters

A N D H U C Z I Y H T A Z C

A N Y V Z I Y , E P A Z C A N Y V

Z I Y I Y U Z I X Y 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

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. "Looked as if she had walked straight out of the ark."

— Sydney Smith, 1855, *Lady Holland's Memoir of the Reverend Sydney Smith*, Vol. I. p. 157 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "The moth does most mischief to the finest garment."

— Italian proverb, 1857, *Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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

3. "It is much easier to be critical than to be correct."

— Benjamin Disraeli, 1860, *Speech*, Jan. 24, 1860 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Example is always more efficacious than precept."

— Samuel Johnson, 1759, *Rasselas*, Chap. XXX (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "He who would enjoy the feast should fast on the eve."

— Italian proverb, 1857, *Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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

6. "Things are not as they are, but as they are regarded."

— Italian proverb, 1857, *Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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