

# WORDS THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT

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She: You're uncouth.  
He: I'm just as couth as you are.  
--Garson Kanin, Born Yesterday

The following words are not in the dictionary, at least in the sense expected. The clues are how such words would be defined if they had made it to Webster's.

Besides the clues, you also have some help from the letters which words in the first column have in common with words in the second. These common letters are numbered 1,2,3,4, etc. Answers can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

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| 1. Kept within bounds, restrained | On the same side, agreeing         |
| — 1 2 3 — 4 5                     | — 2 1 5 3 4                        |
| 2. Capable of being tamed         | Ability to sleep                   |
| — 1 2 3 — 4 — —                   | — 1 2 — 3 4                        |
| 3. Identity not concealed         | Not balked (hopes or expectations) |
| — 1 — 2 3 4 1                     | — — — 1 3 2 4 — —                  |
| 4. Capable of being comforted     | Friendly                           |
| 1 — — — — 2 3 — —                 | — — — 1 3 2                        |
| 5. Equal in number, quality, etc. | Not to be thrown away              |
| 1 2 — 2 — 3                       | 1 — — 2 — — 3                      |
| 6. Tasty                          | A faithful person                  |
| — 1 — 1 2                         | — 1 2 — —                          |
| 7. Harmful, guilty                | Turning out successfully           |
| — 1 — — — 2                       | — — 2 — 1 — —                      |
| 8. One who supervises others      | Polite, respectful, modest         |
| — — 1 — — — 2 —                   | — — — 1 2 —                        |

9. Having sense or significance	Old enough to talk
1̄ 2̄ -	- 1̄ 2̄ -
10. Of very good repute	To recognize rank or value
- 1̄ - -	- 1̄ - 1̄ - -
11. Fit, appropriate	Free of illness or infection
1̄ - -	1̄ - - 1̄ -
12. Having power to move itself	Governable
- 1̄ -	1̄ - - -
13. Neat (orig. <u>combed</u> )	Taste, liking
- - - - 1̄	- - - 1̄
14. To dress	To keep, not throw away
1̄ - - -	- - 1̄ -

### MALEDICTA AND BENEDICTA

With the 1981 volume, *Maledicta*, the International Journal of Verbal Aggression, will go to once-a-year publication. Reinhold Aman, the one-man show behind this journal (he edits, typesets, designs, publishes and distributes each issue) found the strain of twice-a-year publication too great, and reluctantly took this step to preserve his health and sanity. However, one can rest assured that subscribers will still get their money's worth from his labors -- 352 well-written pages that (unlike most scholarly journals) are a joy to read: funny, insightful, free of academic obfuscation. The \$18 domestic subscription price (if ordered from 331 South Greenfield Avenue, Waukesha WI 53186) now includes a bonus -- a 16-page newsletter, *Benedicta*, published twice a year, will give news and announcements, and introduce several departments: Improve Your Tongue (new colorful maledictions), Reflexions (personal experiences involving naughty words), Kakalogia (current jokes and riddles), Semantica (nuances of meaning), Onomastica (names given to various concepts), and Etymologia (earliest citations for various offensive words, in the spirit of the OED). A caution: this journal is not for those who blush easily at off-color stories; no words are taboo.