

# Word Sleuth

The 4 different letters in the mystery word can be worked out by comparing the scores of the clue words. Every letter in a clue word that is in the mystery word is scored with a circle, black if the letter is in the correct place, white if it isn't. So, for example, PART shares two letters with our mystery word, but only one of them is in the correct position.

P	A	R	T	●○
P	L	O	T	●●
P	A	T	H	○○
L	O	F	T	●○○
O	A	R	S	○
F	O	A	L	●●○
MYSTERY WORD				
				●●●●

P	O	E	M	●○
C	R	O	P	●○○
P	R	E	Y	○○
R	O	P	E	●●○
F	R	O	M	○○
R	O	M	P	●○
MYSTERY WORD				
				●●●●

## Splits

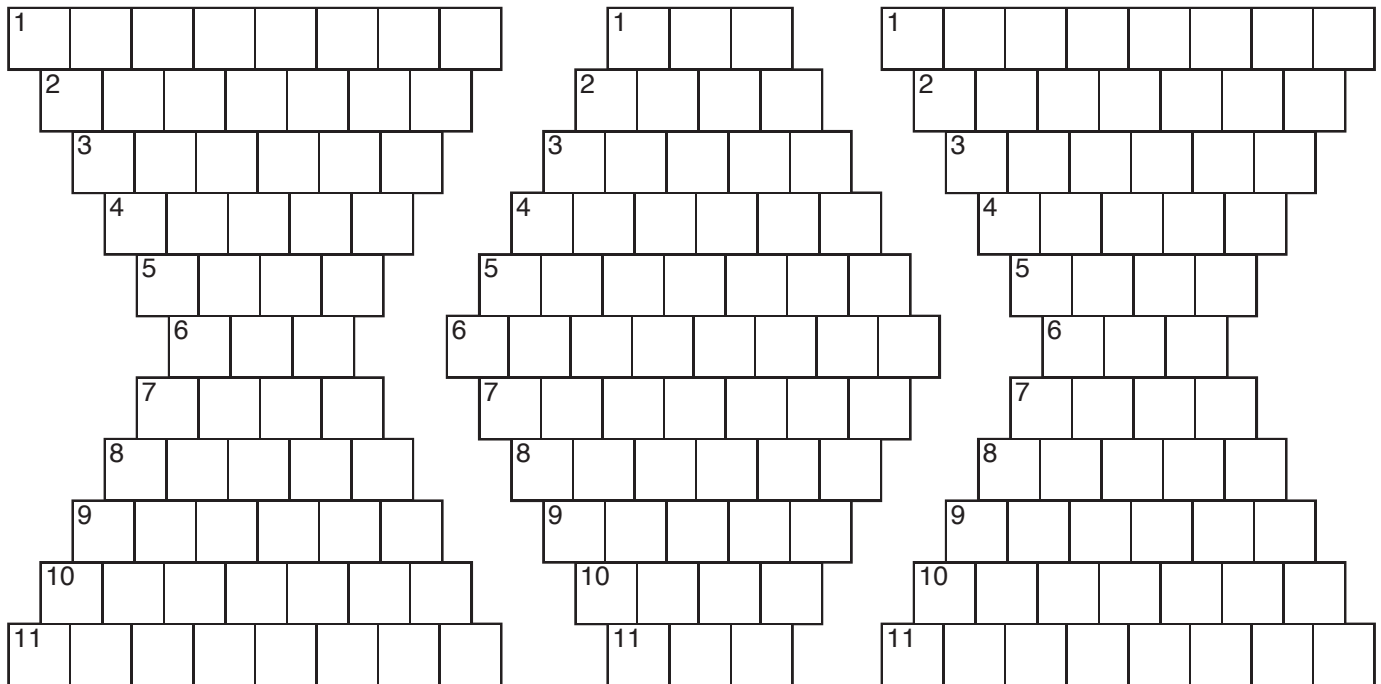
Can you rearrange each of these sets of letter blocks into a word?

