# PATCHWORK – 1

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If the terminal letter of one word is identical to the initial letter of another, a new specimen is sometimes formed when the two are "patched together" at their common joint. For example, if the words ASP and PENS were concatenated and one copy of the patch letter, P, were eradicated, out would come the word ASPENS. Each equation below presents three prompts which suggest such a construction. To facilitate the discovery process, the patch letter has been supplied in all instances.

A:     (bodily fluids) + (mimic) = (brightly colored shawl)

B:     (dress) + (exorbitantly charged money) = (incomprehensibly distorted)

D:     (trademark) + (shallow food container) = (wave a weapon menacingly)

E:     (lightly fry) + (sea eagle) = (dry white wine)

F:     (treat with derision) + (imperfection) = (habitual criminal)

G:     (cleaning cloth) + (joint inflammation) = (seasoned stew)

H:     (moor) + (possessive pronoun) = (pinkish-purple flower)

K:     (feeble) + (perception) = (debilitate)

M:     (collection of recorded songs) + (chess pieces) = (egg white)

N:     (ratify a document) + (temperament) = (identifying mark)

P:     (fellow) + (unpretentious) = (clergyman)

R:     (assert) + (explosive anger) = (middling)

S:     (long fluffy scarves) + (insect bite) = (glorifying oneself)

T:     (overwhelming defeat) + (prong) = (standard procedure)

U:     (small amount) + (beneath) = (in better condition)

V:     (accelerate) + (locale) = (income)

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A:     SER<u>A</u> + <u>A</u>PE = SERAPE

B:     GAR<u>B</u> + <u>B</u>LED = GARBLED

D:     BRAN<u>D</u> + <u>D</u>ISH = BRANDISH

E:     SAUT<u>E</u> + <u>E</u>RNE = SAUTERNE

F:     SCOF<u>F</u> + <u>F</u>LAW = SCOFFLAW

G:     RA<u>G</u> + <u>G</u>OUT = RAGOUT

H:     HEAT<u>H</u> + <u>H</u>ER = HEATHER

K:     WEA<u>K</u> + <u>K</u>EN = WEAKEN

M:     ALBU<u>M</u> + <u>M</u>EN = ALBUMEN

N:     SIG<u>N</u> + <u>N</u>ATURE = SIGNATURE

P:     CHA<u>P</u> + <u>P</u>LAIN = CHAPLAIN

R:     AVE<u>R</u> + <u>R</u>AGE = AVERAGE

S:     BOA<u>S</u> + <u>S</u>TING = BOASTING

T:     ROU<u>T</u> + <u>T</u>INE = ROUTINE

U:     SO<u>U</u> + <u>U</u>NDER = SOUNDER

V:     RE<u>V</u> + <u>V</u>ENUE = REVENUE