

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 38

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: U = I

Medium · 42 letters

U X U G L S G M X C I U E N

I S K D X, U I C E L B S G X B S X

N U G Q C G U X U C E.

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: P = E

Medium · 42 letters

M P L L P K N J P

P A P - S T L J P R R L Y H J L P J

Y P H K R H A S T L J P R R 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

3. Clue: D = H

Expert · 42 letters

H K K A U ! S D Y M E Q K I Q K S

D K I G Z B D D L A H Y V B Y Y P U

S D Y I D K A 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

4. Clue: E = I

Expert · 42 letters

I L F T Q Q H K D T S L

W K T Z E C E M T K E H Q Z N

I E W D U R C K D E Q X E Q J .

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: B = E

Hard · 42 letters

K B S O H W G A W K F E W I A Z

B Y B G W H W A A Y B Z W F M B O H

O G F K F Z B 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: H = E

Expert · 42 letters

Y X H F D X H E Q P S O

E W Q Y F S F P H T H W R Q F H

V W S F P O X S N Y B D H 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

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. "It is easy to find fault, if one has that disposition."

— Mark Twain, 1894, *The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson*

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

2. "Better one eye-witness than ten hearsay witnesses."

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

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

3. "Fools! they know not how much half exceeds the whole."

— Hesiod, 700 BC, *Works and Days*, Line 40 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "We cannot have stabilization by wishful thinking."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1944, *State of the Union Address*

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

5. "We must not wait for events to overtake us unawares."

— William Howard Taft, 1912, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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

6. "When the dog is drowning every one brings him water."

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

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