

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

KICKSHAWS

Logoriddles 1. SMILES because there's a MILE between its first and last letters. 2. U 3. the dictionary 4. short 5. wholesome
6. Because it makes MA MAD 7. Because it is in the middle of DAY
8. A teapot 9. N and P because they are near O 10. the C's are
11. the letter M 12. UR

Country to Country Iran/Iraq, Ireland/Iceland, Australia/Austria

Anagramarama 1. pilot's pistol 2. notices section 3. mother's thermos
4. praised diapers 5. unwary runway 6. gifted fidget 7. hustle,
sleuth 8. player's parsley 9. happiest epitaphs 10. sectional
coastline 11. recall the cellar 12. resist sister 13. seeing genies
14. married admirer 15. aspire to praise 16. resign, singer
17. leather tarheel 18. entrap parent 19. generate a teenager
20. grounded underdog 21. license for silence 22. aboard abroad
23. brides in debris 24. bantam Batman 25. buries rubies
26. singer's ingress 27. vainest natives 28. senator's treason
29. senatorial rationales 30. grandest dragnets

Spot That Pattern 1. names of animals that can be reversed to spell
other words 2. words in which is embedded a six-letter palindrome
3. words that begin with animal names 4. words that end with animal
names 5. words containing three adjacent alphabetical letters in order
6. words that begin and end with the same vowel 7. words bereft of
any of the major vowels 8. words containing all five of the major
vowels 9. words that contain four instances of one letter 10. words
with two touching sets of double letters 11. homophones of letters
12. homophones of pronouns 13. words that become contractions of
pronouns when an apostrophe is inserted 14. words featuring
adjacent pairs of triple letters 15. words that when capitalized
consist entirely of Roman numerals 16. words that become new words
when the initial S is looped to the back 17. animal names that become
new words when the last letter is looped to the front 18. words that
become new words with beheadment 19. words formed entirely from
letters on the top letter row of a QWERTY keyboard 20. words that
begin and end with the same consonant sound spelled with different
letters

Singular Plurals The body parts are FOOT/FEET and TOOTH/TEETH. The
animals are MOUSE/MICE, LOUSE/LICE, GOOSE/GEESE and the humans
are MAN/MEN, WOMAN/WOMEN, CHILD/CHILDREN. In this exclusive
category, only WOMAN goes from singular to plural by undergoing a
change in the sounding of both the vowels in the original word.

The noun DIE, the one that means "a cube used for gambling", is the only common English word that forms its plural by adding a consonant besides S in the middle--DICE. Just as unusual, JINNI, another spelling of GENIE, becomes a plural by the dropping of its last letter and changing into JINN.

PRONOUNCING DICTIONARY OF PROPER NAMES

This handsome book, edited by John K. Bollard, contains more than 28,000 proper names with their pronunciations, both in simplified respelling and in the International Phonetic Alphabet symbology. Don't be misled by the small number of entries--this lexicon is comprehensive, covering more obscure Biblical names than I knew existed, as well as such regional items as the name of an Oneonta (N.Y.) ballpark! Besides the usual people and places, the dictionary covers many special categories: trademarks, beers, dog breeds, cheeses, company names, constellations--from Mamma Leone's (a New York restaurant) to Ishtar Terra (a highland on Venus). It is especially strong on personal names, giving pronunciations associated with many different languages (for Emanuel, seven besides English). It's likely that this book will correct at least one mispronunciation of yours (for me, it was Canyon de Chelly, the last name of which I thought rhymed with "shay"). The book is probably of greatest value for someone preparing a talk; however, its linguistic riches should not be overlooked by the logologist interested in weird words. The work is published by Omnigraphics (ISBN 0-7808-0098-2), and retails for \$88.