

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 85

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: V = O

Expert · 47 letters

E A P A F Y G Q V J C M I

S C V C Y G , T B H V J

C M I K V B Q E V S

S M G C A G K V B S A D D .

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: K = E

Expert · 47 letters

D I P A P A D I K W P S I D

D I U D K P D I K Y X U N K A

X K E Y J E Y Z E K A X K

V O P D 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

3. Clue: B = E

Hard · 48 letters

H B Y F F N , N I G Z Y L B
O B B P E Z B I F R Y S B
I W Y P B Y S F B , Y O
E Z B O Y N X P S X 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

4. Clue: W = E

Hard · 48 letters

H Y P V G T W F H M W T ,

H Q T F D Q Y

W B S W N G W T , P R Q D G

Y P Z W Q , X E G R D F T

T W H 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: G = T

Medium · 48 letters

Z G I Z N N D M Z V T V E V

J Y G Y G O V O V K M G ,

G O K G Z J O K N N H M A

E A V A V J Y X 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

6. Clue: P = T

Medium · 48 letters

L C Q P B U U L M M P B Z
 P C M O Y K P C B U Z Y P
 Q J L Q S U R Y Y W B Z
 P C M U P Y O Q G 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

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. "Never ask of him who has, but of him you know wishes you well."

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

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

2. "This is the night that either makes me or fordoes me quite."

— *William Shakespeare, 1604, Othello, Act V. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Really, you have seen the old age of an eagle, as the saying is."

— *Terence, 163 BC, Heautontimoroumenos (Heauton Timorumenos), Act III. Sc. 2, 9. (520) (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "A gift delayed, and long expected, is not given, but sold dear."

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

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

5. "It will grieve me so to the heart, that I shall cry my eyes out."

— *Miguel de Cervantes, 1605, Don Quixote, Part I, Book III. Chap. XI (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "What is sweet in the mouth is not always good in the stomach."

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

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