

## RECEPTIVE WORDS – 1

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The three-letter word **WHY** is called *receptive* because each of its letters can be replaced by another to form a different word: **SHY** (W → S), **WRY** (H → R), and **WHO** (Y → O). **DART** is a four-letter receptive word, as evidenced by the chain **CART**, **DIRT**, **DAFT**, **DARE**. As word length increases, the discovery of receptive words becomes more challenging. In the quiz that follows, twelve five-letter receptive words are requested. In every case, the replacement letters have been revealed in their appropriate positions. Using these clues and your logological prowess, identify the original specimens. Then if you are adventurous, see if you can discover a six-letter receptive word whose chain is devoid of plurals.

1. □□□□□: **W**□□□□ / □**I**□□□ / □□**V**□□ / □□□**G**□ / □□□□**L**
2. □□□□□: **B**□□□□ / □**L**□□□ / □□**O**□□ / □□□**B**□ / □□□□**P**
3. □□□□□: **D**□□□□ / □**H**□□□ / □□**U**□□ / □□□**B**□ / □□□□**G**
4. □□□□□: **P**□□□□ / □**E**□□□ / □□**Z**□□ / □□□**T**□ / □□□□**T**
5. □□□□□: **C**□□□□ / □**W**□□□ / □□**A**□□ / □□□**V**□ / □□□□**N**
6. □□□□□: **R**□□□□ / □**L**□□□ / □□**U**□□ / □□□**K**□ / □□□□**Y**
7. □□□□□: **B**□□□□ / □**I**□□□ / □□**T**□□ / □□□**P**□ / □□□□**M**
8. □□□□□: **O**□□□□ / □**U**□□□ / □□**L**□□ / □□□**K**□ / □□□□**D**
9. □□□□□: **C**□□□□ / □**T**□□□ / □□**A**□□ / □□□**N**□ / □□□□**E**
10. □□□□□: **F**□□□□ / □**E**□□□ / □□**R**□□ / □□□**K**□ / □□□□**S**
11. □□□□□: **C**□□□□ / □**T**□□□ / □□**I**□□ / □□□**A**□ / □□□□**P**
12. □□□□□: **F**□□□□ / □**Y**□□□ / □□**R**□□ / □□□**K**□ / □□□□**E**