INANE ADDENDA

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The May 1994 Word Ways exhibited a set of sentences constructed by National Public Radio listeners, each using only two consonants. This sequel shows how respondents treated one of the most frequently-chosen combinations.

Nenia: A. Nin, an undue idea on end, anidian eddy, anidian dune, a denuded undine nun, a deo, a neo-Nana, Danaë, Danu, Diana, a noonday Onanoid dandy, a union in deed and a union denied, Nin, a neon ode—done, undone, ended [Sara Bailey]

Did Ned dine in India on an anna? No! [Mona Baumgartel, John DeBeer]

Did a Dane, a dandy dean and a ninny don do a deed—dine on Daddy Nino and Nanny Donna and die in a din, nude and needy? No one nodded [David Bergman]

Diana, a duenna, undeed aided Ned and Ann in one odd, nude deed in a dune in India: undone, Diana ended a nun in need in an Andean den, died, and dined in Eden [Roxanne Bogucka]

In an inn in Indiana Dan Deane dined on onion and dead doe. “O no, Dan! Inane!” added Dad Deane. “Dead doe a no-no!” Addenda: Dan died, done in, ended, one dead nude dude—a done deed [Pat Churchman]

Noon on an Indiana dune: no one eyed Diane Dean (a nun) and Eddie Dunn (a dandy) dine unaided. Nine on an Indiana dune: Annie Dunn eyed Diane and Eddie—Diane and Eddie denied innuendo indeed [Peter Collins]

One day in Dunedin, Donna eyed an inane dandy and annoyed Ned; union undone, innuendo ended in adieu [Pat Donaldson]

One noon, a dandy duo in Eden—Dan, a Dane and a dodo, and Nadine, a needy nanny and no nun—donned a nod, dunned a nude Dean Ned, and ended a din indeed [Paul Faber]

Donny, a Dundee dandy, and Nina, an Ionian nun, dined on an onion in Indiana: Nina, denuded (indeed, undone) did iodine and died (adieu, Nina!) [Sheree Galpert]

Dad and Andy, a duo, dined on a dandy dune in Dundee and indeed, no one died [Peggy Gannon]

One day Dan and Donna dined on a dune and Ned nodded in a den [Linda Grady-Troia]

Nan, Dan, Ann, a den, a don, and a nun did dine on a done dead doe on a dune in a den [Stephen Gilmore]

Ed, Dan, Ned, Dean, Nana, Daddy, Anne, one nude dude (a Dane?), a nun and I dined on a dune, needed no aid and indeed no one nodded (i.e. “no”) and nun and I dined on (a dud?) [James Griffith]
Don and Anna dined on “Onion Dianne” in an inn in India; did Dan and Donna do “Onion Dianne” in a den in Indiana? [Richard Grossheider]

One day Don dined on a dandy din-din and ended dead [Jim Hamilton]

Did Ann, Dan, Don, Ed, Ned, Noë, Doe, Dunn, Onnie and Nannie (a nun) die in den din? [Paul James]

Don and Ned dine in a den, and nod, undone [Helen K. Jones]

A needy, nude Indian, denied Andean iodine, dined on a dun onion and ended on a node in Den Nine [Patrick L. Lilly]

Dan, Don, Ned, Edna, Ann, Diana, Ed, Nan and Den need one deed, nine addenda and no ado [Ellen Mittleman]

Noon in an Indiana inn: Edna dined on an onion; Donna, in ennui, nodded on and on; Dan, a union dude, added on a den; Dean, nude, did an odd and an end; no one died (none undone)—indeed, no one needed nine-one-one [Dave Moran]


Indeed, on an odd day in Indiana, Dianne, a nude nun, denied any inane deed, ended any undue innuendo, and, unaided, donned a dandy neon-dyed dicee [Nellie Pennington, Nate Hine]

Done in, indeed! Indian Anne, inane Nadine and dandy Dan dined on iodine in an inn on a dead-end in Enid, and died anon on a denuded dune in Dunedin [Kathleen Perron, Samuel Cutler]

In Eden did an undone nude need don a dud indeed [Frederick Platt]

Annie did a nude-in on a dune and annoyed Daddy and a dean. Daddy denied any due aid, and in one day dead-ended Annie, a deed no one needed [John Reynolds]

“Indeed,” nodded Andy, “Dad and Denny added nine needed addenda and denied Nana Anne and a dead-end dude, Eddie Dannon, dined nude on a dune in Eden, Indiana [Will Roberts]

Indiana Andy donned an undie, and Edna eyed an undeadened innuendo, and Andy and Edna ended any nonunion, indeed [Richard Renner]

Dan, a dean, and Diana, a Dane, dined in an Andean Indian den and, no need undone, did a nude deed on a dun dune [Alex Rose]

Annoyed, Diane, a nude naiad, nine, denied Dan, a dun Dane, a needed anodyne, dined in a den on Dannon and, done, donned ninon anon and denuded Ned [Gordon Sands]

Did a don, Dean Dan Doone, and a nun, Nan Noone, need an odd nude node on a diode in Aden, Eden, and Dundee? [G. P. Schneider]

Dan, Don, Dean, Dodie, Dad and I dined on a dead dodo and one died—done deed! [Joan Seeber]