

German proverb Cryptograms — Set 5

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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: A = T

Hard · 41 letters

A V B T U M S E M B Z E A

A V B Z A U W B , W U A E A

V R Y A V E A A V S U I Z

R A .

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: K = E

Expert · 41 letters

E K N E T C X T N W B P

Q E K D B Y K N B X X S K Q

W F O Y I W B P E B W

K M K 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

3. Clue: N = R

Hard · 42 letters

V A E W I N Z I Q Z V N J

D K N Z P N Z G B V Q W D G

V K V N G A X W P D K

I Z S 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

4. Clue: S = T

Expert · 42 letters

S K Z L E A K I O Y

L B L A D S F K I O , S Q

S F Q Y L H F Q T W I

H W K S G Q A K S .

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: P = E

Expert · 42 letters

Q O Z P U H V O N G L C P

T D W Q X Z P Z Q R R

L H Y P U H G L Q A L C P

B H A X P .

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: B = E

Medium · 42 letters

T K B J X K B H K B Q V X

I P S Q Q B Z , G K B T C Z L

K S X S T W J J W J M

M S E 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. "The dog rages at the stone, not at him that throws it."

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

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

2. "He who blows in the fire will get sparks in his eyes."

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

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

3. "A hundred years of regret pay not a farthing of debt."

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

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

4. "Time brings everything, to those who can wait for it."

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

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

5. "If we pay for the music we will take part in the dance."

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

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

6. "When shepherds quarrel, the wolf has a winning game."

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

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