

# CANINE STAR SHINED

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*Canine Star Shined, the latest movie starring Benji: "Five-Star Entertainment!" (The Romany Times)*

In the May 1990 Kickshaws, David Morice introduced the idea of Ouija Words -- words which can be charaded into synonymic parts, which themselves come from different languages. The word OUIJA, for example, breaks into OUI (yes, in French) + JA (yes, in German).

Karl Menninger's book, Number Words and Number Symbols: A Cultural History of Numbers (MIT Press, 1977), contains much of logological interest, including tables of names for numbers in many languages. From these, it is possible to construct English words and phrases which can be fragmented into synonymic parts, each part being the same number, in different languages.

- 1: HEN (Greek) + CE (Aztec); AN (Anglo-Saxon) + IL (Korean); AS (Sumerian) + SAM (Tocharian); AS (Sumerian) + I (Chinese) + AN (Anglo-Saxon)
- 2: TO (Danish) + DOS (Spanish); BI (Basque) + MIN (Sumerian) + I (Korean)
- 3: RE (Ainu) + TRI (Irish) + ES (Sumerian)
- 4: CAN (Mayan) + INE (Ainu); STAR (Gypsy); SHI (Sino-Japanese) + NED (Korean)
- 5: IA (Sumerian) + GO (Sino-Japanese); MACH (Etruscan) + O (Korean); HO (Mayan) + OT (Hungarian); BES (Turkish) + O (Korean) + OT (Hungarian)
- 6: SE (Irish) + AS (Sumerian)
- 7:
- 8: PA (Chinese) + ASTA (Sanskrit) [a linkade, not a charade]
- 9: KU (Sino-Japanese) + KU (Korean) + KU (Sino-Japanese) + KU (Korean)
- 10: TI (Danish) + DES (Gypsy)