

DOUBLING UP

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In baseball, a speedy runner can sometimes transform a single into a double by “turning up the jets.” An analogous metamorphosis in the world of wordplay creates a new specimen from an old one by replacing one of its interior letters with two copies of the same. For instance, GRIPE becomes GRIPPE when the letter “P” is doubled up.

The entries in Column A below offer clues for words that display this curious property. Given that the same letter is never duplicated throughout the roster (which, incidentally, becomes ‘rooster’ when the ‘o’ is doubled up!), match them with the corresponding definitions in Column B that prompt the outcomes resulting from this operation.

<u>COLUMN A</u>		<u>COLUMN B</u>
(A) organic plant nutrient	(1)	small domesticated pet
(B) burdensome	(2)	enclosure for livestock
(C) tenant	(3)	more level
(D) suffocate	(4)	the dot over an ‘i’
(E) motherless calf	(5)	large mounted weapon
(F) pillage	(6)	bread containing nuts and raisins
(G) motorized bicycle	(7)	washed the floor
(H) abandon	(8)	preparing for takeoff
(I) reef material	(9)	structure used to direct course
(J) more ill-mannered	(10)	shuffle the cards
(K) roughage	(11)	heckled
(L) code of law	(12)	come in once again
(M) legal right of ownership	(13)	sweet course
(N) demolished	(14)	teller of white lies
(O) purloined	(15)	pita dip made from chickpeas