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PART 1 – ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS

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MAJOR MOVIE TITLES OF THE 50S

Fill in the blanks and find a major movie title of the 50s:

1. A Streetcar Named D _ _ I _ _

2. Marjorie M _ _ n _ _ g _ _ a _

3. From Here to E _ _ r _ _ t _

4. Double I _ _ e _ _ i _ _

5. Blackboard J _ _ g _ _

ANSWERS - MAJOR MOVIE TITLES OF THE 50S

Fill in the blanks and find a major movie title of the 50s:

- 1. *A Streetcar Named Desire***
- 2. *Marjorie Morningstar***
- 3. *From Here to Eternity***
- 4. *Double Indemnity***
- 5. *Blackboard Jungle***

SINGERS OF THE TOP SONGS OF THE 60S

Find the last names of the singers of these top songs of the 60s:

- 1. *I'm Sorry* – 1960 – Brenda _____**
- 2. *Runaway* – 1961 – Del _____**
- 3. *Hit the Road Jack* – 1961 – Ray _____**
- 4. *Wishin' and Hopin'* – 1964 – Dusty _____**
- 5. *Downtown* – 1965 – Petula _____**

ANSWERS - SINGERS OF THE TOP SONGS OF THE 60S

- 1. *I'm Sorry* – 1960 – Brenda Lee**
- 2. *Runaway* – 1961 – Del Shannon**
- 3. *Hit the Road Jack* – 1961 – Ray Charles**
- 4. *Wishin' and Hopin'* – 1964 – Dusty Springfield**
- 5. *Downtown* – 1965 – Petula Clark**

NEWS EVENTS OF THE 50S

Fill in the blanks:

- 1. 1952 – King Farouk of E _ _ _ t ousted**
- 2. 1954 – Senate condemns Joe M _ _ _ _ _ y**
- 3. 1955 – Juan Peron ousted in A _ _ _ _ _ a**
- 4. 1957 – Russia launches S _ _ _ _ _ k to start Space Age**
- 5. 1959 – C _ _ _ _ o assumes power in Cuba**

ANSWERS - NEWS EVENTS OF THE 50S

- 1. 1952 – King Farouk of Egypt ousted**
- 2. 1954 – Senate condemns Joe McCarthy**
- 3. 1955 – Juan Peron ousted in Argentina**
- 4. 1957 – Russia launches Sputnik to start Space Age**
- 5. 1959 – Castro assumes power in Cuba**

NEWS EVENTS OF THE 60S

Fill in the blanks:

1. 1961 – Alan B. S _ _ _ _ _ d orbits space
2. 1964 – Earthquake destroys A _ _ _ _ _ e
3. 1964 – Johnson defeats G _ _ _ _ _ r
4. 1968 – Nixon and A _ _ _ w are elected
5. 1968 – Martin Luther King slain in M _ _ _ _ _ s

ANSWERS - NEWS EVENTS OF THE 60S:

- 1. 1961 – Alan B. Shepard orbits space**
- 2. 1964 – Earthquake destroys Anchorage**
- 3. 1964 – Johnson defeats Goldwater**
- 4. 1968 – Nixon and Agnew are elected**
- 5. 1968 – Martin Luther King slain in Memphis**

BUSINESSES OF THE 50S AND 60S

Fill in the rest of the second name or word of these businesses that were popular in the 50s and 60s and may have been around before or after the 50s and 60s:

1. Liggett & My _____

2. Austin He _____

3. Waldorf As _____

4. Foster Gr _____

5. Helene Cu _____

ANSWERS - BUSINESSES OF THE 50S AND 60S:

- 1. Liggett & Myers**
- 2. Austin Healy**
- 3. Waldorf Astoria**
- 4. Foster Grant**
- 5. Helene Curtis**

NUMBERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 50S AND 60S

Find the movie, song, or television show titles:

1. 101 D_____

2. C_____ 22

3. 77 S_____ S_____

4. 16 T_____

5. L_____ P_____ N_____ 9

ANSWERS - NUMBERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 50S AND 60S:

