GUGGENHEIM SENTENCES

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In the word game Guggenheim, one selects five categories (colors, first names, cities, animals, etc.) and five random letters from the alphabet, then attempts to find examples of each category beginning with each letter. In this article, we use 25 different letters (all but X), and try to form parallel sentences, each one using words beginning with the same letter.

This game has not, to my knowledge, previously appeared in Word Ways; the closest analogue is a February 1999 kickshaw by Nyr Indictor in which he created an Alphabet of Eloquence: Abel was articulate in Afrikaans, Betty was bombastic in Bengali, Charles was chatty in Catalan... The only perfect example of this genre is found on page za of Oppelans! (Querido, 2003): Aartsvader Abrahams aardige aquamarijnen Audi avanceerde altijd abominabel, Brigitte Bardots beeldige blauwe Bentley buitelde bestendig bizar...

The examples below were extensively drawn from lists prepared in 2004 by Faith Eckler for a trivia game at Morris View (the Morris County NJ nursing home).

Austrian acrobat Alice adores avocados, acquires azure apron
Bulgarian bowler Beatrice boils broccoli, buys blue brassiere
Chinese canoeist Constance craves cantaloupe, creates crimson chemise
Danish dancer Delia digests doughnut, dons dun dungarees
Egyptian equestrienne Edith eats eggplant, eschews ecru earmuffs
French figure-skater Flora fries fish, fashions fuchsia frock
German gymnast Gretchen gathers grapes, grabs green gloves
Hungarian hunter Henrietta heats hash, hems hazel housecoat
Italian ice-skater Irene ingests ice-cream, irons indigo ihram
Japanese jockey Jennifer judges jelly, jiggles jade jodhpurs
Korean kibitzer Karen kneads kohlrabi, knots khaki kimono
Lebanese linksman Lauren loathes liverwurst, labels lilac lingerie
Mexican marathoner Matilda munches meatballs, makes mauve mittens
Norwegian nimrod Natalie nibbles nectarines, nixes navy necklace
Okinawan origamist Ophelia offers oatmeal, orders olive overalls
Pakistani prizefighter Phyllis picks pineapples, purchases purple pantyhose
Qatar quoits-player Queenie quarters quenelle, questions quartz quiver
Russian runner Ruth roasts raisins, restyles red robe
Swiss swimmer Samantha steams spinach, stitches silver sarong
Turkish tumbler Thelma toasts tamales, trades tan tutu
Ugandan umpire Ursula upchucks uglifruit, unbuttons ultramarine underwear
Venezuelan vaulter Victoria vomits vinegar, view violet veil
Welsh wrestler Wilhelmina warms watermelon, wears white wig
Yugoslavian yachtsman Yvette yields yams, yanks yellow yarmulke
Zambian zingara Zelda zizzles zwieback, zaps zaphara zucchetto

Alfred Anderson, Atlanta architect, admires amatory antelopes
Basil Brown, Boston banker, breeds bilious buffalo
Charles Clarke, Chicago carpenter, catches clammy chipmunks
Donald Davis, Detroit dentist, disdains dumb dachshunds
Edward Evans, Elmira electrician, enjoys eager elephants
Frank Foster, Frankfort farmer, feeds fretful ferrets
George Green, Greensboro grocer, grabs greedy groundhogs
Henry Harris, Houston horticulturist, houses hungry hyenas
Isaac Ingram, Indianapolis innkeeper, inspects indisposed ibexes
James Johnson, Jacksonville jeweler, jabs joyful jackals
Kevin King, Kalamazoo knight, kidnaps kinky kangaroos
Larry Lewis, Lansing librarian, loathes lithe lions
Michael Miller, Miami musician, murders massive mice
Nicholas Nelson, Newark notary, neuters nubbly nutrias
Oliver Olson, Omaha optician, observes obese ocelots
Paul Peterson, Philadelphia podiatrist, pursues plump porcupines
Quentin Quinn, Queens quarterback, quiets querulous quarter-horses
Ray Robinson, Rochester roofer, raises rotund rhinoceroses
Stephen Smith, Sacramento surveyor, skins scrawny skunks
Thomas Taylor, Topeka taxidermist, tracks toothless tigers
Ulysses Underwood, Urbana undertaker, upsets untamed unicorns
Victor Vasquez, Valdosta ventriloquist, visits vain voles
Walter Williams, Wichita welder, watches worried whales
Yuri Young, Yuma yeoman, yanks youthful yaks
Zachary Zimmerman, Zanesville zookeeper, zonks zany zebras

No doubt most of these men really exist, although not in the given cities with the given occupations. Would anyone like to tackle X? (Perhaps words beginning ex- should be allowed, keeping the sentence phonetically correct.)