

## CONFUSED ALTERNADES – 1

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Just to reminisce a bit, an alternade is a word which can be divided into two smaller ones when every other letter is considered. Consequently, *SCHOOLED* qualifies for the label, since the odd-positioned letters spell *SHOE* and the even-positioned ones spell *COLD*. Here, we present the constituent parts of two dozen eight-letter *confused alternades*. To clarify, the first member of each given pair is a permutation of the letters which occupy the odd slots of the answer, while the second is a permutation of the letters which fill its even slots. Accordingly, the pair *PURE / STEM* can be used to form the confused alternade *PERMUTES*. Can you successfully unravel the twenty-four examples which follow?

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| 1. ANTS / AIRS | 9. GRIM / AREA  | 17. SALT / MAIN |
| 2. BINS / HONE | 10. HOOF / SOFT | 18. SANE / BEET |
| 3. BOAS / SETS | 11. KILT / SNOB | 19. SLUR / PARK |
| 4. CAST / HIES | 12. LIEU / MAKE | 20. TEAR / PURE |
| 5. CRAG / HERE | 13. MICA / RASH | 21. TRIO / REIN |
| 6. DENY / NOSE | 14. OUST / THUS | 22. VEER / WIRE |
| 7. EASE / WEDS | 15. PILE / ODDS | 23. WART / YARN |
| 8. ECRU / ALSO | 16. RITE / GAME | 24. YARD / DAME |