

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 97

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: E = H

Hard · 49 letters

V E N S T X F H G F S S N H

G E F E N Y E J P K J E P G

G E F K E F P X I K G E F

C N X F O N T F .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Hard · 49 letters

B M T B S P R U Q F L S O

J O S I B M N ' L E N S R O F

Q S L M L B U L L I S O M

J O F V S N I J 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

3. Clue: E = T

Hard · 49 letters

N R Y T Y J M F Y E N G M R

E Y V J Q G P J E R J

N Y Q D Q J E R G K F Y E

N J Z U G E M M P G F .

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 = S

Medium · 49 letters

Y F G Z V U Y U T F S U

Y O , N I F J Q

I O N O Y I O I U F , N

P N I V G V I I O F H Q Y O V

R N Y 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: E = O

Expert · 49 letters

K X O E G Q B R W R C H W E

S R J E E H, W T R I E B U H

W M L R A O E G Z R B O

A R B K E G A U 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

6. Clue: I = T

Expert · 49 letters

K I K D T R A H B J I R O

O B I Z K O Q P L I B L A

B M O T G O K I H I Z G I

F R U R K T R D L 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

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. "Children tell in the highway what they hear by the fireside."

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

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

2. "He who builds on another's ground loses his stone and mortar."

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

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

3. "Who does not wish to be like the wolf let him not wear its skin."

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

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

4. "I once did hold it, as our statists do, A baseness to write fair."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act V. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "If you pretend to be good, the world takes you very seriously."

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

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

6. "It is very often nothing but our own vanity that deceives us."

— Jane Austen, 1813, *Pride and Prejudice*

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