

James K. Polk Cryptograms — Set 4

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: X = E

Easy · 88 letters

V S W S A Z V A Z E U

H V A D X O X W U Q Z V A V D

Z A O X M X A O X A Q

E Q U Q X E, I Y V E X

M V J Z H K Z E M X U H X

I Z Q Y X U H Y V Q Y X W

U A O U J J Q Y X I V W J 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

2. Clue: I = E

Easy · 97 letters

Y A D O A C R R C O O G U M

R G P G F O F D F A I

C V A G I Z I P I M F O D N

N E I I P G M J O C M J

N E I I A C M J O B M J I E

F A I X E D F I V F G D M D N

F A G O U R D E G D B O

B M G D 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

3. Clue: I = E

Medium · 97 letters

D Q C R I V J J G F G

K T C W J T K T B G T

O I T I X W J K T B

K Q J O G T W J B , J O I

M I G M E I K T I J O I

G F E B D G P I T I W S F D

T I V G S F W L I X C B G Q T

V G F D J W J Q J W G F .

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: M = E

Medium · 98 letters

G M D S K Q M N M L

D V B U Q V B U Q P M

R L B U E B R I M Q P V Q

Q P M R M Z R I M Z A

Q P B K E Z U Q B U M U Q

V I Z U M P V N M Q P M

L B F P Q Q Z Y M E B Y M

Q P M B L Z G U

Y M K Q B U 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

5. Clue: X = E

Medium · 101 letters

O V V O X V U A Y X G X

P O A X W X G A G Q Z O

W P T Y A U M E E N Q E Z P K

Z O Z C F Z O A Z T X V F X W

A Y X V A Y X W G , V W A V

H X X O W P Q Y X C H N

P K J V F X W P G Y P O T

A Y X V A Y X W G .

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. "Our Union is a confederation of independent States, whose policy is peace with each other and all the world."

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

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

2. "Who shall assign limits to the achievements of free minds and free hands under the protection of this glorious Union?"

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

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

3. "Subject to no arbitrary or hereditary authority, the people are the only sovereigns recognized by our Constitution."

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

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

4. "We must ever maintain the principle that the people of this continent alone have the right to decide their own destiny."

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

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

5. "No one of these interests can rightfully claim an advantage over the others, or to be enriched by impoverishing the others."

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

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