- 1. *101 Dalmations***
- 2. *Catch 22***
- 3. *77 Sunset Strip***
- 4. *16 Tons***
- 5. *Love Potion Number 9***

COMIC STRIPS OF THE 50S AND 60S

Fill in the blanks of these comic strips that were popular in the 50s and 60s:

1. A _ _ y C _ _ p

2. B _ _ t _ _ B _ _ _ e _

3. B _ _ n _ _ S _ _ r _

4. D _ _ n _ _ the M _ _ a _ _

5. D _ _ k T _ _ c _

ANSWERS - COMIC STRIPS OF THE 50S AND 60S:

- 1. *Andy Capp***
- 2. *Beetle Bailey***
- 3. *Brenda Starr***
- 4. *Dennis the Menace***
- 5. *Dick Tracy***

SONGS IN MUSICALS OF THE 50S AND 60S

Find the titles of the musicals from the 50s or 60s with the given songs:

1. ***I Feel Pretty*** – W _____ S _____ S _____
2. ***People*** – F _____ G _____
3. ***Climb Every Mountain*** – The S _____ of M _____
4. ***If Ever I Would Leave You*** – C _____
5. ***Hey There*** – The P _____ G _____

ANSWERS - SONGS IN MUSICALS OF THE 50S AND 60S

- 1. *I Feel Pretty – West Side story***
- 2. *People – Funny Girl***
- 3. *Climb Every Mountain – The Sound of Music***
- 4. *If Ever I Would Leave You – Camelot***
- 5. *Hey There – The Pajama Game***

TV SHOWS THAT STARTED IN THE 50S

Fill in the blanks of the names of these television shows that premiered during the 50s:

1. The Ho _____ ners
2. Ca ___ in Ka _____ oo
3. Tr ___ or Con _____ es
4. Dr ___ et
5. Am _____ an Ba _____ nd

ANSWERS - TV SHOWS THAT STARTED IN THE 50S

- 1. The Honeymooners**
- 2. Captain Kangaroo**
- 3. Truth or Consequences**
- 4. Dragnet**
- 5. American Bandstand**

TV SHOWS THAT STARTED IN THE 60S

Fill in the blanks of the names of these television shows that premiered during the 60s:

1. The Je _ _ _ ns

2. J _ _ _ _ _ y!

3. M _ _ S _ _ _ d

4. B _ w _ _ _ _ ed

5. L _ _ _ _ - In

ANSWERS - TV SHOWS THAT STARTED IN THE 60S

- 1. The Jetsons**
- 2. Jeopardy!**
- 3. Mod Squad**
- 4. Bewitched**
- 5. Laugh - In**

PART 2 – FOR AGES 10 – 110

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HIDDEN NUMBERS

Find consecutive letters that spell out a number.

Example: AN OBOE IS PLAYED WITH REEDS = THREE

- 1. I WILL FEEL EVEN BETTER TOMORROW**

- 2. I DON'T KNOW IF OUR ANSWERS ARE RIGHT**

- 3. THE RAT COLLECTOR HAD SOME PRIZE RODENTS**

- 4. THEY HAD A WIN IN EVERY HOMESTAND**

- 5. DID QUEEN LATIFAH OUTWEIGH TINA TURNER?**

Answers to *Hidden Numbers*:

- 1. I WILL FEEL EVEN BETTER TOMORROW = ELEVEN**
- 2. I DON'T KNOW IF OUR ANSWERS ARE RIGHT = FOUR**
- 3. THE RAT COLLECTOR HAD SOME PRIZE RODENTS = ZERO**
- 4. THEY HAD A WIN IN EVERY HOMESTAND = NINE**
- 5. DID QUEEN LATIFAH OUTWEIGH TINA TURNER? = EIGHT**

HIDDEN COLORS

Find consecutive letters that spell out a color.

