

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 42

6 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: X = O

Medium · 43 letters

Q F X X M M J L A Z

Q V D H J Z X L Z B L A ;

Q F X D Z X M M J L A J A ,

X L U B V R P 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

2. Clue: C = A

Medium · 43 letters

R U C O D C H U Z D I Z C

O F M , C G O I C L H U Z

X F F G , H U C G P W K U C

D F X C 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

3. Clue: E = T

Medium · 43 letters

T P E T V E N E V S N Z X
E T P B V W W P S R Z W W
X M E H P E M B P D E T P
T Z W 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

4. Clue: K = E

Expert · 43 letters

Q D C K E T Y W Y R R

U T K I J Q X T K W, U T K I

J P G R W O K P D U K E

A G Q E K 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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

5. Clue: A = H

Hard · 43 letters

I L B A K H E S A B

R I P H N D L I R O L I S

A I R S A B I S A B P

A K H E H C F B O .

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: Q = E

Expert · 43 letters

J T G A F M Z Q H A K

U M S S G , G A F Y F X K

U M N Q M H Q N J V

O A H X O J Q H O 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. "Who offends writes on sand; who is offended, on marble."

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

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

2. "I had rather be a dog, and bay the moon, Than such a Roman."

— *William Shakespeare, 1599, Julius Caesar, Act IV. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "He that stays in the valley will not get over the hill."

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

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

4. "If men had all they wished, they would be often ruined."

— *Aesop, 1867, Aesop's Fables (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)*

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

5. "One half the world knows not how the other half lives."

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

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

6. "If you are not happy, you must have an evil conscience."

— *Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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