Logical Configurations
BAIT BAT CAIN CAN RAIN RAN MAIM MAM
vv...SAL’S SAILS ALL’S AILS BRAD’S BRAIDS and LAD LAID MAD MAID!

BEAT BET MEAN MEN LEAN LEN NEAT NET DEAN’S DENS
FREED FREED STEEP STEP KEEN KEN CHIEF CHEF
vv...BEN’S BEANS BEST BEAST GREG GRIEG (coined name) SHREK’S SHRIEKS
vv...HIST! HEIST
vv...TOD’S TOADS GOT GOAT

Different Tenses
LEAD...LED BLEED...BLED BRED...BRED FEED...FED MEET...MET

In other cases, where the long vowel sound is represented by a group of one vowel and one or more consonants, the consonants can be removed to make a word with the equivalent short vowel sound. These two words together sometimes make a logical configuration.

Logical Configurations
SLIGHT SLIT
vv...SIS SIGHS LIT LIGHT

THE PROPER COMMONS

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The challenge is to create prose using captonyms-- words that are both proper and common nouns, and write parallel sentences. You must use them all as proper nouns in one, and then as common nouns, in the same order, in the companion sentence.

Here’s an example:

From March to May, Ford, a Polish Catholic from Buffalo, will study Mars as he travels from Turkey with Herb to China to meet up with Nick. Last year during Lent, he studied the Book of Job with another Pole from Nice, France, as they traveled from Reading, PA to Lima, OH in their Fiat. Next August, he and Bill, Tom, Rich, Peter, and Will plan to study Mosaic law.

As he does march there, he may ford many rivers, polish his knowledge of the church catholic, buffalo his companions, and though he mars his cuffs, he will eat turkey seasoned with an herb on fine china that is without a blemish or a nick. Since he lent out his book of jobs available, he decided to pole his way down river having a nice time reading about everything from lima beans to the Pope’s latest fiat. Such an august topic does far outweigh consideration of his phone bill and tom cats. Though rich with meaning, it will no doubt peter out, and they will then tour the mosaic tile sculptures.