Example: AN OGRE ENTERED THE ROOM = GREEN

- 1. RICO RAN GEM STONES TO JEWELRY STORES**
- 2. MARY'S LAMB ERASED HER PAPER**
- 3. WITH GABE I GET A SOLID TEAM PLAYER**
- 4. ITALIAN CHEFS LIKE BASIL VERY MUCH**
- 5. VINCENT WAS CATCHING RAYS AT THE BEACH**

Answers to *Hidden Colors*:

- 1. RICO RAN GEM STONES TO JEWELRY STORES = ORANGE**
- 2. MARY'S LAMB ERASED HER PAPER = AMBER**
- 3. WITH GABE I GET A SOLID TEAM PLAYER = BEIGE**
- 4. ITALIAN CHEFS LIKE BASIL VERY MUCH = SILVER**
- 5. VINCENT WAS CATCHING G RAYS AT THE BEACH = GRAY**

HIDDEN FRUITS

Find consecutive letters that spell out a fruit.

Example: SOME FOLKS FIND AN AFTERNOON NAP PLEASANT =

APPLE

- 1. SHE HELPED HER GRANDPA PAY A BILL**
- 2. WHEN I WATCH AN OPERA I SING ALONG**
- 3. SOMETIMES WE SHIP LUMBER OVERSEAS**
- 4. SUPERMAN GOT MORE PUBLICITY THAN BATMAN**
- 5. THE INVENTOR OF SCOTCH TAPE ACHIEVED WEALTH**

Answers to *Hidden Fruits*:

- 1. SHE HELPED HER GRANDPA PAY A BILL = PAPAYA**
- 2. WHEN I WATCH AN OPERA I SING ALONG = RAISIN**
- 3. SOMETIMES WE SHIP LUMBER OVERSEAS = PLUM**
- 4. SUPERMAN GOT MORE PUBLICITY THAN BATMAN = MANGO**
- 5. THE INVENTOR OF SCOTCH TAPE ACHIEVED WEALTH = PEACH**

SHAPES (2-DIMENSIONAL AND 3-DIMENSIONAL)

Zap 5 letters so remaining letters spell out a shape.

Example: CHAIR ICICLE = C H A I R I C I C L E = CIRCLE

- 1. SEQUEL AIRED**
- 2. STRIPE AND GLEN**
- 3. SCOUR BASE**
- 4. ONE COAT WAGON**
- 5. PAY RATE MIXED**

Answers to *Shapes*:

1. **S E Q U E L A I R E D = SQUARE**
2. **S T R I P E A N D G L E N = TRIANGLE**
3. **S C O U R B A S E = CUBE**
4. **O N E C O A T W A G O N = OCTAGON**
5. **P A Y R A T E M I X E D = PYRAMID**

LANGUAGES

Zap 5 letters so remaining letters spell out a language.

Example: ENDING RELISH = E N D I N G R E L I S H = ENGLISH

- 1. SOLAR THING**
- 2. HIS PLAN IS HOT**
- 3. GAMER MAGNET**
- 4. COMMAND CARING**
- 5. RUBS SIX HANDS**

Answers to *Languages*:

1. SO **L A R** **T H I N** G = LATIN

2. H I **S** **P L A N** I **S** **H** O T = SPANISH

3. **G** A M **E R** **M A G N** E T = GERMAN

4. C O M **M A N D** C **A R I N** G = MANDARIN

5. **R U** B **S** **S I X** H **A N** D S = RUSSIAN

SOUPS

Zap 5 letters so remaining letters spell out a type of soup.

Example: STORM PASTOR = S T O R M P A S T O R = TOMATO

- 1. CHIP BACK BEND**
- 2. COHORT WADERS**
- 3. GAZE PAST CHOPS**
- 4. MAIN MEN STRONGER**
- 5. MULLS HER GROOM**

Answers to *Soups*:

1. **CHI**P **BA** **CK** **BE**N **D** = **CHICKEN**
2. **CO** **HO** **RT** **WA** **DE** **RS** = **CHOWDER**
3. **GA** **ZE** **PA** **ST** **CH** **O** **PS** = **GAZPACHO**
4. **MA** **IN** **ME** **N** **STR** **ON** **G** **E** **R** = **MINESTRONE**
5. **MU** **LL** **S** **HE** **R** **G** **RO** **OM** = **MUSHROOM**

Animals (find the one-word animal from the ending letters)

