

ANSWERS TO BELLAMY'S 500 CHARADES

A. ROSS ECKLER

Morristown, New Jersey

For those fortunate enough to own one or more of the Bellamy books, here are the solutions to his puzzles. The answers to *A Century of Charades* are contained in Harland Ballard's *Open Sesame*, and the answers to *A Second Century of Charades* are contained in *Re-Open Sesame*. I am indebted to Will Shortz for supplying the answers to *More Charades*.

A charade is created by partitioning a word into a set of shorter words. The divisions between the shorter words need not match the divisions between the syllables, and in fact more interesting charades result if they do not: PIG and EON from PIGEON, OUTRE and ACHED from OUTREACHED. Charades divided by syllables (assuming each syllable is a word in its own right) tend to be less interesting: SWEET and HEART from SWEETHEART, FARE and WELL from FAREWELL. To make syllabic charades more appealing, Bellamy, like charadists before him, used homonyms of the syllables: SIS and TERN from CISTERN, LIE and SENSE from LICENSE. Since relatively few words have common homonyms for each syllable, Bellamy enlarged the stock in which one or more syllables were literal, such as BOMB and BAY from BOMBAY or PENN, TEA and COST from PENTECOST.

Bellamy used several tricks to enlarge his stock of charades even further:

- (1) He replaced a syllable word with its heteronym (same spelling, different sound): DIG and IT for DIGIT. (Note that a few words can be altered either homonymically or heteronymically, as BOW to either BEAU or BOW (make obeisance).)
- (2) He did not hesitate to shift a consonant from one syllable to an adjacent one, as DEEP and LORE from DE/PLORE or HIP, POD and ROME from HIP/PO/DROME.
- (2) He combined two syllables to make a word, as HOME, O and PATH for HOME/O/PATH.
- (4) At least once he combined non-adjacent letters to form a word: MAY and JEST from MAJESTY.

Sometimes several tricks were combined in a single charade, as MIST, EERIE and US from MYS/TE/RI/OUS, MEAD, OWL and ARK from MEAD/OW/LARK, or MOLE and STATION from MO/LES/TATION.

Occasionally, Bellamy would enigmatically clue a charade, letting its part words appear in plain sight in the verse cluing (I have added capitalization for emphasis):

WithIN my primal NO my second came,
Although my third was SENT.
Whoever else might be to blame,
My whole was INNOCENT.

A Century of Charades

1 charade 2 chromo 3 purchase 4 elegant 5 infantry 6 Dusenbury 7 farmer 8 Tartar 9 rambler
10 hyphen 11 sculpin 12 forceps 13 photograph 14 industry 15 furnace 16 thorax

17 clothespin 18 molasses 19 repeater 20 grotesque 21 checkmate 22 criterion 23 clamor
 24 delight 25 Peru, rupee 26 reptile 27 dynasty 28 stipend 29 Moscow 30 stillness
 31 Shakespeare 32 melee 33 ambulance 34 outrage 35 chaplain 36 smilax 37 prowess
 38 Hamlet 39 nightshade 40 garbage 41 windlass 42 tumor 43 dogma 44 budget 45 teething
 46 superb 47 candor 48 guidance 49 necromancer 50 basin 51 numbered 52 refrain 53 Jacob
 54 pheasant 55 quickstep 56 claptrap 57 dryads 58 discreet 59 lobster 60 psychist 61 wonder
 62 disdain 63 Pickwick 64 pumpkin 65 garland 66 Lucknow 67 Ajax 68 Kismet
 69 Essex, excess 70 mistrust 71 curfew 72 potentate 73 tipcat 74 mousetrap 75 samphire
 76 surfeit 77 cuirass 78 trousseau 79 asphodel 80 embargo 81 Shaftoe 82 Bannockburn
 83 huntress 84 alphabet 85 bicyclist 86 pantomime 87 halcyon 88 Saxon 89 banquet
 90 aspirate 91 ransom 92 Cadmus 93 silent 94 hemlock 95 button 96 mendicant 97 barbel
 98 omnipotence 99 Medoc 100 Damascus

A Second Century of Charades

1 mustard 2 chipmunk 3 ragout 4 Sindbad 5 Beatrice 6 microbe 7 inquest 8 notice 9 camphor
 10 brimstone 11 Olympus 12 rustle 13 halo 14 padlock 15 heathen 16 injudicious
 17 casemates 18 corpse 19 armadillo 20 orphans 21 broma 22 Una 23 Lethe 24 Patmos
 25 simoon 26 barber 27 Macaulay 28 Thisbe 29 nomad 30 impromptu 31 domestic, romantic
 32 potash 33 spearmint 34 sermon 35 hobgoblin 36 jargon 37 serum 38 secluded
 39 suspenders 40 robust 41 sweetbread 42 omen 43 parasol 44 mastiff 45 hallucination
 46 decay 47 perspiration 48 essay 49 unicorn 50 funnel 51 nabob 52 Salamis 53 sexton
 54 hotel 55 solace 56 meditation 57 vampire 58 epigram 59 sinal 60 maladies 61 altercation
 62 parrot 63 renegade 64 mushroom 65 woodchuck 66 mangoes 67 buckram 69 thousands
 69 Remington 70 brocade, dolman, cashmere, bracelets 71 bunting 72 hypochondriacs
 73 nightingale 74 sacrilege 75 impart 76 adamant 77 surgeon 78 plaintiff 79 seamstress
 80 reproach 81 pilot 82 codling 83 Puget 84 Farragut 85 Shylock 86 manifest 87 Hebe
 88 hatred 89 crescent 90 bacilli 91 tangent 92 romance 93 finest 94 pilgrimage 95 fragrant
 96 rennet 97 tripod 98 syntax 99 July 100 slumber

