

## James Russell Lowell Cryptograms — Set 2

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: A = I

Medium · 61 letters

J F Q R G J A K J E F J

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S E A N E A K A G F

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H F G ' K V U S R D ;

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I R G A C K A K J E F J A G

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S E U K R V U S R D F H F G

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A K .

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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: R = E

Hard · 65 letters

Y U V N R X H Q H P B E X W R

V C M S Q P E Y R B Y

J X H Y X B Q R B, - V H R

V J Y E R J S R B E, X H F

V J Y E R B G Q M Q Y V H R.

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: B = E

Hard · 66 letters

**B Z T W V H Z X B C N S A B**

**X V J Y Z C Z R O W H M C S F ,**

**H Z T U H S C B Z X B H M M**

**S A B U H N N C J Z J I**

**R V B H S A B H V S N .**

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>I</b> | <b>J</b> | <b>K</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>M</b> |
| <b>N</b> | <b>O</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>Q</b> | <b>R</b> | <b>S</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>U</b> | <b>V</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Z</b> |

4. Clue: O = E

Medium · 70 letters

T N R V W H G O V T Y T

J O O G E H R W N W M O

V P Y B V J Y W V N J Y T

T N Q V O W C V T

A M N R O T N P O E N D W M O

Q M Y D Y Q W O 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: Y = N

Medium · 71 letters

Y J C R Y D R Y

T G J F E D W Z G W R H

H B O Y Z N S B J O N Y J H

H B J G J E Z B U K

N O Y D W G W O Y

F W R U O Y Z S O H B

B O C N W U 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: J = E

Medium · 72 letters

**R M R I A G V N J I J X U J**

**W C D R X O R X**

**Y X M N R J O**

**J D J N F J X U R J I M K E M**

**M K J X E M R T J D J M E Z**

**W C E D E X R I**

**M J I M 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

## Solver's cheat sheet

|                                   |                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Most common letters</b>        | E T A O I N S H R D L U                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Most common 1-letter words</b> | A I                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Most common 2-letter words</b> | OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY<br>UP AN GO NO US AM                                                                                    |
| <b>Most common 3-letter words</b> | THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE<br>OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE<br>TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT SAY SHE TOO USE |
| <b>Common double letters</b>      | LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Common word endings</b>        | -ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST                                                                                                                         |
| <b>After an apostrophe</b>        | T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D<br>(I'd)                                                                                                 |

## Answer key

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1. "Talent is that which is in a man's power; genius is that in whose power a man is."

— James Russell Lowell, 1870, *Among My Books, First Series. Rousseau and the Sentimentalists* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "Two meanings have our lightest fantasies, - One of the flesh, and of the spirit one."

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

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

3. "Endurance is the crowning quality, And patience all the passion of great hearts."

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

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

4. "Solitude is as needful to the imagination as society is wholesome for the character."

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

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

5. "No man can produce great things who is not thoroughly sincere in dealing with himself."

— James Russell Lowell, 1870, *Among My Books, First Series. Rousseau and the Sentimentalists* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

6. "It is by presence of mind in untried emergencies that the native metal of a man is tested."

— James Russell Lowell, 1871, *My Study Windows*, Abraham Lincoln, 1864 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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