Example:AFFE = GIRAFFE

1. HANT

2. DILE

3. ZEE

4. PARD

5. UTAN

Answers to *Animals*:

- 1. HANT = ELEPHANT**
- 2. DILE = CROCODILE**
- 3. ZEE = CHIMPANZEE**
- 4. PARD = LEOPARD**
- 5. UTAN = ORANGUTAN**

U.S. National Parks (find the one-word park from the ending letters)

Example: ITE = YOSEMITE

- 1. ONE**
- 2. DES**
- 3. CIER**
- 4. PIC**
- 5. OOD**

Answers to *U.S. National Parks*:

1. ONE = YELLOWSTONE

2. DES = EVERGLADES

3. CIER = GLACIER

4. PIC = OLYMPIC

5. OOD = REDWOOD

FAMOUS AUTHORS – Fill in the missing vowels, separate into first and last name, and find the authors.

Example: CHRLSDCKNS = CHARLES DICKENS

1. RNSTHMNGWY

2. GTHCHRST

3. MRYSHLLY

4. WLLMSHKSPR

5. JHNSTNBCK

Answers to *Famous Authors*:

- 1. RNSTHMNGWY = ERNEST HEMINGWAY**
- 2. GTHCHRST = AGATHA CHRISTIE**
- 3. MRYSHLLY = MARY SHELLY**
- 4. WLLMSHKSPR = WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**
- 5. JHNSTNBCK = JOHN STEINBECK**

PLACES IN CALIFORNIA – Fill in the missing vowels, separate into two words, and find the places in California.

Example: BVRLYHLLS = BEVERLY HILLS

1. **SNDG**
2. **LCTRZSLND**
3. **SNTMNC**
4. **DTHVLLY**
5. **LSNGLS**

Answers to *Places in California*:

- 1. SNDG = SAN DIEGO**
- 2. LCTRZSLND = ALCATRAZ ISLAND**
- 3. SNTMNC = SANTA MONICA**
- 4. DTHVLLY = DEATH VALLEY**
- 5. LSNGLS = LOS ANGELES**

PART 3 – ESPECIALLY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL READING LEVEL

From *Middle School Word Puzzles* © 2002

Name Games – Find a name and a word that sound the same (like May and may or Jim and gym).

Example: _____ learned how to _____ knots in Boy Scouts.

Answer: **Ty** learned how to **tie** knots in Boy Scouts.

1. _____ used a hand-held _____ when he was making a speech during an assembly.

2. _____ had just two days to learn a new Christmas _____.

3. _____ stayed home from school because her temperature _____ above 99°.

4. _____ liked to _____ up his cup to the very top.

5. _____ runs two _____ every day.

Answers to *Name Games*:

- 1. Mike used a hand-held mike when he was making a speech during an assembly.**
- 2. Carol had just two days to learn a new Christmas carol.**
- 3. Rose stayed home from school because her temperature rose above 99°.**
- 4. Phil liked to fill up his cup to the very top.**
- 5. Miles runs two miles every day.**

Homophones – Find two words that are spelled differently and sound the same (like here and hear).

Example: The toy boat with a red ____ was on ____.

Answer: The toy boat with a red **sail** was on **sale**.

1. After I sliced the pizza into ____ pieces, I ____ three of them.
2. The auto mechanic stubbed his ____ on a ____ truck.
3. ____ careful not to get a ____ sting.
4. There's ____ way my little brother would ____ the answer to this question.
5. The rams looked like they would ____ horns, ____ then they walked away from each other.

Answers to *Homophones*:

- 1. After I sliced the pizza into **eight** pieces, I **ate** three of them.**
- 2. The auto mechanic stubbed his **toe** on a **tow** truck.**
- 3. **Be** careful not to get a **bee** sting.**
- 4. There's **no** way my little brother would **know** the answer to this question.**
- 5. The rams looked like they would **butt** horns, **but** then they walked away from each other.**

Beheadments - Lose the first letter (like *dare* and *are*).

Example: Every house on our _____ has a deadbolt _____ .

Answer: Every house on our **block** has a deadbolt **lock**.