A Third Century of Charades

1 thinking 2 Cooper 3 foray 4 glutton 5 tankard 6 Thebans 7 phalanx 8 average 9 mercenary
 10 carrion 11 sustenance 12 caprice 13 errand 14 behave 15 carpenter 16 mummy
 17 antiquarians 18 artichoke 19 cauliflower 20 potato 21 tomatoes 22 asparagus 23 claymore
 24 wakeful 25 issue 26 duplicate 27 triplicate 28 hermitage 29 urchin 30 heretic 31 sacristan
 32 bobolink 33 orchid 34 Concord 35 Cordelia 36 cascade 37 heroes 38 canteen
 39 tomahawk 40 noon 41 hoplite 42 ruminant 43 empire 44 Lodore 45 sentiment 46 sequel
 47 tenure 48 troubadour 49 ducking 50 banditti 51 phoenix 52 singleton 53 flagon
 54 aspens 55 apex 56 sideboard 57 escort 58 libation 59 zero 60 cornice 61 keepsake
 62 W 63 apogee 64 Hubbard 65 samovar 66 habit 67 sandpiper 68 behemoth 69 scarlet
 70 sausage 71 catacomb 72 Hohenlinden 73 familiarity 74 stubborn 75 monitor
 76 cardamon 77 method 78 Hecuba 79 directory 80 rummage 81 program 82 martingale
 83 Sennacherib 84 civil 85 marmalade 86 wainscot 87 florist 88 trident 89 bulletin
 90 engaged 91 Penelope 92 bison 93 Horatio 94 oolong 95 dismay 96 dialogue
 97 palmist 98 invalidated 99 century 100 cantata

More Charades

1 Iliad 2 Dago 3 Colossus 4 thanking 5 multiply 6 renovate 7 incubator 8 mortgage
 9 testator 10 tradition 11 cartilage 12 Herod 13 exit 14 Madagascar 15 dimension

16 dodo 17 Parthenon 18 piecrust 19 tonsillitis 20 primaries 21 parhelion
 22 Di Vernon 23 Circassians 24 solo 25 seasons 26 hamper 27 rubric 28 cosmetic
 29 cobblestones 30 Singapore 31 recluse 32 neighborhood 33 idol 34 napkin
 35 Hermes 36 caterpillar 37 manager 38 tornado 39 immortal 40 depressed
 41 edifice 42 record 43 Chicago 44 bigamist 45 duenna 46 kindred 47 betrayed
 48 burden 49 Washington 50 dosing 51 duellist 52 alimony 53 peasants 54 telegram
 55 clambered 56 Demosthenes 57 beaches 58 pupil 59 offspring 60 phantom
 61 timber 62 April 63 Plato 64 Cornelia 65 Arethusa 66 Marathon 67 mission
 68 coronet 69 settee 70 Spaniards 71 basking 72 awkwardness 73 impossibility
 74 tumefaction 75 indulgent 76 fortune 77 manteau 78 unit 80 cuticle 81 wassail
 82 dividend 83 furlong 84 trustee 85 amputate 86 lesson 87 discontent 88 pearly
 89 proposal 90 office 91 guitar 92 masculine 93 legatees 94 chastise 95 machine
 96 welfare 97 Madrid 98 window 99 hemisphere 100 mutineer

Broken Words: A Fifth Century of Charades

1 charade 2 Canaan 3 Saladin 4 witchery 5 Rosinante 6 lamprey 7 maritime 8 bullock
 9 capacity 10 calamity 11 ingredients 12 scintillate 13 stupid 14 Stuart 15 Europe
 16 Parsees 17 deficit 18 license 19 eloquent 20 homeopath 21 meadowlark 22 tendril
 23 meteorology 24 census 25 gormandize 26 curlew 27 Kentucky 28 peaches 29 winnow
 30 cistern 31 sagamore 32 Bombay 33 molestation 34 mascot 35 petulant 36 lavender
 37 murrain 38 philosophers 39 caustic 40 Pandora 41 Calypso 42 transparent 43 deplore
 44 decade 45 bitterly 46 counterpane 47 custard 48 arboreal 49 impaled 50 sweetheart
 51 farewell 52 majesty 53 cicatrice 54 Dartmouth 55 hirsute 56 Achilles 57 succumb
 58 desire 59 innocent 60 bungalow 61 mahogany 62 Cordova 63 cloister 64 mastodons
 65 rhapsody 66 Pentecost 67 belief 68 palate 69 pericardium 70 areas 71 figurante
 72 penitent 73 banknotes 74 ramparts 75 discovery 76 balderdash 77 realize 78 carcass
 79 persuasive 80 casement 81 minutiae 82 digit 83 elucidate 84 memento 85 Crusoe
 86 jingo 87 interceded 88 removal 89 dewlap 90 delinquent 91 lengthwise 92 carmine
 93 reckless 94 canopies 95 Hippodrome 96 hasting 97 between 98 Tudor 99 Skowhegan
 100 mysterious