

Thomas Jefferson Cryptograms — Set 1

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: S = O

Expert · 41 letters

M S G H D V N P D V M H

W P J D V X M U Q V H J P G

V M H I S S R S W

F P D Z S 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

2. Clue: E = S

Hard · 45 letters

E O J M M S W W G D E E D C

O A Z J V T P Q K T V C V S

J E Q M A Z S V P O T E

B M S H D ?

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Expert · 50 letters

U T I F C , I M T Z ,

J T U U D O - H S I S Q T Z C ,

F Z S I T O S I M D Z T

M T P L I P Z K D Z T

Y S Z K .

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: F = E

Medium · 54 letters

E J G F U F D V

I H Y Y F D F S T F C Y

C A H S H C S H L S C G X

I H Y Y F D F S T F C Y

A D H S T H A W F .

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: I = E

Medium · 59 letters

I W W C W C X C U H A H C A

Q O E D I J C G I W O J I N

Y M I W I W I O K C A H K

G I X J X W I I J C

F C Q D O J H 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

6. Clue: D = E

Medium · 77 letters

F A C H C H F A D H Z N U I

X U U V X U O D B M N D M F,

P M V F A C H C H

M D J D H H P B T F U

J G U H D F A D J C B J G D

U I U Z B

I D G C J C F C D H .

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. "Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1819, *Letter to Nathaniel Macon*

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

2. "Shall oppressed humanity find no asylum on this globe?"

— Thomas Jefferson, 1801, *First Annual Message to Congress*

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

3. "Let us, then, fellow-citizens, unite with one heart and one mind."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1801, *First Inaugural Address*

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

4. "But every difference of opinion is not a difference of principle."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1801, *First Inaugural Address*

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

5. "Error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1801, *First Inaugural Address. March 4, 1801 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "This is the sum of good government, and this is necessary to close the circle of our felicities."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1801, *First Inaugural Address*

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