

UPS AND DOWNS

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“Upstairs, Downstairs”, Masterpiece Theater’s classic television series, provides the impetus for the puzzle that appears below, in which two columns of definitions have been listed. Each answer sought in Column A has a correspondent in Column B that can be generated by placing either UP or DOWN before it. To illustrate, if the clue “arriving” were an entry in Column A and “soon to occur” were one in Column B, an appropriate reply would be COMING and UPCOMING. Further, “playground apparatus” and “decline” would suggest the pairing of SLIDE and DOWNSLIDE. In order to balance this logistical seesaw, there are an equal number of UPS and DOWNS waiting to be discovered.

Two bonus questions offer three clues – one for a “root word” and two more for the words formed from this root by attaching UP and DOWN to its front. For instance, LOAD, UPLOAD, and DOWNLOAD would constitute a potential trio of responses. As an afterthought, see if you can find a pair of antonyms that produce two non-antonyms when each is prefixed by UP.

Perseverance is essential here – don’t get DOWN and give UP!

COLUMN A

- (A) loud burst of laughter
- (B) interweave
- (C) short car ride
- (D) perform on an instrument
- (E) trampled
- (F) retain
- (G) flog
- (H) sorrow for another’s suffering
- (I) representational proportion
- (J) correct
- (K) serve coffee or tea
- (L) erect
- (M) drop to the ground
- (N) fix firmly
- (O) pistol case
- (P) magnitude
- (Q) primary source
- (R) oscillate
- (S) plaster mold
- (T) ascending

COLUMN B

- (1) capsized
- (2) conductor’s stroke
- (3) oppressed
- (4) insurrection
- (5) cover with fabric
- (6) heavy rainstorm
- (7) intended for high-income earners
- (8) it’s put on some tennis balls
- (9) unequivocal
- (10) maintenance cost
- (11) reproach
- (12) sudden ruin
- (13) driver’s motion
- (14) force to leave
- (15) forlorn
- (16) minimize significance
- (17) heated controversy
- (18) honest
- (19) move to a smaller house
- (20) presumptuous

BONUS #1: plow soil / flip over / economic decline

BONUS #2: mark / raise to a higher standard / demote