- 1) LY HT IG UNS
- 2) PAG AM CH NE
- 3) RI S TE AU TY
- 4) WER WN MO LA
- 5) UND AB CE AN

- 1) CU FFI DI LT
- 2) AN JU CE BIL
- 3) KU BS LL NUM
- 4) TY RI LG A VU
- 5) GLI FL NG ED

# Brickwork

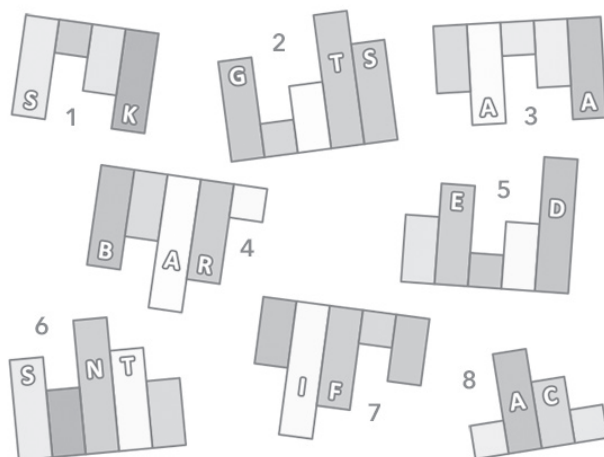
To answer these clues, you have to add or take away a letter from the previous answer and rearrange the letters to get the new answer. When you pass clue 6, you have to do the opposite.



- |                                    |                              |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Statue's plinth (8)              | 1 Undivided (3)              | 1 Expanded (8)         |
| 2 Satisfied (7)                    | 2 Take heed (4)              | 2 Knobbly (7)          |
| 3 Fallen into disuse (6)           | 3 Photocopier powder (5)     | 3 Fisherman (6)        |
| 4 Garden digging tool (5)          | 4 Seat of power (6)          | 4 Fit for a king (5)   |
| 5 Small green vegetables (4)       | 5 Additional (7)             | 5 High wind (4)        |
| 6 Psychic power (inits)(3)         | 6 Atypical protagonist (4-4) | 6 Lower limb (3)       |
| 7 Annoying person (4)              | 7 Coiffure cover (7)         | 7 Scottish valley (4)  |
| 8 Malice (5)                       | 8 Eye membrane (6)           | 8 Heavenly being (5)   |
| 9 Poisoned, infected (6)           | 9 Fuming (5)                 | 9 Kind (6)             |
| 10 Arm muscle (7)                  | 10 Religious ceremony (4)    | 10 Showing the way (7) |
| 11 Perform (a skill) regularly (8) | 11 Bond (3)                  | 11 Putting off (8)     |

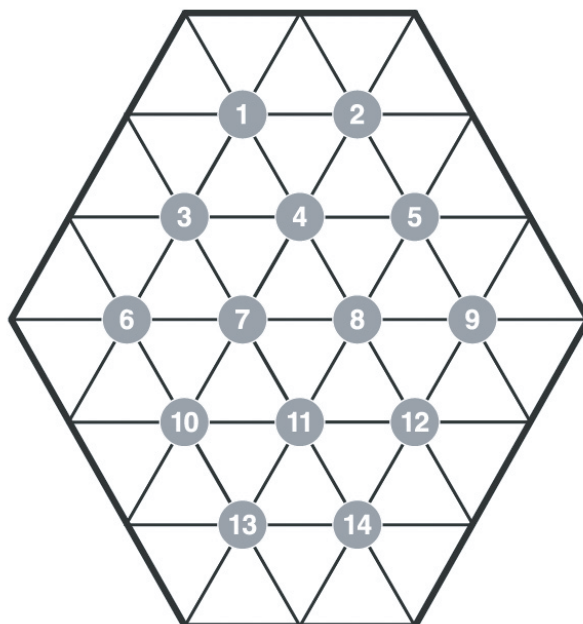
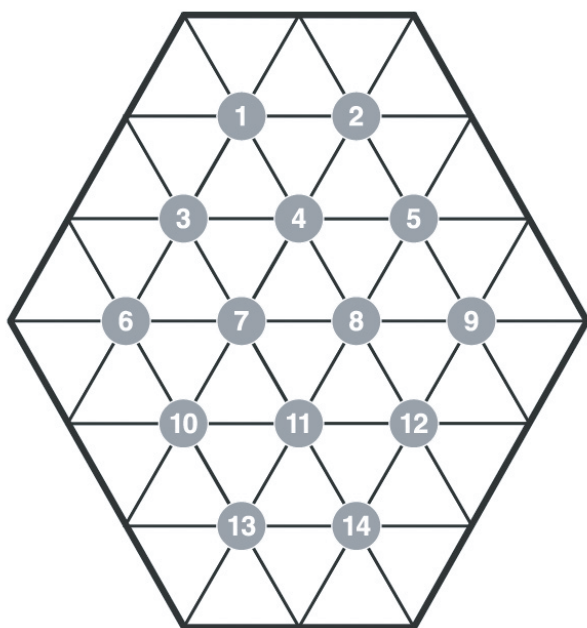
# Word Tetris

Which pairs fit together to form four squares spelling out four words with a common theme?



