

Wisdom Cryptograms — Set 99

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 = E

Hard · 49 letters

G X R B F M Z S Y J M V V S V

K A Z B S G N U U Z B M Z

Z B S G N U U S Y

J S Y R S N L S V I P Z .

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: D = A

Hard · 49 letters

G H U G D U A Q X V I

K D L H D F Q V I H M

F D U H , K X E U W P B M F D

M D B V U Q B U I D B V 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

3. Clue: H = O

Expert · 49 letters

Y G H F U X H N A W D B A H Y

H N G N D B H D L E P B H E A

H D L F W J B L G P Z L

A H F L E P 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

4. Clue: J = I

Hard · 49 letters

J Z D D E X Z N M C E Q

Z H H J B Y N P R L , D L

N J T C F F C R N R J B

X E X R F E G J B W Y F 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

5. Clue: R = I

Hard · 49 letters

R U R D X C K U R K Z Q I I S

V Y X Y R F R K A K Y L

I R J Y Q K P G C U R C K

J V C G Q E C F Y .

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: A = O

Medium · 49 letters

K Y T S I U Z R S B O A

V B A L L S U Y L K A K R U

I S U F A N Y B Y I O K R O

K Y S U C A O U A .

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. "Much water passes by the mill that the miller perceives not."

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

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

2. "He that would make a golden gate, must bring a nail to it daily."

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

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

3. "From thousands of our undone widows one may derive some wit."

— *Thomas Middleton, 1608, A Trick to Catch the Old One, Act I. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "I am monarch of all I survey, My right there is none to dispute."

— *William Cowper, 1782, Poems (1782), Verses supposed to be written by Alexander Selkirk (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "It is continually receiving new life and motion from above."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1854, Walden*

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

6. "He bids fair to grow wise who has discovered that he is not so."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 598 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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