

## THE "A" GAME

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When someone has a good day on the athletic field, we say "She brought her -"A" game with her." Now I invite you to play a different kind of "A" game, one involving charaded homographs and homophones. Each answer consists of words that sound alike, although the words may be spelled differently. The answer will always be in the form of "a + word + word" or "word + a + word". From each definition you are to identify the words.

For example, from the definition "concerning a boxing match" you would come up with "about a bout". For another example, from the definition "an obvious father or mother" you would extract "a parent apparent". For a more difficult example, "offer a low playing card as an example" yields "adduce a deuce".

I hope you've brought your "A" game to this game. All answers repose in Answers and Solutions.

- 1 attack a ship's canvas
- 2 assail a push pin
- 3 love a portal
- 4 give notice to a premium
- 5 praise a contention
- 6 acquire a Catholic service
- 7 a cranium in the forefront
- 8 sailing on a plank
- 9 agreement by a penny
- 10 accumulate a ship's staff
  
- 11 gain possession of a chorus
- 12 a nobleman's expense statement
- 13 speak to a skirt
- 14 a woman in a foreign land
- 15 a mediocre romance
- 16 validate a corporation
- 17 put a stovetop in order
- 18 a male representative
- 19 straighten out a row
- 20 assuage a Hawaiian wreath

- 21 solitary lent money
- 22 the attraction of artificial bait
- 23 a dark bread askew
- 24 a floating upper room
- 25 near a part of a boxing match
- 26 laundry caught in a flood
- 27 officially name a dot
- 28 the attraction of a bell ringing
- 29 shock a gloom
- 30 make known a twelfth of a pound

- 31 distribute a parcel of land
- 32 astonish a corn
- 33 confer a hospital section
- 34 expect a heaviness
- 35 keep away from an emptiness
- 36 a harmony of musical tones
- 37 a poem that feels distaste
- 38 a variety of sunbeams
- 39 transfer a message
- 40 farewell to lawn moisture

- 41 a sound bothers
- 42 enchant a parcel of land
- 43 entertain artistic of inspiration
- 44 help a diseased sac
- 45 another increase
- 46 a woman gone astray
- 47 wear away a length of interwoven hair
- 48 disconcert a wild party
- 49 indict a heavy drizzle
- 50 border on a derriere