# Honeycomb

Enter the answers to the clues in a clockwise direction around the corresponding number in the grid. You have to work out where each answer begins.



- |                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Hot curry                     | 8 Projectile              |
| 2 Calling                       | 9 Rufus __, British actor |
| 3 Grouped together like animals | 10 New Recruit            |
| 4 German river                  | 11 Baby's knitted shoe    |
| 5 Thrusts forward               | 12 Cat ____, TV presenter |
| 6 Saturate                      | 13 Capital of Mali        |
| 7 Person owing                  | 14 Ocean floor            |

- |                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Arrested                  | 8 Cute little child |
| 2 Mould, fungus             | 9 Hip-hop singer    |
| 3 Italian football club     | 10 Take away        |
| 4 Scotland's largest loch   | 11 Pledge, commit   |
| 5 Constabulary              | 12 Procession       |
| 6 Red wine                  | 13 Part of a jacket |
| 7 Type of drum (hyphenated) | 14 Entertained      |

# Anagrammist

Unscramble the words given and enter them into the grid. When placed in the correct order, the shaded column will spell out another word.

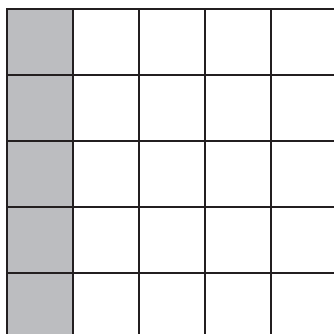
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PANEL

SIREN

NAKED

TOUGH



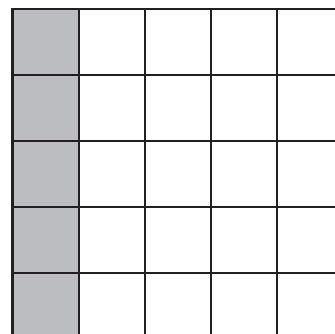
DEATH

LATEX

OCEAN

TACIT

SPATE



# Set An Example

If the clue EARNINGS (3: 5) gives SIN: ANGER, what category and example can be untangled from this clue?

## SOOT LAW (4: 3)

# And So On

Unscramble the letters in the phrase FOOT SALES to form two words that are linked by the word 'and' in a common phrase. Example: The letters in LEATHER HAY can be rearranged to spell HALE and HEARTY.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

# Scramble

What flowers can be made from each of these sets of scrambled letters?

- |            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| 1. EROS    | 5. SUCCOR    |
| 2. SYNAP   | 6. A BIG ONE |
| 3. LIT UP  | 7. ROW PONDS |
| 4. LOVE IT | 8. LAMA LICE |

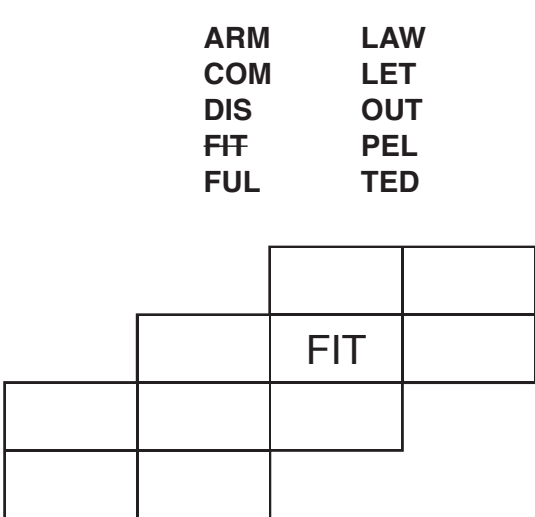
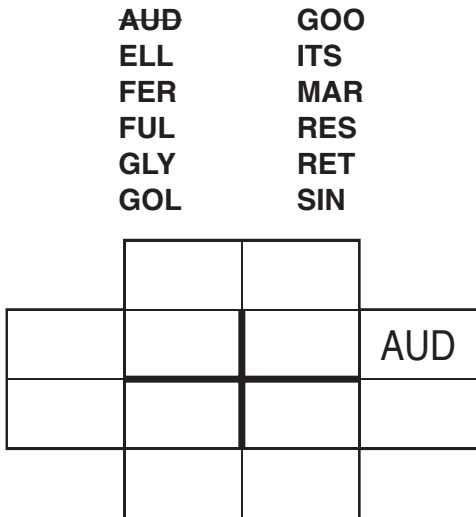
# Mind the Gap

Can you complete the five words in each set by adding the same three-letter word? For example, OUR in HLY, VIG, FTH (hourly, vigour, fourth), and so on.

