

German proverb Cryptograms — Set 3

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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 · 40 letters

E C W Q R C W V N L

E O Q R D R N U O R U C

J W W D W , C W E O J D C G D

R O G 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

2. Clue: F = T

Hard · 40 letters

Y L B I A S U V ' F H X F

Y F Y V N A O J X E O ,

F U D X Y F Y V

O Q I I V L A E 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 = N

Medium · 40 letters

H I Z X S H P S T T I H G Q

R T Q X R Z X R T O I H P

M G G H D I B P I Z Z G H .

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: Z = N

Hard · 40 letters

Z Y Y Z O D C Z H Y

Z Y N F R Z K, C Z H Z Y

Y Z O D C Z H Y

O Q O J V N F R Z 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

5. Clue: D = E

Medium · 40 letters

O Z D T V C D O Z D G D Q Q

A W E W D I , O Z D T V C D

G R O D C A O L A D Q I 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: L = O

Medium · 41 letters

S V B Y B U V B I F L R ' Q

Q Z F R P G I I Q Q V L Y U ,

X L Y Y L S L P U V B P L H .

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. "When the fox wants to catch geese, he wags his tail."

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

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

2. "If you can't get it in bushels, take it in spoonfuls."

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

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

3. "Nothing is so new as what has long been forgotten."

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

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

4. "No one can do nothing, and no one can do everything."

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

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

5. "The more the well is used, the more water it yields."

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

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

6. "Where the lion's skin falls short, borrow of the fox."

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

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