

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

More Albuquerque Words

- (a) 6 BEDAUBED
 (b) 2 BACKTRACK
 (c) 18 BLASTULAS
 (d) 15 CHERISHER
 (e) 24 CONSTELLATIONS
 (f) 20 MESDAMES
 (g) 10 DEADHEAD
 (h) 29 UNDERFUND
 (i) 16 FLIBBERTIGIBBET
 (j) 5 HAUSFRAUS
 (k) 1 HABITABILITY
 (l) 3 HUMANITARIANISM
 (m) 4 ANTIOXIDANT

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- (n) 14 HAWKSHAW
 (o) 22 MINESTRONES
 (p) 8 COUNTERCOUP
 (q) 27 TCHOTCHKE
 (r) 11 PELLMELL
 (s) 28 QUARTERMASTER
 (t) 7 RECHERCHE
 (u) 21 MICROCOSMIC
 (v) 17 SENSITIVITIES
 (w) 23 SINGSONGS
 (x) 30 TRUSTBUSTER
 (y) 9 DESUETUDES

The impostors are 12, 13, 19, 25, and 26.

More Sliding-Letter Puzzles

M. Keith

G	E	M		S	T	O	W
A	P	E		H	E	I	R
D	I	N		O	N	L	Y
S	C	U	B	A			
			E	T	H	I	C
G	E	N	E		A	D	O
A	M	I	R		W	O	N
P	U	B	S		S	L	Y

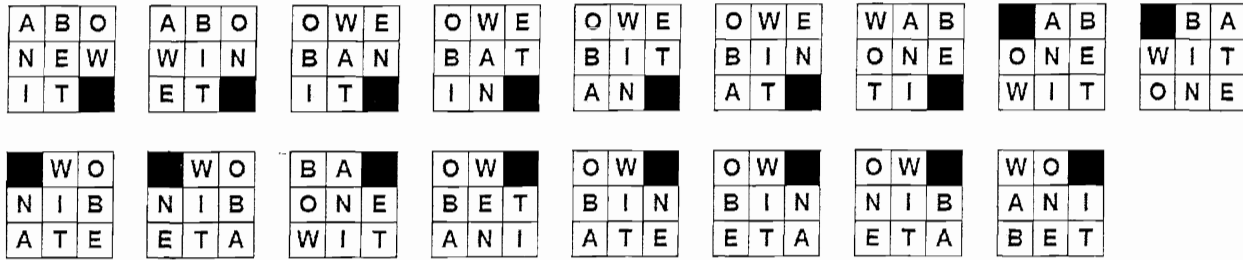
Kids/Moms/Dads word groups:

SKIMMED
 DAGWOOD
 UNMASKS
 FARMED

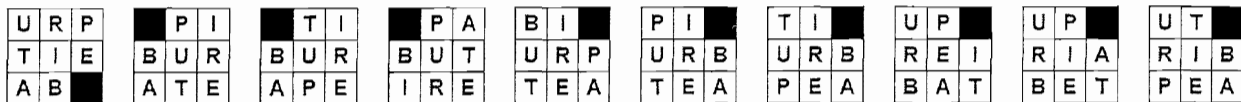
MADAMES
 DUKEDOM
 SMOKING
 DWARFS

DAMASKS
 WOODMAN
 SKIMMER
 FUDGED

The 17 lowercase 3x3 2-crosswords:

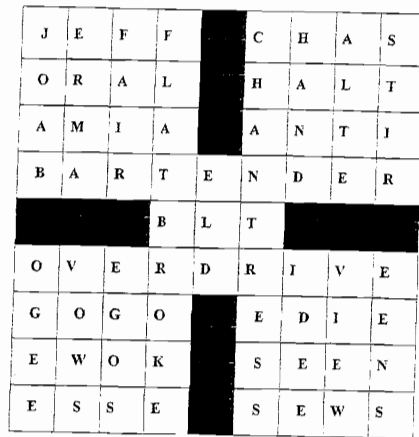


The 10 uppercase 3x3 2-crosswords:



How to Double the Meaning of Life – Puzzle

J. Farrell



Kickshaws

D. Morice

Answers & Solutions: Punctuation Poem. It's a limerick, as follows:

