

French proverb 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: Z = E

Medium · 40 letters

K S M I A B X B Y

Q S V Z D Z Z Z J Z Y U D L Z

G S M I A Y Z J Z V E Z

F S S V .

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: R = S

Hard · 40 letters

S D K R L S D C K R D R L

Y J V C S B A B D R V B L

L S K V E S K Y R D I Z R 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: O = N

Hard · 40 letters

S B M D M V F O L F H J B

S B V O Y Z F Z O

V O F V Y O V C V J Z O S

M O M X 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

4. Clue: H = T

Medium · 40 letters

E H E B H Z C T X U

J T S ' B W T H E T W H Z R H

B Z C W C N C K S R B R

J R X 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

5. Clue: A = O

Hard · 40 letters

V A H I P X Q M P J L P Z Q

L D D A W A W X Q Z N X

V L W W A P D L Q P D A W 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: I = E

Expert · 40 letters

Q E I A K F Q S K P I W I C

U H W I H F M O L M R F

Q E I A K F Q B O K L H Y 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

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. "Could a man foresee events he would never be poor."

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

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

2. "He is the wisest man who does not think himself so."

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

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

3. "There is no such thing as an insignificant enemy."

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

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

4. "It is the old cow's notion that she never was a calf."

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

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

5. "Courtesy that is all on one side cannot last long."

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

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

6. "The most covered fire is always the most glowing."

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

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