1. I didn't _____ like looking at the electric _____ in the aquarium.
2. It would be _____ to go _____ skating with you.
3. The river may _____ up if another _____ falls into it.
4. Before my mom buys a loaf of _____, she'll _____ the label.
5. It will _____ you down when you put your bike into a _____ gear.

Answers to *Beheadments*:

- 1. I didn't **feel** like looking at the electric **eel** in the aquarium.**
- 2. It would be **nice** to go **ice** skating with you.**
- 3. The river may **clog** up if another **log** falls into it.**
- 4. Before my mom buys a loaf of **bread**, she'll **read** the label.**
- 5. It will **slow** you down when you put your bike into a **low** gear.**

***Curtailments* - Lose the last letter (like *bunt* and *bun*).**

Example: The ____ kept jumping to and ____.

Answer: The **frog** kept jumping to and **fro**.

1. It gave me a ____ to think I might have a ____ on my face.

2. The department store Santa remembered to bring his fake ____ and three-foot plush ____.

3. The way to find out how to make ____ of salmon is to look in the recipe ____.

4. The bus started to ____ on some ice during our ____ trip.

5. Mother thinks that if you take good ____ of a ____, it can last for ten years.

Answers to *Curtailments*:

- 1. It gave me a **scare** to think I might have a **scar** on my face.**
- 2. The department store Santa remembered to bring his fake **beard** and three-foot plush **bear**.**
- 3. The way to find out how to make **filet** of salmon is to look in the recipe **file**.**
- 4. The bus started to **skid** on some ice during our **ski** trip.**
- 5. Mother thinks that if you take good **care** of a **car**, it can last for ten years.**

Two X Puzzles (make two words with X)

Example: The science __ x __ __ was about animals that are now __ x __ __ __ __ .

Answer: The science **e**xam was about animals that are now **e**xtingt.

1. If you __ __ __ __ x your grip on the __ x, it may go flying out of your hand.

2. A __ __ x __ __ __ __ has __ __ x sides.

3. The Rio Grande can be seen from __ __ x __ __ and from New __ __ x __ __ .

4. The technician was trying to __ __ x the x - __ __ __ machine.

5. If you __ __ x shoe polish with floor __ __ x, you'll have a messy floor.

Answers to *Two X Puzzles*:

- 1. If you relax your grip on the ax, it may go flying out of your hand.**
- 2. A hexagon has six sides.**
- 3. The Rio Grande can be seen from Texas and from New Mexico.**
- 4. The technician was trying to fix the x-ray machine.**
- 5. If you mix shoe polish with floor wax, you'll have a messy floor.**

Two J Puzzles (make two words with J)

Example: If dad accepts the new j _ _ offer, we'll have to move to New J _ _ _ _ .

Answer: If dad accepts the new j ob offer, we'll have to move to New J ersey.

1. People can _ _ j _ _ themselves if they're not careful with sharp _ _ j _ _ .

2. I opened a new j _ _ of strawberry j _ _ .

3. The _ _ j Mahal is one of the _ _ j _ _ attractions of India.

4. Kathy danced the Irish J _ _ for fifteen minutes, then took a j _ _ around the streets for an hour.

5. A trial by j _ _ _ is part of the American system of j _ _ _ .

Answers to *Two J Puzzles*:

- 1. People can injure themselves if they're not careful with sharp objects.**
- 2. I opened a new jar of strawberry jam.**
- 3. The Taj Mahal is one of the major attractions of India.**
- 4. Kathy danced the Irish Jig for fifteen minutes, then took a jog around the streets for an hour.**
- 5. A trial by jury is part of the American system of justice.**

***Wraparound Cities* (find starting letter and direction)**

Example: NEHTAS

Answer: ATHENS (NEHTAS – Read right to left and wrap)

1. AGOCHIC

2. TAESELT

3. UAWLIMEEK

4. TREALMON

5. COACAPUL

Answers to *Wraparound Cities*:

