

LETTER PAIR PUZZLES – SOLUTIONS

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Here are answers to the two word-pair puzzles in the May issue, called Letters of Introduction and Twinagrams. and also to the new These and Those puzzle. Any of these ideas worth taking further?

Letters of Introduction

Clues are given for pairs of words which are spelled identically except that one of them has an extra letter (or two consecutive letters) introduced. For example, the clue 'Stingy chap' could yield the pair 'mean' and 'man' and the introduced letter is therefore E. Similarly, 'Gave a gift that's old-fashioned' could yield the pair 'dated' and 'donated', so that the introduced letters would be ON. By putting the introduced letters into the crossword-type grid, common words will be formed

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| 1 A | 2 P | 3 P | 4 L | 5 E |
| 6 X | | 7 L | | 8 G |
| 9 L | | 10 U | | 11 G |
| 12 E | 13 D | 14 G | 15 E | 16 S |

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| 1,2 | Fruit comes into view | APpear |
| 3 | Rid yourself of the impulse | Purge |
| 4,5 | Tree shown on chart | mapLE |
| 6 | Catch what follows | neXt |
| 7,10 | Live and in colour | bLUe |
| 8,11 | Living by asking for your money | beGGing |
| 9,12 | Tidy up your vehicle | cLEar |
| 13,14 | Notices reeds | seDGes |
| 15,16 | All the rage, then fizzles out. | fadES |

Twinagrams

This puzzle is based on finding pairs of words that are anagrams of one another. A clue is given that includes definitions (nothing cryptic or obscure) of both words, and the solver is told how many letters there are. Then it is stated which letters of which word are to be entered into a crossword-type grid. For example, if you are told to find a pair of four-letter anagrams, and the clue is "A source of sugar gives you a skin problem" you are supposed to find 'cane' and 'acne'. If you are further told to take the first letter of the first word and the fourth letter of the other word, then you get the

combination 'CE' to put in the stated squares of the grid. When all are solved, the grid will consist of common words. Two consecutive letters can be specified from either word of the pair

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|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 P | 2 A | 3 N | 4 I | 5 C |
| 6 R | | 7 O | | 8 A |
| 9 U | 10 R | 11 B | 12 A | 13 N |
| 14 N | | 15 L | | 16 D |
| 17 E | 18 V | 19 E | 20 R | 21 Y |

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| 1,2 | (6) | A few words from the mountain guide (1:6) | Phrase/sherpA |
| 3,4,5 | (9) | Cancelled the order you made out (6,5:4) | rescINde/disCerne d |
| 6,9 | (6) | Fruit of the countryside (4:2) | citrus/rUstic |
| 7,11,15 | (5) | Further down the joint (4:3,2) | belOw/eLBow |
| 8,,13 | (8) | On the edge of being scary (2:7) | mArginal/alarmiNg |
| 10,11,12 | (5) | Warm yellow colour of fish (5:1,4) | ambeR/BreAm |
| 14,17 | (6) | Divine drink from a Greek islander (1:3) | Nectar/crEtan |
| 18,19,20 | (6) | Thin strip of precious metal (4,5:6) | silVer/sliver |
| 16,21 | (6) | Start the week like a bundle of energy (4:2) | MonDay/dYnamo |

These and Those

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| 1,2 | (4 letters) | Put the knife into a celebrity | stab/staR |
| 3,7 | (4 letters) | Not able to walk well, this young animal | lamE/lamB |
| 4,5 | (5 letters) | Star sign that loses water | Aries/Dries |
| 6,9 | (6 letters) | Road to get your own back for what was done to you | avenUe/avenGe |
| 8,13 | (5 letters) | Less pits | minus/minEs |
| 10,11 | (6 letters) | On fire with crop infection | Alight/Blight |
| 12,13 | (5 letters) | Come to a halt, not being fresh. | stall/stalE |