

James K. Polk Cryptograms — Set 5

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: T = E

Easy · 103 letters

I D T L V N K Z U I B N S G

N X I D T B S I T V B N V

F D B U D G T T Q J

R J V Q T I J P V N J K J V T

K B V T U I E H

K T L T S K T S I N S I D T

G J X T I H J S K

X V T T K N R N X N Z V

U N R R T V 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

2. Clue: I = O

Easy · 110 letters

I V S W D S P R I H T S M R

I N R C S

M I V A R Y R Z R Y I V K P A

R I D S A R D P Y V

X P T I D Y R Y S A N D I X

I F F D S A A Y V W

X Y V I D Y R Y S A I D

S V M D I P M C Y V W Z F I V

R C S Y D T Z A R

D Y W C R 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

3. Clue: Q = E

Medium · 131 letters

C T Q E T Q E N V R T U E T

C T Q B Q Z B H Q

U S B Z V Q K Z X C T Q U G

B W M H U E V Q G A D X C V

U X C T Q D K Z B C U Z X

Z J C T Q

E Z X V C U C W C U Z X D G Q

C T Q M Q V C Q A U K Q X E Q

Z J C T Q U G E D B D E U C O

J Z G

V Q H J - I Z A Q G X S Q X C .

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: B = E

Easy · 132 letters

D X N R B V S X Y G L ,

X N J B Z U N R , D Z Y

I B Z B O S M B Z M B G O

G H J O J B B

S Z X N S N H N S G Z X D J B

H Z O G P Y B Y , B F B J W

Y D W D Y Y X O J B X R

L G N S F B X N G

M G Z N B Z N L B Z N D Z Y

O J B X R S Z M B Z N S F B X

N G K D N J S G N S X L .

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: N = E

Easy · 140 letters

W C Y J V J M R N P Y N F M

N L F A D Q N W X F

D Y W J D N Y W C J F T U

X Y N N

J N Q X - P W B N Y T N U

Y N D C K Q V O ,

O W A A F T U V T P M R N

F U A V Y F M V W T F T U

M R N V A V M F M V W T W X

F Q Q M R N Q W B N Y J W X

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. "The productions of the interior which seek a market abroad are directly dependent on the safety and freedom of our commerce."

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

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

2. "One great object of the Constitution was to restrain majorities from oppressing minorities or encroaching upon their just rights."

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

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

3. "The checks which the people imposed on their public servants in the adoption of the Constitution are the best evidence of their capacity for self-government."

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

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

4. "As the wisdom, strength, and beneficence of our free institutions are unfolded, every day adds fresh motives to contentment and fresh incentives to patriotism."

— James K. Polk, 1846, *Second Annual Message to Congress*

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

5. "Ours is the great example of a prosperous and free self-governed republic, commanding the admiration and the imitation of all the lovers of freedom throughout the world."

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

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