Ashton, Maryland

This is the first of a pair of articles which invites the reader to use his deductive abilities on lists of words. His task is first to find a common property that the 24 words in a list share, and second to insert the word at the head of this list (given in capital letters) into its proper place within the list.

The construction of such lists can be habit-forming. Frustrated by his difficulty with one list, a friend gave us a list of common words which were, in fact, names of towns sorted by state. We would never have solved it had the word to be inserted not been the uncommon SAGAMORE. We counterattacked with the same list, rearranged by increasing zip code.

We hope the examples given here will not be quite that difficult; however, answers can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of the issue.

1. DELIGHT
   crawl
e ndive
bacon
checkers
heel
uncle
toffee
kiss
measles
goulash
mist
hand
rum
standoff
lamb
mahogany
joke
roulette
plaid
twins
fly
nightingale
watch
rabbit

2. FIDDLE
   bat
bee
whistle
bell
 cucumber
cat
post
bone
pancake
daisy
crutsch
fly
kite
feather
pin
ghost
picture
beet
dog
rail
whip
board
mule
drum

3. ROOST
   heart
ball
barrel
crop
press
mountain
land
law
party
game
action
pudding
mill
neck
line
times
lip
day
moment
imagination
pen
trade
wrist

4. TR
   torpedo
duck
strain
create
sole
chimney
cigar
bed
flu
article
brook
air
slug
hemp
jack
mule
gray
law
rock
rope
cement
sling
rifle
sausage
concrete

7. KNIFE
   greatest
   hun
   kid
   bald
   men
   conference
   red
   horse
   navigable
   terrify
   divinities
   obscure
   magnify
   magic
   hermaphroditism
   elder
   bruce
   rivet
   sail
   man
   toiler
   conquer
   weep
   greek
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