

German proverb Cryptograms — Set 20

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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: O = E

Hard · 53 letters

P E D R T O J O H Z Q I Y F L

S O T E F O Q G Y P O ,

O J O H Z Q I Y F L G E D R T

S O T E F O S O Q Q O 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

2. Clue: X = N

Expert · 54 letters

K V X I R Z V V P J X I T X Q

R Z W T B W X J X I W X Q P

J X L N F J X I

X V S Z J X I, V D L T Q

E T D W 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

3. Clue: O = T

Expert · 54 letters

X W X G E S P K M Z S Q Z

T C Z F T Q R P O ,

O Y K R D Y C O M K R P F

H R I I P X Y C N O K F K

V X O O X 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: K = O

Expert · 54 letters

V N K G F O R M F M P K

M R I C U P P K

H R M P U Z F , C R M P J K P

Z K C S A Q U J K O

K S S G F M M U 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

5. Clue: B = A

Medium · 54 letters

N F B X X S C A L T D N B Y E

A L D H Y , B C H J H D D H C

D K B Y X B C U H

S C A L T D N B Y E

N H X E A F .

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: X = E

Medium · 54 letters

E F B X G E T O X T

N A X T W J F G G T D U F W

W L X S A T M H X G W U A G

L T R S M N D X X M

L U A G X 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

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. "Could everything be done twice, everything would be done better."

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

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

2. "Long choosing and cheapening ends in buying nothing, or bad wares."

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

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

3. "Every clown can find fault, though it would puzzle him to do better."

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

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

4. "Who refuses to submit to justice, must not complain of oppression."

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

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

5. "Small profits and often, are better than large profits and seldom."

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

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

6. "Mules make a great fuss about their ancestors having been horses."

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

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