

GAINING OR LOSING LETTERS

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A word can gain or lose one or more letters to make another word. The simplest form of this genre is when the word gains or loses a single letter.

Alternatively, a word may gain or lose all of a particular type of letter such as dotted letters, curved letters, doubled letters or Roman numeral letters.

The two words together may form a logical configuration, in which case they are marked *

GAINING A SINGLE LETTER *

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| A. BEN'S <u>BEANS</u> | B. LOW <u>BLOW</u> | C. SENT <u>SCENT</u> |
| D. AVID <u>DAVID</u> | E. FIN'S <u>FINES</u> | F. LAW'S <u>FLAWS</u> |
| G. OLD <u>GOLD</u> | H. SOW <u>SHOW</u> | I. MAD <u>MAID</u> |
| J. I'M <u>JIM</u> | K. SIS <u>SKIS</u> | L. ATE <u>LATE</u> |
| M. EAT <u>MEAT</u> | N. DINERS' <u>DINNERS</u> | O. PEN (cattle) <u>OPEN</u> |
| P. ATE <u>PATE</u> | Q. | R. BAN <u>BRAN</u> |
| S. ALE <u>SALE</u> | T. OUR <u>TOUR</u> | U. PAL <u>PAUL</u> |
| V. RAE'S <u>RAVES</u> | W. ALTER <u>WALTER</u> | X. ALE <u>ALEX?</u> |
| Y. FUR <u>FURY</u> (cat fight) | Z. ED'S <u>ZEDS</u> | |

LOSING A SINGLE LETTER *

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| A. <u>TEACH</u> TECH | B. <u>BROAD</u> ROAD | C. <u>COVER</u> OVER |
| D. <u>DARK</u> ARK | E. <u>HATES</u> HATS | F. <u>LIFE'S</u> LIES |
| G. <u>GAUNT</u> AUNT | H. <u>HOVER</u> OVER | I. <u>RAIN</u> RAN |
| J. <u>JILL'S</u> ILLS | K. <u>LUCKY</u> LUCY | L. <u>HOLD</u> HOD |
| M. <u>MARIA'S</u> ARIAS | N. <u>AGNES</u> AGES | O. <u>ROOT</u> ROT |
| P. <u>SPOIL</u> SOIL | Q. | R. <u>RACE</u> ACE |
| S. <u>SUP</u> UP | T. <u>TURN</u> URN | U. <u>AUCTION</u> ACTION |
| V. <u>SEVEN</u> SEEN | W. <u>GWENT</u> GENT | X. <u>TEXAS</u> TEAS |
| Y. <u>BUYS</u> BUS | Z. <u>ZONE</u> ONE | |

LOSING DOTTED LETTERS (i and j)

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|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| bejig - beg | bijon - bon | cojoin - coon | Fijian fan* |
| jihad had* | hadji had* | hijack - hack | hajji - ha |
| injuns - nuns | jail Al* | jailed Aled* | jemima - Emma |
| jiboa - boa | jigot - got | join on* | jovial - oval |

GAINING or LOSING 3 OR MORE CURVED LETTERS - C J O S U

The word INNOCUOUS has an unbroken run of 6 *curved letters* linked to the word INN. Below, unbroken runs of 4 curved letters are underlined. XYSTOS is a covered portico.

A - <u>COCOA</u> *	ANT - <u>ACCOUNT</u>	AT - <u>COAST</u> *
ARE - <u>COARSE</u> *	BET - <u>OBJECT</u>	DINT - <u>DISCOUNT</u>
ELM - <u>COELOM</u>	FAT - <u>FATUOUS</u>	GENE - <u>GENUSES</u>
HIDE - <u>HIDEOUS</u>	IN - <u>SINUOUS</u>	KEY - <u>JOCKEY</u> *
LED - <u>CLUEDO</u> *	ME - <u>MOUSE</u>	NASUTUS (nose-shaped) - <u>NAT</u>
PET <u>SUSPECT</u> *	Q	RAVENOUS - <u>RAVEN</u> *
TED - <u>JOUSTED</u> *	TEN - <u>TENUOUS</u>	COVETOUS - <u>VET</u> *
WED - <u>SCOWED</u> (played truant)		XYT (a surname) - <u>XYSTOS</u>
YUCCAS - <u>YA</u>	ZEN - <u>COUZEN</u> (cousin)	

LOSING DOUBLED LETTERS

AA. AARON - RON	BB. DABBLE - DALE	CC. OCCUR - OUR
DD. FIDDLE - FILE*	EE. FEELING - FLING	FF. BAFFLE - BALE
GG. NIGGLE - NILE	HH. AH HT E(M.E. ought)-ATE	II. RADII - RAD
JJ. HAJJI - HAI (hay)	KK. TEKKE - TEE	LL. SHELL - SHE
MM. CLAMMY - CLAY*	NN. BONNY - BOY*	OO. BOOING - BING*
PP. APPLE - ALE*	QQ. HUQQA (Turkish smoking pipe) - HUA (who)	TT. BETTER - BEER*
RR. MARRY- MAY*	SS. PASS - PA*	WW. ROWWE (row) - ROE
UU. CARDUUS (thistle) - CARDS	VV. NAVVY - NAY	ZZ. MUZZLE - MULE*
XX. EXXON - EON	YY. SAYYID - SAID*	

LOSING or GAINING ROMAN NUMERALS

I	HER - HE <u>I</u> R*	II	FA <u>I</u> R <u>I</u> ES - FARES
III	BI <u>R</u> I <u>A</u> NI - BRAN	IV	<u>I</u> N <u>V</u> EST - NEST* (of money)
V	SE <u>V</u> EN - SEEN*	VI	BO <u>V</u> INE'S - BONES*
VII	SON'S - <u>V</u> IS <u>I</u> ONS*	VIII	<u>V</u> IS <u>I</u> TAT <u>I</u> ON - STATON (surname)
IX	<u>S</u> I <u>X</u> TY - STY QUI <u>X</u> OTE - QUOTE*	X	<u>T</u> EX <u>A</u> S - TEAS*
XI	TO <u>X</u> IN - TON	XII	TAX <u>I</u> ING - TANG
XIII	<u>X</u> IB <u>E</u> I <u>Q</u> I (China) - BEQ (Iraq)	XIV	EX <u>W</u> IV <u>E</u> S - EWES
XV	BO <u>X</u> - <u>V</u> AN - BOAN (bone)	XVI	<u>X</u> AV <u>I</u> ER - AER (air)
XVII	<u>X</u> ER <u>O</u> <u>V</u> R <u>I</u> S <u>I</u> (Greece) - ERORS (Swedish plural of ERA which has same meaning as English ERA)	XIX	SAX <u>I</u> FR <u>A</u> X - SAFRA (saffron)
XVIII			
XX	EX <u>X</u> ON - EON		
30	XXX <u>X</u> A <u>A</u> X <u>K</u> A <u>X</u> (Mexico)- AAKA (Mali)	40	XL EX <u>A</u> L <u>T</u> - EAT
50	L ATE - <u>L</u> ATE*	60	LX F <u>L</u> EX <u>E</u> S - FEES
70	LXX <u>L</u> EX <u>X</u> UNA (Malta) - LEUNA	80	LXXX
90	XC EX <u>A</u> CT - EAT (Finland)	100	C ENTER - <u>C</u> ENTER* (shopping)
500	D T <u>E</u> N <u>D</u> - TEN*	1000	M <u>M</u> ORE - ORE*