

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: T = O

Medium · 50 letters

L G O T Z U F M J J T S T

G F B J , S T F Q T M D . L G

O T Z U F M J J T S T

G F H , S T J T S D J N D 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: T = E

Medium · 62 letters

U N T O T G U U V J T U Q

X K E R U E U Z T T H E G

U H T R U M M T E Z G E S Q .

U N T G T D Q R W O T G U

U V J T V G R Q 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

3. Clue: X = L

Hard · 67 letters

D R S B N R S D U B K Q T A

G R W B I S O X T D , Q T F S

H S T H X S O J U X K

D W X X Q W B K T N R S Z Q

O J U X K D U B K F U X X 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

4. Clue: V = A

Medium · 73 letters

D W U M V S V H V R W K B

V H Y L Q A R M M Y B W S

R Q I V Y V L ; O M V F B V

S V H O Q R W K B V H Y

L Q A R M M Y B W S R Q I V

N W R M O W S 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

5. Clue: I = O

Medium · 73 letters

O X E O I S K Q K S

C W X K D J I R J K S

G I I B G I L G J P X

Y J R W D X K ; O X E O I

U I X K R I D S K Q

L X Y S J R K S G I I B

G I L X P X L .

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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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. "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

— *Proverb, 1900, African proverb*

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

2. "The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second best time is now."

— *Proverb, 1900, Chinese proverb*

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

3. "When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills."

— *Proverb, 1900, Chinese proverb*

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

4. "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

— *Proverb, 1885, English proverb*

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

5. "He who asks a question is a fool for five minutes; he who does not ask remains a fool forever."

— *Proverb, 1900, Chinese proverb*

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