

## PROBING THE REBUS

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Reproduced below is an easy rebus puzzle, using dictionary definitions (exact synonyms) instead of pictures:

- + Third month of the year
- Structural form of wedge-shaped blocks over a door or window
- + A small bed of canvas, stretched on a frame
- + Opposite of his
- Abbreviation for South Carolina
  
- = Name of a relative ( six letters)

The puzzle is solved by writing down the names of all the definitions, and subtracting the letters in the names of the "minus" definitions from the letters in the names of the "plus" definitions. In cancelling minus letters against plus letters, if there is a choice, it is always the leftmost letter of a given kind that is cancelled. The solution word must come out, spelled in correct order. The correct solution to the puzzle above is MARCH - ARCH + COT + HERS - SC = MOTHER.

For your entertainment, we have devised a more difficult rebus puzzle. The solution word to the puzzle is a mathematical term of seven letters. To make it easier for you to solve the puzzle, we have shown the number of letters in the correct name of each object, in parenthesis after the definition. The six object names are common words, well-known to Word Ways readers; the definitions used have been taken from Webster's Third Edition. The solution word spells out in correct order, and can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

- + Policemen (6)
- + A set of candles (6)
- Shoes and stockings (4)
- Authors (2)
- + To fire artillery (5)
- Desire or yearning (4)