

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 83

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 = E

Medium · 47 letters

Q E S R S D D B E Y M G C S Y V M ,

 G C V W M W Q Q C R S J W D D S K

 P W Q E J Y W V P C V K 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

2. Clue: Z = E

Medium · 47 letters

C Q Z M Z D V C T G V H P Z B C B

 E K C Q Z G E V K I D C T E K B E G

 C Q Z K Z F Z B B D 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: T = E

Hard · 47 letters

T H O T F Q T V Y T Q L R E T

V B N T T I T F J G V T K Q I T L

R G R E T Q F N Q L R B D T L .

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 · 47 letters

Q W H Y V A Z H Q W E Q T P V K Z

N A Q V P H W V I H R Z Z V V P

F E A X W Q N C Q W H F E 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: U = E

Hard · 47 letters

O X O F K U N N X I N U Z T U

I J J Q N Z P O R V K Y U R X Y U

V Z C U O F Z X O X F G U 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

6. Clue: Y = E

Expert · 47 letters

I D Y B I V Q X Y D M Y D K Y

O I M F U I L Y F V L M , M F G D

U G D E B I V Q Y R G U J Q Y 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 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. "The belly has no ears, nor is it to be filled with fair words."

— *Francois Rabelais, 1552, Works, Book IV, Chap. LXII (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "The beautiful rests on the foundations of the necessary."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, Essays: Second Series*

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

3. "Experience is the name every one gives to their mistakes."

— *Oscar Wilde, 1892, Lady Windermere's Fan*

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

4. "The mouse that knows but one hole is soon caught by the cat."

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

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

5. "It is well to leave off playing when the game is at its best."

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

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

6. "One foul sentence doth more hurt, than many foul examples."

— *Francis Bacon, 1625, The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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