

James Russell Lowell Cryptograms — Set 1

6 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: D = T

Hard · 41 letters

O P D M C S Q U D N P Z Z E S C

B E U Z K C S O T U D E

N A V S D E U O H D A K 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: Z = L

Hard · 45 letters

T Z Z G H M ' S ' V B H Z O

K S P M F E Y D Z H L V , T M '

E D T K O K S P M F E Y D

Z T V Y D 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

3. Clue: D = O

Expert · 48 letters

I L E I B R D L W K W L D X I B W

J Q G R R D P O , H L D X F

R D L W K W L D X I B W

I B L D X W .

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: R = E

Medium · 52 letters

C B R J Y C A B C Z

R L H R A W R B F R W I Q C A J Y M

Q Y C X R Q W X E R A B R I I C Z

Q M A B W B 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

5. Clue: P = S

Medium · 54 letters

U P L O E U R O I X P J J P I X S M
I X J P O V J I H J B J E M
A C J P R O I X ; L I P P J P P O I X
N U X 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

6. Clue: M = E

Medium · 54 letters

X D M S L Z K C Q P E C B M L D S
P M L A Q C R U X A M Q P L D
Q C U M M D X J N P Q X B C D S L
K X A E 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

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

Answer key

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1. "Nature fits all her children with something to do."

— James Russell Lowell, 1848, *A Fable for Critics* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "All kin' o' smily round the lips, An' teary round the lashes."

— James Russell Lowell, 1848, *The Biglow Papers, First Series, Second Series. The Courtin'* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne."

— James Russell Lowell, 1844, *Poems (1844), The Present Crisis* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning."

— James Russell Lowell, 1870, *Among My Books, First Series. Shakespeare Once More* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Aspiration sees only one side of every question; possession many."

— James Russell Lowell, 1870, *Among My Books, First Series. New England Two Centuries ago* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "One day with life and heart is more than time enough to find a world."

— James Russell Lowell, 1844, *Poems (1844), Columbus* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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