DISSECTIONS

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This challenge is comprised of three similar parts. Letting 123456 represent a six-letter word whose letters are not necessarily distinct, Part I requests a listing of all such words with the property that 1234, 2345, and 3456 are three four-letter words, while Part II requires that 123, 234, 345, and 456 be four three-letter words. (We have 29 of the former and 16 of the latter.) Finally, Part III addresses seven-letter words, 1234567, which yield five three-letter words when dissected into 123, 234, 345, 456, and 567. (There are 5 such in our list.)

Since there are fifty confirmed responses in total, award yourself two points for each specimen you discover.

| Part I: | $123456 \rightarrow 1234, 2345, 3456$ | |
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| Part III: | $1234567 \rightarrow 123, 234, 345, 456$ | 6, 567 |
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<u>DISSECTIONS</u> – Answers

Part I: AMENDS → AMEN, MEND, ENDS
BAREST → BARE, ARES, REST
CHARMS → CHAR, HARM, ARMS
CHARTS → CHAR, HART, ARTS
CHUMPS → CHUM, HUMP, UMPS
CLAMPS → CLAM, LAMP, AMPS
CRAMPS → CRAM, RAMP, AMPS
CRAPES → CRAP, RAPE, APES
DIREST → DIRE, IRES, REST
FOREST → FORE, ORES, REST
HALEST → HALE, ALES, LEST
HONEST → HONE, ONES, NEST
MOLEST → MOLE, OLES, LEST
PALEST → PALE, ALES, LEST
PLEASE → PLEA, LEAS, EASE

PLUMPS \rightarrow PLUM, LUMP, UMPS RAREST \rightarrow RARE, ARES, REST SCAMPS \rightarrow SCAM, CAMP, AMPS SCANTS \rightarrow SCAN, CANT, ANTS SCARES \rightarrow SCAR, CARE, ARES SCOWLS \rightarrow SCOW, COWL, OWLS SLUMPS \rightarrow SLUM, LUMP, UMPS SOREST \rightarrow SORE, ORES, REST SPARES \rightarrow SPAR, PARE, ARES SPARKS \rightarrow SPAR, PARK, ARKS STARES \rightarrow STAR, TARE, ARES STARTS \rightarrow STAR, TART, ARTS TRAMPS \rightarrow TRAM, RAMP, AMPS WHEELS \rightarrow WHEE, HEEL, EELS

Part II: ANTHEM \rightarrow ANT, NTH, THE, HEM ANTHER \rightarrow ANT, NTH, THE, HER BAGELS \rightarrow BAG, AGE, GEL, ELS BOATED \rightarrow BOA, OAT, ATE, TED FORAGE \rightarrow FOR, ORA, RAG, AGE GOATEE \rightarrow GOA, OAT, ATE, TEE ORATED \rightarrow ORA, RAT, ATE, TED PALACE \rightarrow PAL, ALA, LAC, ACE

PAYESS \rightarrow PAY, AYE, YES, ESS ROBINS \rightarrow ROB, OBI, BIN, INS SEARED \rightarrow SEA, EAR, ARE, RED SEATED \rightarrow SEA, EAT, ATE, TED SPARED \rightarrow SPA, PAR, ARE, RED TEARED \rightarrow TEA, EAR, ARE, RED TORAHS \rightarrow TOR, ORA, RAH, AHS WASHER \rightarrow WAS, ASH, SHE, HER

Part III: ANTHEMS → ANT, NTH, THE, HEM, EMS CAPERED → CAP, APE, PER, ERE, RED PANTHER → PAN, ANT, NTH, THE, HER PAPERED → PAP, APE, PER, ERE, RED TAPERED → TAP, APE, PER, ERE, RED