

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 53

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: S = N

Hard · 44 letters

U S W I T J B V U S ' A T W B A J

U S F Z W Y B W E S A H Y B A

W Y I B Y S I T J E 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: F = A

Medium · 44 letters

D W Y Y W H D W Y U W U W F J M E

F A B T F H J Y U F Q Y U W

Y F B A M E F J H F L M 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: W = E

Expert · 44 letters

D O M W Y J , O M W W F W B T
 H E W W I W , R B O M W E B T
 D E O J D Y G W U B P S W Y 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

4. Clue: Q = T

Hard · 44 letters

Q D T U C R V I F V Q U L T Q
 J X O U N F Q T W M Q F Q X U C
 X G Q U V X T R O Q U X 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

5. Clue: C = E

Hard · 44 letters

R V C K D R V C J J C A G D W X

N C F F , P O R R V C A V B F S

J C A G D W X P C R R C 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

6. Clue: Y = I

Medium · 44 letters

Y H Y N P E J J S W Y F X H I P H

Z Q H N Y V J G C Y H I J Q H

B P D Y G E P G J Y N 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 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. "Another man's horse and your own spurs outrun the wind."

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

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

2. "Better be the head of a lizard than the tail of a dragon."

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

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

3. "Athens, the eye of Greece, mother of arts and eloquence."

— John Milton, 1671, *Paradise Regained*, Book IV. Line 240 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it."

— Oscar Wilde, 1890, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

5. "The mother reckons well, but the child reckons better."

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

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

6. "It is a good file that cuts iron without making a noise."

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

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