

George Washington Cryptograms — Set 1

5 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: Q = O

Expert · 53 letters

H E S B P H M G B Q

Q M Z A U G F U A , K U

P E F U F S Q G E B U J L Q

Q D G S Y E B S Q L B Q

Q B P U Z 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: N = S

Hard · 56 letters

E F Z C Q X B H X J N J F

X T X Y V G Z R F A Y V A D X

N R Y X N A M U N J N Z P

I R M Q J G D U I I J F X N N .

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 = E

Easy · 67 letters

L P D Q D U L Y G O

O J L O N Q D A

U P T T O N U O L K O

S N P L O U L Y P Q P V D

Q D G D A V P N U O Y E

Y Q I Y E S O Q E D C A O .

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: U = E

Medium · 87 letters

G N O U P X G F E T Z

P N G A F R U T E Y F N G F A

V N T U X T H U G Y Y L E G

Y L U T U H X S E T

T U R U V O Y F N G E G R

R F A P L E T H U N B Y L U

O X W S F P R U W Y .

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 = E

Medium · 97 letters

G Y U C O G Q J F G I Y L B

Z L Y I Y U B U C B

Z B L I F G B G U

M B K E F L B Y E U C B

G F U O Y G F G W

G Y U C O G Q M Y A K W S B

I Y L B Q L F U B E A K U Y

Y A L J Y G V U O U A B G U V .

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. "Faithful to ourselves, we have violated no obligation to others."

— George Washington, 1795, *Seventh Annual Message to Congress*

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

2. "Knowledge is in every country the surest basis of public happiness."

— George Washington, 1790, *First Annual Message to Congress*

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

3. "To an active external commerce the protection of a naval force is indispensable."

— George Washington, 1796, *Eighth Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "No pecuniary consideration is more urgent than the regular redemption and discharge of the public debt."

— George Washington, 1793, *Fifth Annual Message to Congress*

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

5. "Nothing can more promote the permanent welfare of the nation and nothing would be more grateful to our constituents."

— George Washington, 1794, *Sixth Annual Message to Congress*

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