GAINING OR LOSING LETTERS

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A word can gain or lose one or more letters to make another word. The simplest form of this genre is when
the word gains or loses a single letter.
Alternatively, a word may gain or lose all of a particular type of letter such as dotted letters, curved letters,
doubled letters or Roman numeral letters.
The two words together may form a logical configuration, in which case they are marked *

GAINING A SINGLE LETTER *

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A. BEN'S BEANS  B. LOW BLOW  C. SENT SCENT
D. AVID DAVID  E. FIN'S FINES  F. LAW'S FLAWS
G. OLD GOLD  H. SOW SHOW  I. MAD MAID
J. I'M JIM  K. SIS SKIS  L. ATE LATE
M. EAT MEAT  N. DINERS' DINNERS  O. PEN (cattle) OPEN
P. ATE PATE  Q.  R. BAN BRAN
S. ALE SALE  T. OUR TOUR  U. PAL PAUL
V. RAE'S RAVES  W. ALTER WALTER  X. ALE ALEX?
Y. FUR FURY (cat fight)  Z. ED'S ZEDS

LOSING A SINGLE LETTER *

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A. TEACH TECH  B. BROAD ROAD  C. COVER OVER
D. DARK ARK  E. HATES HATS  F. LIFE'S LIES
G. GAUNT AUNT  H. HOVER OVER  I. RAIN RAN
J. JILL'S ILLS  K. LUCKY LUCY  L. HOLD Hod
M. MARIA'S ARIAS  N. AGNES AGES  O. ROOT ROT
P. SPOIL SOIL  Q.  R. RACE ACE
S. SUP UP  T. TURN URN  U. AUCTION ACTION
V. SEVEN SEEN  W. GWENT GENT  X. TEXAS TEAS
Y. BUYS BUS  Z. ZONE ONE

LOSING DOTTED LETTERS (i and j)

beijig - beg  bijon - bon  cojoin - coon  Fijian fan*
jihad had*  hadji had*  hijack - hack  haji - ha
injuns - nuns  jail Al*  jailed Aled*  jemima - Emma
jiboa - boa  jigot - got  join on*  jovial - oval
GAINING or LOSING 3 OR MORE CURVED LETTERS - C J O S U

The word INNOCUOUS has an unbroken run of 6 curved letters linked to the word INN. Below, unbroken runs of 4 curved letters are underlined. XYSTOS is a covered portico.

A - COCOA*                  ANT - ACCOUNT          AT - COAST*
ARE - COARSE*                BET - OBJECT           DINT - DISCOUNT
ELM - COELOM                 FAT - FATUOUS           GENE - GENUSES
HIDE - HIDEOUS               IN - SINUOUS            KEY - JOCKEY*
LED - CLUEDO*                ME - MOUSE            NASUTUS (nose-shaped) - NAT
PET SUSPECT*                 Q                            RAVENOUS - RAVEN*
TED - JOUSTED*               TEN - TENUOUS          COVETOUS - VET*
WED - SCOWED (played truant) YXT (a surname) - XYSTOS
YUCCAS - YA                  ZEN - COUZEN (cousin)   

LOSING DOUBLED LETTERS

AA. AARON - RON               BB. DABBLE - DALE       CC. OCCUR - OUR
DD. FIDDLE - FILE*            EE. FEELING - FLING     FF. BAFFLE - BALE
GG. NIGGLE - NILE             HH. AHHTE(M.E. ought)-ATE II. RADII - RAD
JJ. HAJJI - HAI (hay)         KK TEKKE - TEE          LL. SHELL - SHE
MM. CLAMMY - CLAY*           NN. BONNY - BOY*         OO. BOOING - BING*
PP. APPLE - ALE*              QQ. HUQQA (Turkish smoking pipe) - HUA (who)
RR. MARRY - MAY*              SS. PASS - PA*           TT. BETTER - BEER*
UU. CARDOUS (thistle) - CARDS VV. NAVVY - NAY       WW. ROWWE (row) - ROE
XX. EXXON - EON               YY. SAYYID - SAID*        ZZ. MUZZLE - MULE*

LOSING or GAINING ROMAN NUMERALS

I  HER - HEIR*                II  FAIRIES - FARES
III  BIRJANJ - BRAN           IV  INVEST - NEST* (of money)
V  SEVEN - SEEN*             VI  BOVINE'S - BONES*
VII  SON'S - VISIONS*         VIII VISITATION - STATON (surname)
IX  SIXTY - STY QUIXOTE - QUOTE*  X  TEXAS - TEAS*
XI  TOXIN - TON               XII TAXIING - TANG
XII  XIBEIQU (China) - BEQ (Iraq)  XIV  EX-WIVES - EWES
XV  BOX-VAN - BOAN (bone)  XVI  XAVIER - AER (air)
XVII  XEROVRISI (Greece) - EORS (Swedish plural of ERA which has same meaning as English ERA)  XIX  SAXIFRAX - SAFRA (saffron)
XX  EXXON - EON

30  XXX  XAAXKAX (Mexico) - AAKA (Mali)  40  XL  EXALT - EAT
50  L  ATE - LATE*            60  LX  FLEXES - FEES
70  LXX  LEXXUNA (Malta) - LEUNA    80  LXXX
90  XC  EXACT - EAT (Finland)  100  C  ENTER - CENTER* (shopping)
500  D  TEND - TEN*           1000  M  MORE - ORE*