

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 86

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: C = R

Hard · 48 letters

Z S L M C S N M H B F C C N ,

Z S Y F C S , L M C P X P E

F V A M X K P L L P T H Q X

X M H A X P S .

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: Q = N

Medium · 48 letters

J W Z M T W M Q

C Q N S F I Z W Q S S B

V Q B P C G S J W Z B B Q

N J C Q W M S G I Y Y B F

Q B .

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: L = E

Medium · 48 letters

B J L Q L O M C F L B J A T
O H F C H ' M
V O Y E L T H L M M , - O B
N Q A V M S X G D
T L N Q L L 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

4. Clue: K = E

Expert · 48 letters

L F K Y D E H L G I L X Z Y

J N O D H L Z U K K A

H Z I S G L F K H Z P D K L X

D L H K E W K H .

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: H = N

Medium · 48 letters

A K I I K Z X L D D K Z O

P H J N H K E Y Q I G O H

T G O H C K D J Z

L H T K Z I O Y H C J J 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

6. Clue: L = E

Expert · 48 letters

T L I Q W U U

A L X I L G L X L M S

T L U U - Y Z M S P , S Z O D R

N Z X B L , D K O D R

X L W I Z S .

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)

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Answer key

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1. "Before you marry, beware, for it is a knot difficult to untie."

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

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

2. "He made an instrument to know if the moon shine at full or no."

— *Samuel Butler, 1664, Hudibras, Part II, Canto III. Line 261 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "There is a method in man's wickedness, - It grows up by degrees."

— *Beaumont and Fletcher, 1619, A King and No King, Act V. Sc. 4 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "The first duty of law is to keep sound the society it serves."

— *Woodrow Wilson, 1913, First Inaugural Address*

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

5. "Better suffer a known evil than change for uncertain good."

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

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

6. "We shall persevere in well-doing, not by force, but by reason."

— *Calvin Coolidge, 1923, State of the Union Address*

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