

Herbert Hoover Cryptograms — Set 1

5 puzzles · Standard 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: T = E

Hard · 57 letters

I T G U - D P A T K Z X T Z F B E Z

I Q B B T T S P Z G H F Y K P Q D Y

E Z M Z I F K Q B F T S

T G T B F P K E F T .

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: D = E

Medium · 58 letters

Y Q D P D S I Y F I O Y I N O P

R I O R D M O T I M I B M

F O U Y F Y B Y F I O U N M D

P D D E N O P U F O R D M D .

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: E = T

Medium · 59 letters

O Z I H F E T H E F C I Z

F E Z Z G Q Z J I F K P E S Z

R C H P N J E K C P F C R C H W

M W Z N K E F E W H M E H W 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

4. Clue: Q = E

Medium · 65 letters

X K Q J T Y Z X Q C G S T E

B G Z Y Q W F Y B E T Y Z T L Q

S F J G Z X K F X G X

B Q Z X Y T V Z Y Q Z D Q I X E T Y

F S S S F 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: D = E

Expert · 67 letters

E D E L I A F T W Q X W C Z D
 F A D G D L H C T S P R I F L Z D
 W C Q G D W I T C F T E W G Q F A D
 D V F L C Z F L T C T S S T G Z D .

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. "Self-government can succeed only through an instructed electorate."

— Herbert Hoover, 1929, *Inaugural Address*

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

2. "The devotion to and concern for our institutions are deep and sincere."

— Herbert Hoover, 1929, *Inaugural Address*

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

3. "We must put some steel beams in the foundations of our credit structure."

— Herbert Hoover, 1931, *State of the Union Address*

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

4. "The worst evil of disregard for some law is that it destroys respect for all law."

— Herbert Hoover, 1929, *Inaugural Address*

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

5. "We wish to advance the reign of justice and reason toward the extinction of force."

— Herbert Hoover, 1929, *Inaugural Address*

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