

German proverb Cryptograms — Set 12

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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 = N

Hard · 46 letters

O Z M M Z P Q I P R Z W H D V

H Z W R Q D M S Q W Q W

Y W J R D D R W X

T N C G D R Q W T 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: K = E

Medium · 46 letters

R B J Y H ' Z K P Y O K J ,

W T C K T I K T W ; R B

J Y H ' Z K O Y O K , W T C K

W Y J Y H G B K 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: X = N

Hard · 46 letters

H X Z L M X U X H Q U B V X

E O Z X M V C , M X N

M X H E O Z P O M X K B O V B

O M E H X V E .

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: B = E

Hard · 46 letters

G M B U B J Z K H U B

T J Z N R G J F C S D H R G

G M B Z M B Q Q G M S F

G M B X B U F B Q .

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 · 46 letters

R P O O R D D M D C P D Z

T M Q R P O O R D B Y N M Q Z

T L D M Y O O Y J D

Q D Z E P Z D Q .

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: P = T

Medium · 46 letters

I D S ' P P E J D Z H Z H K

K D C J I A J P K Z H P T J

P A Y Y K D C E H R T M D P

G Y T H 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

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. "Better a friendly denial than an unwilling compliance."

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

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

2. "If you've money, take a seat; if you've none, take to your feet."

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

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

3. "One man knocks in the nail, and another hangs his hat on it."

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

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

4. "There is more disputing about the shell than the kernel."

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

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

5. "Little enemies and little wounds are not to be despised."

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

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

6. "Don't throw away your dirty water till you have got clean."

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