- 1. AGOCHIC = CHICAGO (AGO**C**HIC – read left to right and wrap)**
- 2. TAESELT = SEATTLE (TAE**S**ELT – read right to left and wrap)**
- 3. UAWLIMEEK = MILWAUKEE (UAWLI**M**EEEK – read right to left)**
- 4. TREALMON = MONTREAL (TREAL**M**ON – read left to right)**
- 5. COACAPUL = ACAPULCO (CO**A**CAPUL – read left to right)**

***Wraparound Math Words* (find starting letter and direction)**

Example: NECREPT

Answer: PERCENT (NECREPT – Read right to left and wrap)

1. ALNUMER

2. ROFALUM

3. RESPHE

4. GLAARBE

5. NUHDERD

Answers to *Wraparound Math Words*:

- 1. ALNUMER = NUMERAL (ALNUMER – read left to right and wrap)**
- 2. ROFALUM = FORMULA (ROFALUM – read right to left and wrap)**
- 3. RESPHE = SPHERE (RESPHE – read left to right)**
- 4. GLAARBE = ALGEBRA (GLAARBE – read right to left)**
- 5. NUHDERD = HUNDRED (NUHDERD – read right to left)**

***Thanksgiving* (fill in missing letters)**

Example: M _ Y F _ _ _ E _

Answer: M**A**Y**F**LOWER

1. R _ A _ T T _ R _ _ Y

2. _ T U _ _ I _ G

3. _ I _ G R I _ S

4. P _ Y _ O U _ _ R _ _ K

5. _ A _ V E _ T

Answers to *Thanksgiving*:

1. ROAST TURKEY

2. STUFFING

3. PILGRIMS

4. PLYMOUTH ROCK

5. HARVEST

***Presidents Day* (fill in missing letters)**

Example: M _ U N _ V _ R _ O N

Answer: MOUNT VERNON

1. C _ E _ _ Y T R _ _

2. _ M A _ C _ P _ T _ O _ P _ O C _ A M _ T I O _

3. _ A _ H E _ O _ O _ _ _ O U _ T R _

4. L _ _ C _ B _ _

5. C _ V _ L W _ _

Answers to *Presidents Day*:

- 1. CHERRY TREE**
- 2. EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION**
- 3. FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY**
- 4. LOG CABIN**
- 5. CIVIL WAR**

PART 4 – EXTRA CHALLENGING

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Flowery Movie Songs

Find the original movie songs that are rewritten in flowery language.

Example: Planet Satellite Riparian Entity

Answer: *Moon River*

- 1. Individual components of liquid precipitation are relentlessly descending upon this individual's cranium**
- 2. Elevated aspirations**
- 3. Coincident with the passage of the ratio of distance to velocity**
- 4. Exhale with an audible sound of controllable pitch in the process of performing labor**
- 5. In a location above the natural spectrum following liquid precipitation**

Answers to Flowery Movie Songs

- 1. Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head***
- 2. High Hopes***
- 3. As Time Goes By***
- 4. Whistle While You Work***
- 5. Somewhere Over the Rainbow***

What's Next?

Find the next item in the sequence.

Example: Johnson, Humphrey, Agnew, Ford, Rockefeller, _____

Answer: Mondale (Vice-Presidents following Lyndon Johnson)

1. Laura, Hillary, Barbara, Nancy, Rosalynn, Betty, _____

2. Calgary, Vancouver, Winnipeg, St. John, _____

3. Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, _____

4. A, K, Q, J, _____

5. Deer, drop, name, long, needle, note, _____

Answers to What's Next?:

- 1. Patricia (first ladies, going back from Laura Bush)**
- 2. St. John's (Capitals of provinces in alphabetical order)**
- 3. Ecuador (South American countries in alphabetical order)**
- 4. 10 (or T – card values in poker)**
- 5. drink (words following scale notes in *Do Re Mi*)**

Missing Letter Scrambles

Identify the two missing letters and then unscramble all the letters to form a word.

Example: BJN

Answer: BANJO

1. UUV

2. NQUU

3. ABCUV

4. ABIRW

5. AKQTU

Answers to Missing Letter Scrambles:

- 1. UVULA**
- 2. UNIQUE**
- 3. BIVOUAC**
- 4. RAINBOW**
- 5. KUMQUAT**

Music Jargon

Find a word or name in (classical) music jargon to conduct these sentences to their completion.

