

Confucius Cryptograms — Set 1

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: W = E

Hard · 41 letters

D W B D Z T Z F W A

F O N K X W , B Z X T A

W E K W W J U Z K D O U M

S Q Z F W O 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

2. Clue: U = E

Hard · 42 letters

N K U Z O B N W E W V B U V N

O Y Z O B N W U ; N K U

L O V U I U V O B U

Z O B N W 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

3. Clue: K = O

Medium · 45 letters

D H K J K W B J K F M K F

X Q X J F D W M K N W

W U N W M G N S J L Z Z D Z

W K I L W K 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

4. Clue: D = T

Hard · 50 letters

K X A K G L M N R O P W

V W O ' G I W Q U D G , R D

V W X K L Z O A S O D J W D

J L R G N R M D Q A Q 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

5. Clue: G = E

Medium · 53 letters

K E G M T K D R Q D R P M S

K T V E V K P P V E G Y U ,

V E G C J D C U G Y B G J G

D U J C V G D Z E G Y 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

6. Clue: O = T

Hard · 54 letters

O K H R W Y H I Q Z I A F M

O K Q M S R Z L D Q I O W H ;

O K H R A F N N A F M

O K Q M S R Z L

U Z A L Z I 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

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 wordsOF 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 apostropheT (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "He who loved virtue, would esteem nothing above it."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

2. "The virtuous rest in virtue; the wise desire virtue."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

3. "I do not know how a man without truthfulness is to get on."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

4. "By observing a man's faults, it may be known that he is virtuous."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

5. "When I walk along with two others, they may serve me as my teachers."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

6. "The superior man thinks of virtue; the small man thinks of comfort."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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