- |                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. FATE BHT OAMI TGER IRATE  | 4. CICAL ANT VEENT MAY TATIC   |
| 2. PNER IFICE HELESS FUL HEH | 5. COLE DEATE ENDARY ILAL BOOT |
| 3. SIER FER UPH DRUMS SCING  |                                |

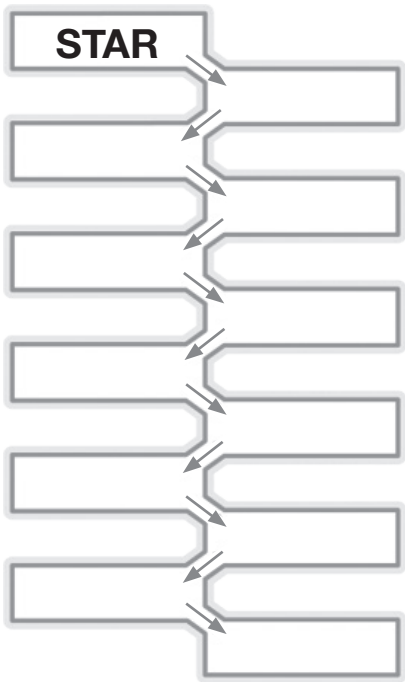
# Boxwise

Place the three-letter blocks in the grid so that adjacent squares - unless blocked off by a bold line - reveal a six-letter word. One group of three letters has been filled in to start you off.



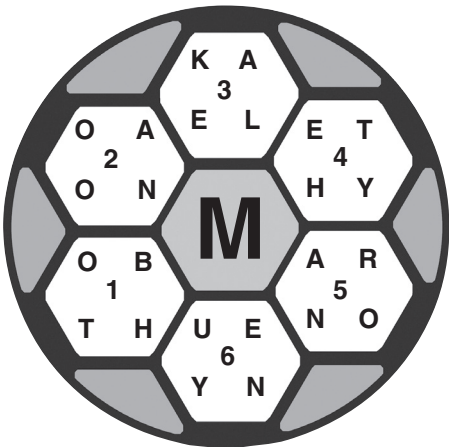
# Chain Reaction

Fill in the blanks with the following word parts so you can read 11 full words along the arrows: AL, ARM, CAST, CH, DOWN, LET, OM, OR, PHA, SE, STAR, VEN. We've filled in one to start you off.



# Goal

Each panel of the ball contains a scrambled word, starting with the letter in the centre. Use the clues below to unscramble the words. In each case you'll have one letter left over. Make the mystery word from these letters, reading from 1-6, to score a goal!



- 1 Night insect

2 Earth's satellite

3 Man or boy
- 4 Legendary tale

5 Complain

6 Restaurant food list

# Four by Four

Transfer one letter or pair of letters from each column to each of the four squares in a row, to form four words with a common theme reading across.

RO	ED	A	AT
GO	IN	BO	Y
D	ND	GH	A
P	W	OL	LO


CH	TI	TT	RE
S	CO	D	A
GR	ED	YE	ON
RI	U	LT	AR


IN	RA	O	E
M	AR	G	TA
O	DI	NG	ON
MA	G	EN	O


HE	D	DO	NE
H	R	IN	CK
SA	AL	IB	G
HA	RR	DI	UT


## Word Builder

Build the answers to the clues provided, always using the shaded central square. Another word (unclued) can be made using all nine letters.

S	H	G
A	N	M
I	R	T

### 5 letters

Coach, teach  
Extremely big person  
Holy person  
Object, item  
Pattern on wood

### 6 letters

Bird that resembles a swift or swallow  
Border

Calming or domesticating  
Naval seaman  
Use a colander

### 7 letters

Decorate  
Stain, discolour

### 8 letters

Feeling a sharp pain

N	E	R
O	D	S
A	I	G

### 5 letters

Apart  
Bedeck  
Colour (with embarrassment) (2 words)  
Crush (to small particles)  
Dignified, exalted

