

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 28

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: C = E

Expert · 41 letters

F C D F K I G K D H Q W P F C

U Q A C D Q G G L C P H T Y A Z H

Q W F Q H C J C 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

2. Clue: R = O

Hard · 41 letters

Z Y Y R S J Z Q I C J Q L Q L I

O R R X Z K X N R E C J B B P I

R K I R W Q L 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

3. Clue: D = E

Hard · 41 letters

E D Y J Q E W R H N D E S D J , B

A O D B H S B J K U Q B H G B J X

W O D D U F D G .

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: Z = E

Hard · 41 letters

U Z K U I K I J F A N P Z V F

U I M Z B , C J N P M I P Q Z

V G L V D A I G Q Z Z 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

5. Clue: A = O

Medium · 42 letters

D C H K L L A U Y P Y X W A K

C H K L L A U Y, M T A D C H A

Z P U U W H T S G A 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

6. Clue: A = E

Hard · 42 letters

F M Y ' J K A R U M Y E M O K

R X S R U A Y W I A B M K A J X A E

H K A X H J R X A 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

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 wordsOF 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. "He who blows in the fire will get sparks in his eyes."

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

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

2. "Associate with the good and you will be one of them."

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

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

3. "We know but few men, a great many coats and breeches."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

4. "He who would steal honey, must not be afraid of bees."

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

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

5. "I stubborn and you stubborn, who is to carry the load?"

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

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

6. "Don't reckon your chickens before they are hatched."

— English proverb, 1859, Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, *Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated* (London, 1859)

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