AMOEBCIC CHARADES

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Logological charades occur when a word is split into two or more words which make a phrase. Thus BESTRIDE - BEST RIDE and NOTABLE - NOT ABLE are charades. Occasionally, the original word together with the words into which it divides all make a phrase: BITTERN BIT TERN. In these charades, the word FORMATE splits into FOR MATE. However, in the amoebic charades below FORMATE splits into FORM MATE! In other words, the letter M has taken on amoebic tendencies, replicating itself so that it can appear both at the end of the first word and the beginning of the second word. Here is an A-Z of amoebic charades:

A. SEARCHES = SEA ARCHES,  ADAGES = ADA AGES,  ALLIES = ALL LIES
B. CUBIT = CUB BIT,  LAMBASTED = LAMB BASTED,  WOMBLED = WOMB LED
C. EPICRITIC = EPIC CRITIC,  DISCOS = DISC OS,  DOMINICAN = DOMINIC CAN
D. BRANDIES = BRAND DIES, REDRESS = RED DRESS, FE DORA = FED DORA, MADONNA = MAD DONNA
E. HEATS = HE EATS,  THEATER = THE EATER,  LAMELLA = LAME ELLA
F. REFINED = REF INED,  MUFFITS (dial. muffets) = MUFF FITS
G. TRIGONE = TRIG GONE,  BIGALES (enchants) = BIG GALES,  MARGAY (tiger cat) = MARG GAY
H. DITCHER = DITCH HER, PINCHER = PINCH HER, HEATHEN = HEATH HEN, BOTHERS = BOTH HERS
I. SKIMP = SKI IMP,  ATCHES = AT I (sloth) ITCHES
J.
K. ROCKING = ROCK KING,  OKAY = OK KAY,  TWANKAY (var. green tea) = TWANK (spank) KAY
L. CELLIST = CELL LIST,  MALLET = MALL LET,  WILLIAM = WILL LIAM?  BILLIED = BILL LED
M. ARMATURES = ARM MATURES,  FORMATE = FORM MATE
N. BANANA = BAN NANA,  CANED = CAN NED?  LEONINE = LEON NINE
O. NONE = NO ONE, GOUT = GO OUT, TOWN = TO OWN, FLOWED = FLO OWED, DISCOVER = DISCO VER
P. LIMPET = LIMP PET,  REPLEYS = REP LIES,  CARPETS = CARP PETS,  RIP PEN = RIP PEN
RAPIER = RAP PIER,  IMPOSES = IMP POSES
Q. CINQUAINS (collections of five) = CINQ QUAINS (five angled)
R. HEREN = HER REIN,  TAMARISK = TAMAR (a River) RISK,  FORAY = FOR RAY
BARUM (Barnstaple in Devon, England) = BAR RUM
S. HISTORY = HIS STORY,  HASTY = HAS STY,  CAPSTANS = CAP S STANS, BUSHY = BUS SHY
PASSAGE = PASS SAGE, BACKSIDE = BACK S SIDE, PASTERN = PA S STERN
HASHED = HAS SHED,  ISLANDER = IS SLANDER,  WIN SOME = WINS SOME
T. PASTIES = PAST TIES, BATHING = BAT THING, BEATABLE = BEAT TABLE, FATED = FAT TED, CASTOR = CAST TOR (in a play), PANTRY = PANT! TRY! CUTIE = CUT TIE, SORTIES = SORT TIES, PARTIERS = PART TIERS
U. SOURSED = SOU USED,  FLUFF = FLU UFF! (an exclamation as of someone panting with exertion or difficulty)
V. LAVENDER = LAV VENDER,  DUYET = DUV (dove) YET
W. LOWING = LOW WING,  NARROWING = NARROW WING,  SAWING = SAW WING
X. OX-RAY = OX XRAY
Y. EYES = EY, YES,  WHYELL (while) = WHY YELL?
Z. BLITZED = BLIT ZED,  OZONE = OZ ZONE
The phrase produced may bear a meaningful relationship to the original word:

WEDGED? - WE EDGE
MADAME - MAD DAME
WIDOWED? - WIDOW WED
FOREST - FOR REST

A step further. The following are amoebic charade equivalents of BITTERN BIT TERN in which the original word, together with the words into which it divides, make a phrase:

ROBINS ROB BINS
CAROLL'S CAR ROLLS
DISHY DI'S SHY

All the original words so far offer just a single amoebic letter. In the examples below, the original word exhibits 2 or 3 amoebic letters:

VERANDA = VERA AND DA
ARCHIDENE (var. archdean) = ARCH HID DENE
MENDELIAN = MEND DEJ LIAN

LISTENED = LIST TEN NED
PASTERNED = PA'S STERN NED
WEATHERED = WE EAT THERE ED

Rarely, the original word exhibits alternative amoebic letters:

MASTIFF (dog) = MAST TIFF or MA'S STIFF
PASTORY = PAST TORY or PA'S STORY

When it comes to demonstrating the amoebic charade genre, Diana (Di for short) takes some beating. We learn a lot about the lady. She is shy but strict, has a sallow complexion, is subject to stress, wears furs, uses a stick, gardens, makes cakes and is obliging but prone to be late...

1 amoebic letter
DISTAFF = DI'S STAFF
DISTRESS = DI'S STRESS
DISTANCE = DI'S STANCE
DISABLE = DI'S SABLE
DISTAIN = DI'S STAIN
DISHED = DI'S SHED
DISOWN = DI'S SOWN
DISEDGE = DI'S SEDGE
DJICES = DJ ICES
DI TCHES = DJ ITCHES

2 amoebic letters
DISHY = DI IS SHY
DIME = DI I'M ME
DISTRICT = DI IS STRICT
DISALLOW = DI IS SALLOW

3 amoebic letters
DISTILLATE = DI IS STILL LATE
DISOBLIGING = DI IS SO OBLIGING

Thank you Di!