

James K. Polk Cryptograms — Set 1

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: E = T

Hard · 45 letters

D J J D A P P Z E F E J P Y

E S P V N D J A F L X E I

D Z Y P V N D J

O A S E P H E F S 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

2. Clue: N = I

Hard · 47 letters

B H H S N E G N M V G N U M E

U R P N T G Z U T U R

T B M W Z B J I P I I M

B P U H N E Z I 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

3. Clue: I = O

Medium · 49 letters

I V X W R W Z I S K

Y I Z W I M R P K S O P

O E F R X O , U V S K

Y I Z G O P O X K S O P

V Z R I 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: K = L

Medium · 50 letters

O B E K M O M G A M T C H V

V F G K K , O M A M L C E A M

V B G V G K K H B G K K Y M

T C H V V F C 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

5. Clue: S = I

Hard · 61 letters

R W M Y U R P F J R S O

O L D S V O A D S U K S Y

R N N U Q R U I L

F L Y S O L , R P F A P

U Q S Y I L C M Y U

S P Y S Y U .

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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6. Clue: C = E

Hard · 62 letters

L W C Q R C K L Q N B T M C
A B M G C Z I Z G H
I C J C H B M G R Q Z R Q K
I C M L B R J
B D U R Z E M C J S C J T X
B M 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

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. "All are entitled to equal rights and equal protection."

— James K. Polk, 1845, *Inaugural Address*

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

2. "All distinctions of birth or of rank have been abolished."

— James K. Polk, 1845, *Inaugural Address*

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

3. "Ours is not a consolidated empire, but a confederated union."

— James K. Polk, 1848, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "While we are just to all, we require that all shall be just to us."

— James K. Polk, 1845, *First Annual Message to Congress*

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

5. "A just and fair reciprocity is all that we desire, and on this we must insist."

— James K. Polk, 1847, *Third Annual Message to Congress*

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

6. "The inestimable value of our Federal Union is felt and acknowledged by all."

— James K. Polk, 1845, *Inaugural Address*

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