Example: _____ make it too dangerous for truckers to drive through the canyon?

Answer: Woodwind (Would wind)

- 1. Mr. Capone's prison guards tried to make Big _____ the line.**
- 2. Thy castles art filthy and thy _____ slimy.**
- 3. Mrs. Long wrote her will _____ penny of her fortune would go into the wrong hands.**
- 4. The children were trying to _____ the closet.**
- 5. If an individual _____ corporation, the names of the directors must be found.**

Answers to Music Jargon:

- 1. alto (Al toe)**
- 2. Mozart (moats art)**
- 3. sonata (so not a)**
- 4. Haydn (hide in)**
- 5. Sousa (sues a)**

Math Jargon

Find a math word to create rational sentences.

Example: Did Attila the _____ the cold weather?

Answer: hundred (hun dread)

- 1. He came to the beach a pale man, but went home as a _____.**
- 2. Even in good weather, a trouble-free crossing of the North _____ be guaranteed.**
- 3. They had a handsome kitten and _____ puppy.**
- 4. The most difficult part about being a good judge is deciding if sworn testimony is _____ fiction.**
- 5. The _____ an enemy carrier and torpedoed it.**

Answers to Math Jargon:

- 1. tangent (tan gent)**
- 2. secant (Sea can't)**
- 3. acute (a cute)**
- 4. factor (fact or)**
- 5. subtract (sub tracked)**

Business Jargon

Find a business word to manufacture good sentences.

Example: Dracula was _____.

Answer: account (a count)

- 1. Once you cover your head with a red _____ mean you're part of the team.**
- 2. He tried to move a heavy sofa but he couldn't _____.**
- 3. The captain of the _____ to sail at 5:00 AM but he overslept.**
- 4. Take all the Frito _____ the top shelf and put it on the bottom.**
- 5. If you don't get a _____ means that the most you can bowl is 90.**

Answers to Business Jargon:

- 1. capital (cap, it'll)**
- 2. budget (budge it)**
- 3. shipment (ship meant)**
- 4. layoff (Lay off)**
- 5. market (mark, it)**

Chemistry Jargon

Keep your eye on (ion) these chemistry words.

Example: Tell the carpenter to _____ this nail into the wall.

Answer: compound (come pound)

- 1. The wrestler had one _____ the mat.**
- 2. The days of the past _____ forever.**
- 3. The rancher compiled a _____.**
- 4. Why has the _____ in the repair shop for three days?**
- 5. In this parking garage, you're only charged the _____ if you enter after 6:00 PM.**

Answers to Chemistry Jargon:

- 1. neon (knee on)**
- 2. argon (are gone)**
- 3. catalyst (cattle list)**
- 4. carbon (car been)**
- 5. nitrate (night rate)**

Commoners (Group 1) – What do the items in Row A share that the items in Row B lack?

**Example: Row A: allegiance, flag, of, republic, stand
 Row B: practical, yard, drum, patriotic, sit**

Answer: They are in the American Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1. Row A: hammer, soothe, spleen, attend, stress
 Row B: porter, hardly, kidney, cleric, murmur**

- 2. Row A: mud, lemonade, cement, tea, coffee
 Row B: flour, glass, steel, onyx, oxygen**

- 3. Row A: lime, apple, pineapple, cantaloupe, orange
 Row B: pear, plum, lemon, honeydew, fig**

- 4. Row A: lung, cast, horse, maiden, grid
 Row B: pillow, drip, oat, jump, loud**

- 5. Row A: bear, grouse, carp, fly, duck
 Row B: lion, alligator, moth, dolphin, cougar**

Answers to Commoners (Group 1):

- 1. Row A: hammer, soothe, spleen, attend, stress
Row B: porter, hardly, kidney, cleric, murmur
They contain a consecutive double letter.**
- 2. Row A: mud, lemonade, cement, tea, coffee
Row B: flour, glass, steel, onyx, oxygen
They are made with water.**
- 3. Row A: lime, apple, pineapple, cantaloupe, orange
Row B: pear, plum, lemon, honeydew, fig
They end in the letter *e*.**
- 4. Row A: lung, cast, horse, maiden, grid
Row B: pillow, drip, oat, jump, loud
They form a word or expression with iron.**
- 5. Row A: bear, grouse, carp, fly, duck
Row B: lion, alligator, moth, dolphin, cougar
They may be used as verbs.**

Commoners (Group 2) – What do the items in Row A share that the items in Row B lack?