### 6 letters

Adult male gosling  
Banded, circled  
Confer holy orders upon

Cultivated ground around a house  
Slightly burnt

### 7 letters

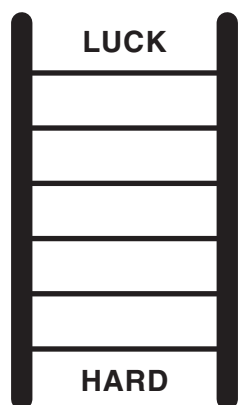
Fish usually sold in a tin  
Poetry recitation

### 8 letters

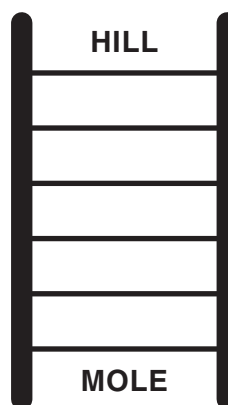
Drivers' information board (2 words)  
Use symptoms to identify  
Was in anguish (over)

# Word Ladder

Your task here is to climb from the word at the bottom of the ladder to the word at the top, changing just one letter at a time and without disturbing the order of the remaining letters. We've clued the five steps you take, but not in the correct order. Can you climb the ladder successfully?



- Pay attention
- Deficit
- Support
- Chop roughly
- Compress



- Ponder
- Male bovine
- Gangster's girl
- Thin out the population of
- Ship's frame

# Add-A-Letter

Identify the single letters that should be added to the listed four-letter words to form five-letter words that answer the clues provided. You will need to rearrange the letters to find the answers. When done correctly, the added letters - reading downwards - will spell out another word.

SANE  
DIVE  
DOME  
DREW  
DEAD  
TEAT

1
2
3
4
5
6

- 1 Financial resources, funds
- 2 Old TV tape
- 3 Person who poses for an artist
- 4 Aquatic bird
- 5 Venomous snake
- 6 Nation, country

PARK  
SORT  
REED  
SEAT  
LAMA  
DAMN

1
2
3
4
5
6

- 1 Practical joke
- 2 Cook in the oven
- 3 Dissuade
- 4 Lightly fry
- 5 Panic button
- 6 Alter

LUMP  
LADS  
LEEK  
ELSE  
FIRE  
SARI

1
2
3
4
5
6

- 1 Tinker with water pipes
- 2 Summer dish
- 3 Prepare to pray
- 4 Frame for supporting a picture
- 5 Deduce
- 6 Opera solos

PEEL  
SUMO  
PINE  
LIAR  
CLAP  
NOSE

1
2
3
4
5
6

- 1 Abscond to marry
- 2 Pale-brown (hair)
- 3 Long-billed bird
- 4 Forest path
- 5 Put
- 6 Sleeper's grunt!

# Tri-Fit

Place a well-known three-letter word in the spaces of each row to complete the seven-letter word. Do it correctly and the shaded squares will spell out a word.

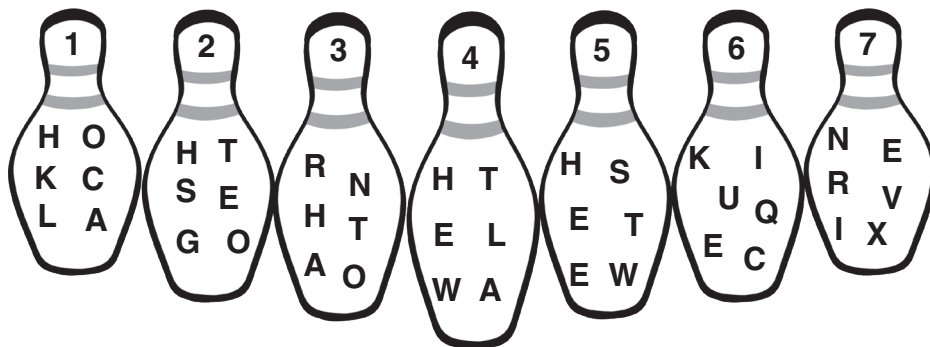
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C				N	E	Y
R	E				A	L
E	M	I				E
A				T	O	R
E	A	R				R
S	O	L				R

