

## 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 *Opperlans!* (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.)