A PATTERN WORD QUIZ

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For each of the fifty words listed below, you are to supply a non-crashing word having the same pattern of letters. For example, for BEETLE acceptable words include EGGNOG or ATTEST, but not FEEBLE (which has one or more letters in the same place as they appear in BEETLE). Unacceptable words include proper names, regular plurals in -S, regular preterites in -ED, participles in -ING, comparatives in -ER or -IER, superlatives in -EST or -IEST, and slang, dialect or foreign words. All answer words are well-known standard unhyphenated English words in the Merriam-Webster Pocket Dictionary, and appear in alphabetical order. Answers can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

1. usurper
2. bootee
3. reenter
4. entente
5. dogwood
6. emerge
7. sinning
8. excess
9. redeem
10. smelled
11. toyally
12. repress
13. insist
14. drugged
15. introit
16. zenana
17. doodad
18. concede
19. allege
20. doodled
21. iciness
22. usually
23. esteem
24. retell
25. wedded
26. anagram
27. oddball
28. evening
29. peeper
30. lawless
31. pepper
32. extreme
33. papoose
34. deadeye
35. jujitsu
36. college
37. fifties
38. slyly
39. equerry
40. epithet
41. banana
42. morocco
43. reannex
44. revelry
45. tangent
46. chassis
47. nemesis
48. propose
49. rehear
50. weekend