D	I	S				D
O	C				U	S
P				H	E	D
D	I				E	Y
B	L				E	R
S	C				P	Y
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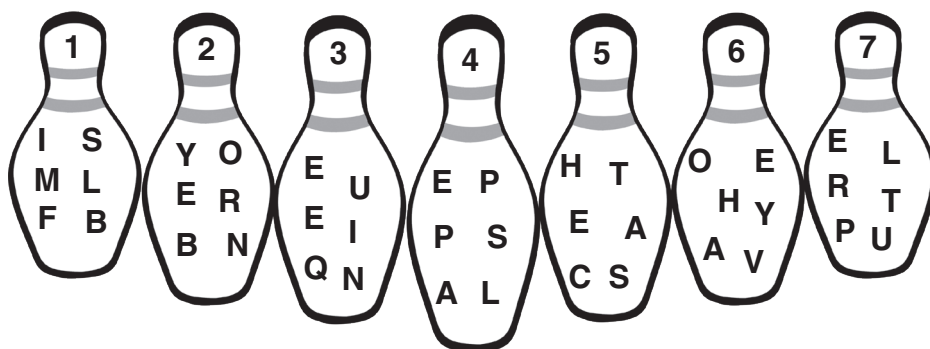
# Skittles

Each skittle contains a jumbled-up answer, plus one extra letter. Put the extra letter between the skittle's stripes. When you've answered all the clues, the extra letters - reading across - will spell out a moorland plant (top) and a British city (bottom).



- 1 Cape
- 2 Spirit, apparition
- 3 Compass point
- 4 Giant sea mammal

- 5 Sugary
- 6 Fast, speedy
- 7 Female fox



- 1 Movies
- 2 Black wood
- 3 Female monarch
- 4 Orchard fruit

- 5 Pursue
- 6 Weighty
- 7 Explode like a volcano



# Start and Finish

Each of these words starts and finishes with the same letter. Can you work out the words?

- |          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| 1. _OIN_ | 6. _OCA_  |
| 2. _IVI_ | 7. _YLO_  |
| 3. _ROM_ | 8. _ERI_  |
| 4. _EAL_ | 9. _ARS_  |
| 5. _RUI_ | 10. _UTD_ |

# Three in One

The three parts of each clue lead to the same answer word. What are the words?

- |   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. Public • Condition • Affirm              | 5. Watch out • Look after • Care |
| 2. Naive • Village common • Envious         | 6. Originate • Stop • Stalk      |
| 3. Firmly set • Rapid • Go without food     | 7. Drink up • Low • Feathers     |
| 4. Rely (on) • Aristocratic title • Include | 8. Choice • Colour • Fruit       |

# Soundalikes

Can you complete each of these sentences with two words that sound alike, but are spelled differently?

1. The \_\_\_\_ around Elizabeth I's neck was too \_\_\_\_ for the royal skin.
2. The \_\_\_\_ takeaway we have is Chinese, particularly chow \_\_\_\_.
3. She \_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_ and improved version would work.
4. The walkers clambered over the \_\_\_\_ in some \_\_\_\_.
5. There's no need to \_\_\_\_ about the quality of \_\_\_\_ if it's from a French vineyard.
6. '\_\_\_\_ be proud to walk you down the \_\_\_\_,' said the father to his daughter, the bride.

# Alphafit

Each letter of the alphabet has been removed from this crossword just once. Replace them to complete the crossword.

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



## Two of a Kind

Can you sort each set of letter blocks into two words with the same meaning?

1. IG CL ER HT BR EV
2. OTB ER SO ALL CC FO
3. IC LY AB FR LE ND AM IE
4. IN SER NT MI FLI SK
5. TIV ISE MER CAP MES ATE

## Small Change

Can you change one letter of each of these words to make five new words with a common theme?

1. DOODLE • BASKET • PAINTER • HUNKY • SETTEE
2. BRUISER • TRAILER • CHIPPER • IRK • FURRY
3. PIECES • LOO • CRIES • CANTER • LIBYA
4. ALP • BEAR • LATER • STOAT • OILS
5. AWAY • JOTTER • TESTER • ROOK • WOMBLE

# Mini Jigsaw

Fit the pieces in the grid to spell out a type of fabric in each row.

S	L	A	S	C	H
T	T	R	A	V	E
I	N	N	V	M	U
O	N	G	O	C	O
T	Z	C	A	I	N
E	T	A	N	L	V

1					
2		N			
3				N	
4					
5					N
6					

# Vowel Play

Can you replace the missing vowels to complete the names of these countries? Kyrgyzstan is not one of them, for obvious reasons.

1. R L N D
2. M R C C
3. G R C
4. C H L
5. S P N

6. C N D
7. T N S
8. S T R L
9. P R
10. C D R

# Take Two

Take two consecutive letters from each of the three words, in order, to spell a six-letter word.

