

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 31

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: H = E

Hard · 42 letters

Y K H O L G E G Y M D

G R L E M B H R H I Y G O

F W E M F V Z L M I Y K H

H F E Y 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

2. Clue: G = E

Expert · 42 letters

K J G D W J G E M V

Z B G H A J G Q , W H O G A H B G

M E X M S B Q G P C G Q , J G D Q .

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 = O

Medium · 42 letters

O K K A X K N , H W E V C T

E K Q V Z K D Z T M D T B H D E X

K G D H D V T M T Q V Q .

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: E = I

Hard · 42 letters

Y Q R K W F T Y - K E Z V R U M E T T

K E Z V K W F T Y P R I R Z E Z

B W U W V E P R .

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 = L

Medium · 42 letters

D H Q K N W W D R W D E R Z X

Q W M T P H K M E R H U Z D D

O K X X N W F K X K T 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

6. Clue: E = O

Medium · 42 letters

V B I Q Q M F D G T T Y M M Q

V E E O V E F Q Z E T M Y Z E

K I A T Y I B B E Y G Q .

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. "The spirit of improvement is abroad upon the earth."

— John Quincy Adams, 1825, *First Annual Message to Congress*

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

2. "When the fox preaches, take care of yourselves, hens."

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

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

3. "Look you, I am the most concerned in my own interests."

— Terence, 166 BC, *Andria, Act IV. Sc. 1, 12. (636)* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "The fault-finder will find faults even in paradise."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

5. "Let a fool hold his tongue and he will pass for a sage."

— Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, *Sententiae (Maxims), 914* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

6. "Flattery is sweet food for those who can swallow it."

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

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