

# Thomas Carlyle Cryptograms — Set 1

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: Y = E

Medium · 44 letters

H Z D Y I T Y Z H R Y Y F

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N H Y P Y L I Z P Q ,

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H F Y Y T C Z H H C N D D M U

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N H P Z G Y .

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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: V = E

Easy · 45 letters

J K V H L O V , - I  
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H L B B H V R H V I W J O  
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B L W V P V B S V V K B S J  
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V B V X K L B L V C .  
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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 |

3. Clue: L = E

Medium · 48 letters

W V L W K S L

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S G A P L K X A W I Z J

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W V L X L B Q I X A X Q

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R Z T T L R W A Z G Z J

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H Z Z Y X .

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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 |

4. Clue: A = O

Hard · 50 letters

I W V O B V S I V C I A M

M S T Y I C , P C W A T Y Q

C S Z , P C I A R V

X A K C X P A T C A M

K A K 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 |

5. Clue: Z = I

Hard · 57 letters

C T L H Y P Z Y D L E Y

Q L B H P H M H C

T D W O Z I C Q C S X

N H Y C T D W O Z I C Q

Z N T L O O Z A Z Q Z Y 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 |

**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. "Silence is deep as Eternity, speech is shallow as Time."

— Thomas Carlyle, 1838, *Sir Walter Scott. London and Westminster Review*, 1838 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

#### 2. "One life, - a little gleam of time between two Eternities."

— Thomas Carlyle, 1841, *On Heroes, Hero-Worship and the Heroic in History*, *Heroes and Hero-Worship. The Hero as a Man of Letters* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

#### 3. "The true University of these days is a Collection of Books."

— Thomas Carlyle, 1841, *On Heroes, Hero-Worship and the Heroic in History*, *Heroes and Hero-Worship. The Hero as a Man of Letters* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

#### 4. "The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none."

— Thomas Carlyle, 1841, *On Heroes, Hero-Worship and the Heroic in History*, *Heroes and Hero-Worship. The Hero as a Prophet* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

#### 5. "A poet without love were a physical and metaphysical impossibility."

— Thomas Carlyle, 1828, *Burns. Edinburgh Review*, 1828 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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