

James Russell Lowell Cryptograms — Set 3

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: L = E

Easy · 84 letters

Y J R G P Y K L J L S E O

Y S U L S C Y K L

O D D O S J E T D H L C ;

I R Y Y K L J L S E C T

V R G D - E Y J L O H

E L Y Y S C V D T J L F L J

S C T C L U S J L X Y S T 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

2. Clue: A = E

Medium · 89 letters

K A H V M I A E U P E E Z

S D A A J , D E X A B A J ,

J A G A G I A J F L P H D W H

H D A G F M U E J H V L A M

D W J Z A M H H E I A W J

W J A H D E M A X D F S D

L A B A J S E G 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: D = I

Hard · 96 letters

K V G D Z Y C D U A ,

M N F D N I D C B D Z U N F W

H V D X T Q D Z E Z E N

U N N L J W G N F D B D J V U

F D M N G Z S , F Y D L ,

Q D Z E J V Z T C J Q D C B

D Z , Z E N N B B J W

L N A J X G Y X 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

4. Clue: U = E

Easy · 97 letters

U E U G P A R Y M U U I V

Z Y V H Z Y D H Z E U I P

H W R H R I I H W U

C U R O H Z M O I

V U Y H Z A U Y H V Z Y H W U

X J G I Q X U Z B W I U V V

H W R Y R V Z Y B I U

I J E U I P R D H Z J Y .

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: J = T

Medium · 98 letters

J C T F T S K I Q V Q Q B

S I G F V W S I V E S J C

J C T S I T U S J G Y X T .

J C T Q I X H G F V W O T I J

G U G S X G Y X T E S J C G I

T G K J E S I B S K J Q

L W J Q I H Q W F

Q U T F M Q G J .

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. "Truly there is a tide in the affairs of men; but there is no gulf-stream setting forever in one direction."

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

2. "Let us be of good cheer, however, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come."

— James Russell Lowell, 1887, *Democracy and Other Addresses, Democracy and Addresses* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "Puritanism, believing itself quick with the seed of religious liberty, laid, without knowing it, the egg of democracy."

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

4. "Every man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action."

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

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

5. "There is no good in arguing with the inevitable. The only argument available with an east wind is to put on your overcoat."

— James Russell Lowell, 1887, *Democracy and Other Addresses, Democracy and Addresses* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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