

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

Charade Cubes by Christopher McManus

One face of either puzzle is enough to determine the solution. For the 2x2 square, for the front face the top left cube reads clockwise from the top RE/FA/BE/DIES, the top right cube reads PLY/MI/LA/ME, the bottom left cube reads EN/DO/SO/LIES and the bottom right cube reads THE/PA/AM/UGH. For the 4-cube row, the leftmost cube reads clockwise from the top DIES/RE/DO/STY, the second cube reads AD/PA/SO/LIES, the third reads FA/BE/DIES/RE, and the rightmost cube reads DO/SO/LIES/EN.

Anglophile Friend or Foe? by Thomas Bernard

The British pronunciations are in parentheses.

1. stoopid (styupid), lootenant (leftenant), skedule (shedule), Pay-triot (Pat-riot), miss-il (miss-ile)
2. dook (dyook), dooty (dyooty), Derbyshire (Darbyshire), dine-asty (dinn-asty)
3. labratory (lab-or-atory), stoodent (styoodent), vite-amin (vitt-amin), tomaytoes (tomahtoes), erbs (herbs)
4. zebra (zebra), zee (zed)
5. clerk (clark), Van Goes (Van Goffs), SIRR-acuse (Sire-acuse), Noo York (Nyoo York)
6. gar-ahj (gar-ij), carburaytor (carberettor), toon (tyoon)

Kickshaws by Dave Morice

A Bunch of Bastards While looking for magnets at the hardware store, I saw several bastards hanging from hooks on a shelf. They are special files used for sharpening knives and other things. I couldn't find that definition in any dictionary, but that's appropriate—a word without a dictionary could be considered a bastard. Fat Bastard doesn't belong with the others; he's a character in the Austin Powers movie "The Spy Who Shagged Me".

At Ease Each word is written beginning with the letter E but each is spoken beginning with the sound of one of 11 different letters, including E: AUOMEXISLNF. One can perform a similar exercise with P yielding ptarmigan, pneumonia, philosophy and psychology.

Bananagrams 13 by Edmund Conti

1 serpent, present 2 lashes, hassle 3 namely, laymen 4 tacit, attic 5 shot, host
6 seaside, disease 7 swine, wines 8 infringe, refining 9 recital, article 10 languid, lauding

Prime Time by Susan Thorpe

A ladder of 51 words connects SMEWS and EMCEE.