

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 74

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: R = E

Medium · 46 letters

Y D R U R X J S U R A E I V J M

 M J R N E X O P ; M J R N E X O P

 N S A D E M M E A R R Z W 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

2. Clue: X = E

Medium · 46 letters

Q U Y X N B Y Y X Z M Y X X J P D X

 M L C C A Z P A Q Q U Y X

 N B Y Y X Z M U Y A P D X Z M .

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: Q = A

Hard · 46 letters

T V H T U S D O B Q T U D B V

N V X B P Q R O Q C J Q R I Q R Z

R Q E J W U F R U X T E R 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

4. Clue: C = T

Medium · 46 letters

Z P O E C Z L Q L K U G J K P C

G L H B V L E O , C P O C P J H Q

H F E U B Z B T Z J C P J C .

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: L = I

Expert · 46 letters

T Z D M L B S L O B D L E E S D S W

K U K P F P W S E K L M .

O L C G M L B P , O L C G M L B P .

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: D = N

Medium · 46 letters

Q D L Q D J , D S X N Q D R Q P

P O Q V D S E X N O X N O P D S X

A J J D P O Q V A J L S T 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

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. "I never have sought the world; the world was not to seek me."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell)*. Vol. VIII. Chap. V. 1783 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Fine manners need the support of fine manners in others."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1860, *The Conduct of Life, Behaviour* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "He who buys a house gets many a plank and nail for nothing."

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

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

4. "When two dogs fight for a bone, the third runs away with it."

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

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

5. "Our life is frittered away by detail. Simplify, simplify."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

6. "In fine, nothing is said now that has not been said before."

— Terence, 161 BC, *Eunuchus, The Prologue*. 41 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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