OPAL LAZY CELL

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# Three of a Kind

Find three hidden words in the sentence that, read in order, go together in some way.  
Example: I sold Norma new screwdrivers (answer: 'old man river')

Eat a kebab without peas - you're kidding!

# Opposites Attract

Can you sort each set of letter blocks into two words with opposite meanings?

- TE EA LA RLY
- DE ALL SH EP OW
- CE NE PT AC CLI DE
- NCE RE AD TRE VA AT
- DE TF MO UL BO ST AS

## Missing Vowels

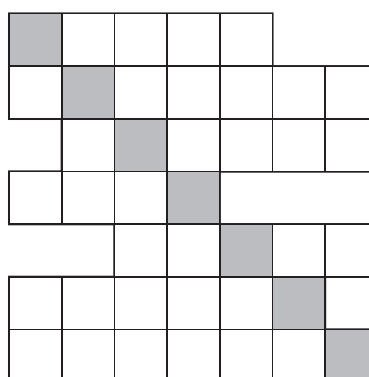
Do you recognise all these words without their vowels? Just put the vowels back correctly to complete the crossword.



## Acrofit

Place the listed artists in the grid, reading across, to reveal another reading down the diagonal.

BOSCH  
DALI  
MONET  
PIGALLE  
RUBENS  
STUBBS  
VAN GOGH



# Solutions

## Page 1

### Word Sleuth

The mystery word is FLAT

## Page 1

### Word Sleuth

The mystery word is CORE

## Page 1

### Splits

- 1 Unsightly
- 2 Champagne
- 3 Austerity
- 4 Lawnmower
- 5 Abundance

## Page 1

### Splits

- 1 Difficult
- 2 Jubilation
- 3 Numbskull
- 4 Vulgarly
- 5 Fledgling

## Page 2

### Brickwork

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PEDESTAL
PLEASSED
LAPSED
SPADE
PEAS
ESP
PEST
SPITE
SEPTIC
TRICEPS
PRACTISE
    
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## Page 2

### Brickwork

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ONE
NOTE
TONER
THRONE
ANOTHER
ANTHERO
HAIRNET
RETINA
IRATE
RITE
TIE
    
```

## Page 2

### Brickwork

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ENLARGED
GNARLED
ANGLER
REGAL
GALE
LEG
GLEN
ANGEL
GENIAL
LEADING
DELAYING
    
```

## Page 2

### Word Tetris

- 1 & 8 = SACK
- 2 & 7 = GIFTS
- 3 & 6 = SANTA
- 4 & 5 = BEARD

## Page 3

### Honeycomb

- 1 Madras 2 Naming
- 3 Herded 4 Danube
- 5 Lunges 6 Drench
- 7 Debtor 8 Bullet
- 9 Sewell 10 Rookie
- 11 Bootee 12 Deeley
- 13 Bamako 14 Seabed.

## Page 3

### Honeycomb

- 1 Nicked 2 Mildew
- 3 Torino 4 Lomond
- 5 Police 6 Merlot
- 7 Tom-tom 8 Moppet
- 9 Rapper 10 Remove
- 11 Devote 12 Parade
- 13 Sleeve 14 Amused.

## Page 3

### Anagrammist

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PENAL
OUGHT
KNEAD
ENDOW
RESIN
    
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## Page 3

### Anagrammist

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PASTE
EXALT
ATTIC
CANOE
HATED
    
```

## Page 4

### Set An Example

Tool: Saw

## Page 4

### And So On

Fast and loose

## Page 4

### Scramble

- 1 Rose 2 Pansy 3 Tulip
- 4 Violet 5 Crocus 6 Begonia
- 7 Snowdrop 8 Camellia

## Page 4

### Mind the Gap

- 1 Rig 2 Art 3 Old
- 4 Hem 5 Leg

## Page 5

### Boxwise

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      SIN  FUL
GOO GLY MAR AUD
GOL FER RES ITS
      RET  ELL
    
```

## Page 5

### Boxwise

```

          OUT  LAW
        COM  FIT  FUL
DIS  PEL  TED
ARM  LET
    
```

# Solutions

## Page 5

### Chain Reaction

Starch, charm,  
armlet, letdown,  
downcast, castor,  
oral, alpha, phase,  
seven, venom.