**Example: Row A: elite, tempt, civic, label, hatch
 Row B: earth, tutor, puppy, style, melts**

Answer: They start and end with the same letter.

- 1. Row A: banana, needed, horror, inning, pepper
 Row B: babble, chimes, tatter, sorrow, murmur**
- 2. Row A: men, ban, ice, war, see
 Row B: fly, son, the, map, oar**
- 3. Row A: emit, garb, loop, trap, draw
 Row B: lamp, idea, cool, grow, them**
- 4. Row A: cute, side, mass, wash, corn
 Row B: fool, bond, wide, clap, stun**
- 5. Row A: gavel, petty, diver, fight, towel
 Row B: label, brown, pesky, alone, magic**

Answers to Commoners (Group 2):

- 1. Row A: banana, needed, horror, inning, pepper
Row B: babble, chimes, tatter, sorrow, murmur
Each word has exactly 3 of one letter and 2 of a second.**
- 2. Row A: men, ban, ice, war, see
Row B: fly, son, the, map, oar
Each word forms a different word by placing *d* at the end.**
- 3. Row A: emit, garb, loop, trap, draw
Row B: lamp, idea, cool, grow, them
Each word forms a different word when written backwards.**
- 4. Row A: cute, side, mass, wash, corn
Row B: fool, bond, wide, clap, stun
Each word forms a different word by placing *a* at the beginning.**
- 5. Row A: gavel, petty, diver, fight, towel
Row B: label, brown, pesky, alone, magic
Each word forms a different word by placing *r* after the first letter.**

Commoners (Group 3) – What do the items in Row A share that the items in Row B lack?

**Example: Row A: Audi, Volvo, Renault, Volkswagen, Rolls-Royce
 Row B: Chevrolet, Toyota, Hyundai, Dodge, Subaru**

Answer: They are European.

- 1. Row A: Beatles, Monkees, Shirelles, Queen, Doors
 Row B: Supremes, Rolling Stones, Beach Boys, Platters, Capris**
- 2. Row A: Icelandic, Hebrew, Japanese, Tagalog, Hungarian
 Row B: French, Arabic, Portuguese, English, Spanish**
- 3. Row A: Cubs, Red Sox, Red Wings, Trail Blazers, Cowboys
 Row B: Twins, Panthers, Patriots, Jazz, Pacers**
- 4. Row A: Columbia, Princeton, Syracuse, Brown, Duke
 Row B: Yale, Stanford, Harvard, Michigan State, Baylor**
- 5. Row A: Hamilton, Washington, Jackson, Kennedy, Jefferson
 Row B: Calhoun, Madison, Hancock, Taft, Nixon**

Answers to Commoners (Group 3):

- 1. Row A: Beatles, Monkees, Shirelles, Queen, Doors
Row B: Supremes, Rolling Stones, Beach Boys, Platters, Capris
Each group has exactly four performers.**
- 2. Row A: Icelandic, Hebrew, Japanese, Tagalog, Hungarian
Row B: French, Arabic, Portuguese, English, Spanish
Each language is the only official language of one country.**
- 3. Row A: Cubs, Red Sox, Red Wings, Trail Blazers, Cowboys
Row B: Twins, Panthers, Patriots, Jazz, Pacers
Each is the team of a specific city.**
- 4. Row A: Columbia, Princeton, Syracuse, Brown, Duke
Row B: Yale, Stanford, Harvard, Michigan State, Baylor
Each is in a two-name state.**
- 5. Row A: Hamilton, Washington, Jackson, Kennedy, Jefferson
Row B: Calhoun, Madison, Hancock, Taft, Nixon
Each is portrayed on U.S. Currency.**