

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 87

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: S = O

Medium · 48 letters

T S E T S Y C O J N A J

Z E S A K J U N V S Z S S V ,

L C V K U Q V S Y G

X E C V C Q K Q V U E 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

2. Clue: V = O

Hard · 48 letters

I H E X P W E P H B Y P W D

O D U V B D T V Q, T V Q

K V V N U V B P B V M D E V

Z V J V I S O 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

3. Clue: M = T

Hard · 48 letters

U P F Y Z M Z M K A V

U R E U M U K M I N Y S V

Z P P M U P P A V N G U R Z

N I A V P Z M R A W .

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: I = E

Expert · 48 letters

X V I K R P Q Y A Q B L I H ,

T R X X V I R O ; X V I

Y V I I U Q Y Y V R Z T ,

T R X X V I V R Z Y I .

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: E = T

Hard · 48 letters

E G U N A F E G A L E U K

F E E U W C E G V E J G Z P G

E G U G U V Y N F C E

V K C J U W L A W .

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: B = A

Medium · 48 letters

B J B V Y C V M Q Y R A

N D J A U P Z B H E C B M B A

N U N B A H U U V

R B Q K N R B R N C J U .

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. "Gorgonized me from head to foot, With a stony British stare."

— *Alfred Tennyson, 1855, Maud, Part I. XIII. Stanza 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "With a staircase before you, you look for a rope to go down by."

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

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

3. "He must stand high that would see the end of his own destiny."

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

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

4. "The cow is milked, not the ox; the sheep is shorn, not the horse."

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

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

5. "The mouth often utters that which the head must answer for."

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

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

6. "A man conducts himself abroad as he has been taught at home."

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

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