

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 81

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: Q = E

Hard · 47 letters

K Q L K A U A Q T N K Q

L B A E Y X A B Y Q N T Z N ,

M V N E A N K Q L K A

B Q S Q Z G Q T Z 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

2. Clue: D = O

Hard · 47 letters

H B , M D F A V H Y D F Z

U Y U Z M N B O I K ; M D F

H Z U N B U Y H I O V V H

D A J D L O U N 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: K = O

Hard · 47 letters

V R D V K A R P X H T B H T

L V R P H O O C A H T I B ,

T K L V R D V K C K R B L K

X T I Q A 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

4. Clue: Z = O

Hard · 47 letters

Y X U Y Z P S U P G D

F Y K Q M D K F K D F Z Z

D Z Z Q , K D D N L X F Z

O Z H X F Z Z S P F 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

5. Clue: V = T

Expert · 47 letters

P V P A P O C I P O V D

R Y I J V E Y D H V D V E Y

L I V Y U P N E Y P A O D V

V E P U A V T .

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: S = E

Hard · 47 letters

B S I B R D A R Z D F A

S M S G O D A R Y S Y S M S G

N S A D A R B W D

Q R H G Y S O ' D S Y 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

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. "He who does the wrong forgets it, but not he who receives it."

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

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

2. "Ah, you flavour everything; you are the vanilla of society."

— Sydney Smith, 1855, *Lady Holland's Memoir of the Reverend Sydney Smith*, Vol. I. p. 262 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "He who remains in the mill grinds, not he who goes to and fro."

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

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

4. "He who always thinks it is too soon, is sure to come too late."

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

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

5. "It is in vain to lead the ox to the water if he is not thirsty."

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

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

6. "He who stops at every stone never gets to his journey's end."

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

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