## Page 5

### Goal

1 Moth 2 Moon  
3 Male 4 Myth  
5 Moan 6 Menu  
Mystery word: Bakery

## Page 6

### Four by Four

Rowboat  
Gondola  
Dinghy  
Pedalo

## Page 6

### Four by Four

Cheddar  
Stilton  
Gruyere  
Ricotta

## Page 6

### Four by Four

Indigo  
Maroon  
Orange  
Magenta

## Page 6

### Four by Four

Herring  
Halibut  
Sardine  
Haddock

## Page 6

### Word Builder

5 letters: Train Giant  
Saint Thing Grain  
6 letters: Martin Margin  
Taming Rating Strain  
7 letters: Garnish Tarnish  
8 letters: Smarting  
9 letters: Hamstring

## Page 6

### Word Builder

5 letters: Aside Adorn Go  
red Grind Grand  
6 letters: Gander Ringed  
Ordain Garden Singed  
7 letters: Sardine Reading  
8 letters: Road sign  
Diagnose Agonised  
9 letters: Organised

## Page 7

### Word Ladder

HARD, HARK,  
HACK, BACK,  
PACK, LACK,  
LUCK.

## Page 7

### Word Ladder

MOLE, MOLL,  
MULL, CULL,  
BULL, HULL,  
HILL.

## Page 7

### Add-A-Letter

Means, video,  
model, wader,  
adder, state:  
**MOLARS**

## Page 7

### Add-A-Letter

Prank, roast,  
deter, saute,  
alarm, amend:  
**NATURE**

## Page 7

### Add-A-Letter

Plumb, salad,  
kneel, easel,  
infer, arias:  
**BANANA**

## Page 7

### Add-A-Letter

Elope, mousy,  
snipe, trail,  
place, snore:  
**OYSTER**

## Page 8

### Tri-Fit

Genetic, chimney,  
renewal, emirate,  
aviator, earlier,  
soldier:  
**EMERALD**

## Page 8

### Tri-Fit

Discard, octopus,  
parched, disobey,  
blender, scrumpy,  
epitaph:  
**COCONUT**

# Solutions

## Page 8

### Tri-Fit

Protect, overawe,  
impaled, evacuee,  
brutish, bloomer,  
smarten:

**TRACTOR**

## Page 8

### Skittles

1 Cloak 2 Ghost 3 North  
4 Whale 5 Sweet  
6 Quick 7 Vixen  
Moorland plant: HEATHER

## Page 8

### Skittles

1 Films 2 Ebony 3 Queen  
4 Apple 5 Chase  
6 Heavy 7 Erupt  
British city: BRISTOL

## Page 9

### Start and Finish

1 GOING 2 CIVIC  
3 AROMA  
4 SEALS 5 DRUID  
6 LOCAL 7 NYLON  
8 EERIE 9 HARSH  
10 OUTDO

## Page 9

### Three in One

1 State 2 Green  
3 Fast 4 Count  
5 Mind 6 Stem  
7 Down 8 Plum

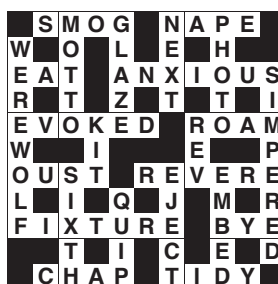
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### Soundalikes

1 Ruff/rough  
2 Main/mein  
3 Knew/new  
4 Stile/style  
5 Whine/wine  
6 I'll/aisle

## Page 10

### Alphafit



## Page 10

### Two of a Kind

1 Bright/clever  
2 Football/soccer  
3 Amicable/friendly  
4 Miser/skinflint  
5 Captivate/mesmerise

## Page 10

### Small Change

1 Poodle, basset, pointer,  
husky, setter 2 Cruiser,  
trawler, clipper, ark, ferry  
3 Pisces, Leo, Aries,  
Cancer, Libra 4 Ale, beer,  
lager, stout, pils 5 Sway,  
totter, teeter, rock, wobble.

## Page 11

### Mini Jigsaw

Canvas, angora, chintz,  
velvet, muslin, cotton.

## Page 11

### Vowel Play

1 Ireland 2 Morocco  
3 Greece 4 Chile 5 Spain  
6 Canada 7 Tunisia  
8 Australia 9 Peru  
10 Ecuador

## Page 11

### Take Two

PALACE

## Page 11

### Three of a Kind

Eat a kebab without  
peas - you're kidding!

## Page 12

### Opposites Attract

1 Early/late  
2 Deep/shallow  
3 Accept/decline  
4 Advance/retreat  
5 Boastful/modest

## Page 12

### Missing Vowels



## Page 12

### Acrofit

MONET, VAN GOGH,  
STUBBS, DALI, BOSCH,  
RUBENS, PIGALLE:  
**MATISSE**