

German proverb Cryptograms — Set 23

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: A = T

Hard · 61 letters

K A K U A R R H G J W A R

O I B O J A R E X J X A

A W X A U W O U W R G Z V

U K A F D A W O H K Z S

X C V C R A Z X B K A .

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: A = E

Easy · 62 letters

R S A L F M M A M X O A

J O F C W Q R V X O A

B R X O A V ' M M D L A , D S W

X O A B R X O A V Q R V

X O A J O F C W ' M M D L A .

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: V = E

Hard · 64 letters

X J Q P V T S U J P F B

N Q F W V B X C Q P V

T S S B Q P V E V T S L U B

P F Z V D V V C C S P L V

F C B I E W F J Q V E P X 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

4. Clue: G = E

Medium · 65 letters

I Q G M O W M N P Z S E

F Z M G P B W K U F H M P H

N S G I K, G F Q K W G I

K U G Y W K D U G M, K U G

D G J J H E H M O D U G I 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: O = E

Hard · 66 letters

N W O S J W O E D U G Z

A D L O D K J D Y J W O

A D K S A R E - W D K Z O ,

J W O I F U O N R Z O U

J W F S N W O S J W O I

N O S J R 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

6. Clue: U = E

Easy · 74 letters

Y Q U T E U C Y J P J
P I Z U U H U Y Z J , Y S W D
C Y J P J P I Z U U
Q U T E U J , Y I W Z J U
P I Z U U S W D J , Y T S Y
L Y T P I Z U U I W Z J U 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

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

Answer key

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1. "It is too much to expect of a cat that she should sit by the milk and not lap it."

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

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

2. "One kisses the child for the mother's sake, and the mother for the child's sake."

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

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

3. "If the wolf had stayed in the wood there would have been no hue and cry after him."

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

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

4. "Spending your money with many a guest, empties the kitchen, the cellar and chest."

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

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

5. "When the lords come out of the council-house, they are wiser than when they went in."

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

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

6. "A fence lasts three years, a dog lasts three fences, a horse three dogs, and a man three horses."

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

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