Percent comma ampersand dash
 Plus period question mark slash
 Quotation mark colon
 Percent semicolon
 Plus dollar sign bracket backslash

Punk Whiz 17**Anil**

1. Venice 2. free trade 3. pull your weight 4. sidewalk 5. foiled again! 6. deliver
 7. shut up 8. nicotine patch 9. taut 10. priest 11. pick and choose 12. trade unions
 13. nebular hypothesis 14. flat out 15. karma 16. glower 17. idiom 18. chicken wire
 19. patter of little feet 20. holy rollers 21. dummies 22. ants in [his/her/its] pants
 23. figure of speech 24. privation 25. fucking off 26. primer 27. ebb [or low] tide
 28. wise guy 29. universe 30. bring [brrr-ing] 31. shit list 32. missing 33. land on your feet
 34. counterintelligence 35. milquetoast 36. quarter horse [$\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$]

Currency Events**S. Kahan**

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|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| 1. (A → O) | PESO | 11. (A → R) | DINAR |
| 2. (B → K) | KRONE | 12. (T → K) | KORUNA |
| 3. (E → O) | CORDOBA | 13. (P → N) | FORINT |
| 4. (E → M) | DRACHMA | 14. (P → A) | YUAN |
| 5. (V → R) | GUILDER | 15. (H → F) | FRANC |
| 6. (C → O) | EURO | 16. (I → B) | BOLIVAR |
| 7. (T → E) | RUPEE | 17. (I → Z) | QUETZAL |
| 8. (N → H) | SHEKEL | 18. (C → B) | RUBLE |
| 9. (F → Z) | ZLOTY | 19. (E → O) | POUND |
| 10. (C → A) | RIYAL | 20. (Y → N) | RAND |

Words That Never Stray

R. Lederer

1. taken aback 2. far afield 3. malice aforethought 4. self aggrandizing 5. arms akimbo
6. run amok 7. in arrears 8. artesian well 9. look askance 10. go astray

11. under the auspices of 12. anchors aweigh 13. go awry 14. bald-faced/barefaced lie
15. at one's behest 16. on bended knee 17. bide one's time 18. blithering idiot 19. bogged down
20. take a breather

21. breakneck speed 22. briny deep 23. country bumpkin 24. busman's holiday 25. Let
bygones be bygones 26. in cahoots 27. champing at the bit 28. dandle on one's knee 29. by dint
of 30. dipsy doodle

31. knockdown dragout 32. if I had my druthers 33. high dudgeon 34. eke out 35. extenuating
circumstances 36. figment of the imagination 37. fine-tooth comb 38. foregone conclusion 39.
Heaven forfend 40. on the fritz

41. gainful employment 42. old geezer 43. gibbous moon 44. gird one's loins 45. grist for the
mill 46. gung ho 47. all gussied up 48. halcyon days 49. go haywire 50. ward heeler

51. time immemorial 52. make inroads 53. well intentioned 46. keeled over 55. put the
kibosh on 56. coffee klatch 57. on the lam 58. lickety split 59. in lieu of 60. at loggerheads

61. the madding crowd 62. fair to middling 63. misspent youth 64. high muckamuck 65. neap
tide 66. noised abroad 67. whisper sweet nothings 68. to the nth degree 69. in the offing 70.
opposable thumbs

71. hoist with one's own petard 72. peter out 73. pinking shears 74. Pyrrhic victory 75. raring
to go 76. good riddance 77. ride roughshod 78. rumpus room 79. runcible spoon 80. inner sanctum

81. scot-free 82. the scruff of the neck 83. self-fulfilling prophecy 84. the whole shebang 85.
shored up 86. sleight of hand 87. suborn perjury 89. moral suasion 90. tit for tat

91. he went thataway 92. in the throes of 93. in a tizzy 94. in a trice 95. treasure trove 96.
moral turpitude 97. ulterior motive 98. take umbrage 99. unsung hero 100. vale of tears

101. vantage point 102. wend one's way 103. whiled away the time 104. young
whippersnapper 105. wishful thinking 106. as is one's wont 107. workaday world 108. wax wroth
109. days of yore 110. zoot suit

111. aid and abet 112. alas and alack 113. the be-all and end-all 114. beck and call 115.
betwixt and between 116. kit and caboodle 117. dribs and drabs 118. to and fro 119. hale and
hearty 120. hem and haw

121. for all intents and purposes 122. kith and kin 123. null and void 124. spick and span
125. hither and yon 126. scrimp and save 127. various and sundry 128. vim and vigor 129. whys and
wherefores 130. hither and yon

A Geography Quiz

T. A. Hall

- [1] CYPRUS. The large island in the lower right of the map of Europe on Euro notes is CRETE. Sadly, CYPRUS was left off.
- [2] You will travel from CYPRUS (the country identified in [1]) to SYRIA. The only other country in the world whose second letter is Y is KYRGYSTAN. The country that calls itself MYANMAR is referred to as BURMA in the aforementioned source.
- [3] The two countries which fit this description are SLOVAKIA and ALBANIA. The former borders on AUSTRIA and the latter on MACEDONIA. SLOVAKIA's other immediate neighbors are CZECH REPUBLIC, UKRAINE, and POLAND, and ALBANIA's are GREECE, KOSOVO and MONTENEGRO. By contrast, all other European countries ending in IA border on at least two other countries ending in IA (e.g. SLOVENIA borders on AUSTRIA and CROATIA). ARMENIA's only IA neighbor is GEORGIA, but my source is not clear on whether or not these countries are in Europe or Asia.
- [4] ZAIRE changed its name to DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (known as 'CONGO (KINSHASA)') in 1997. The other two countries are ZAMBIA and ZIMBABWE.
- [5] The country is MALTA, and the language is MALTESE. The other language referred to in question [5] is PORTUGUESE. FAROESE (spoken on the Faroe Islands) does not count as an official language because the Faroe Islands are a territory of Denmark and not an independent nation. Technically speaking, the N suffix in languages like LATVIAN and CROATIAN is a palindrome, but question [5] is operating under the assumption that a palindromic suffix contains two or more letters.
- [6] The language is MALAYALAM (spoken in INDIA). This is probably the longest palindromic language name.
- [7] The languages and the respective countries are: BANGALA (BANGLADESH), BURMESE (BURMA), HINDI (INDIA), PASHTO (AFGHANISTAN), and URDU (PAKISTAN). (In popular parlance the language BANGALA is called BENGALI, but my source lists it as BANGALA).
- [8] The country is NAURU (an island nation in MICRONESIA in the South Pacific), and the language is NAURUAN.
- [9] Your goal is FRANCE. To get there in a straight line from MALTA (the country identified in [5]), you will travel through ITALY.
- [10] GREECE is the country referred to here. It borders on the AEGEAN SEA. The remaining seven countries with three identical vowels are: CANADA, COMOROS, KAZAKHSTAN, KOSOVO, MOROCCO, PANAMA and SEYCHELLES.
- [11] The one language-country pair in Europe is GERMAN-GERMANY and the Asian example is LAO-LAOS.
- [12] The one country-language pair in Asia satisfying these conditions is NEPAL-NEPALI. There are no European examples.
- [13] The country is MOLDOVA and the language is MOLDOVAN. [Note: Technically speaking, the language referred to here is ROMANIAN, but for geopolitical reasons it is known officially as MOLDOVAN].
- [14] The country is MOZAMBIQUE, and the capital city is PORT-AU-PRINCE (the capital of HAITI).

Anagram Quiz 5

Anil

1. doubt
2. potential
3. supports
4. evangelism
5. admonition
6. abortion
7. Caesarian section
8. infuriated ["pissed"]
9. hangout
10. He heeds a lover.
11. joviality
12. billiards
13. happiness
14. uniformity
15. sprouted
16. knuckleduster
17. footloose
18. dementia
19. sulfides
20. harrowed
21. flyscreen
22. interests
23. *Apocalypse Now*
24. gratitude
25. bedside manner
26. felicitations
27. disorientated
28. lackadaisical
29. stereotypes
30. "Enough!"
31. disengaging
32. legislated
33. powerfulness
34. amorphousness
35. stipulation
36. chisellers

Back Cover

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