A CHALLENGE TO WILL SHORTZ

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I welcomed a special guest to Mickey's Corner at the JCC last Wednesday night. He is Will Shortz, the crossword editor of *The New York Times* and the riddle maven that we love to listen to every Sunday morning on NPR.

Shortz graduated from Indiana University as the only person known to hold a college degree in enigmatology, the study of puzzles. He designed his own curriculum. Later he earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law.

In order to engage this bright creative genius, I conceived a challenge which I present to you now. It's a two part game called My Word.

The answer to the first part will be a four or five letter word that when rearranged and confined by the word "MY" will present a different word whose definition I provide. Each ultimate answer will begin with the letter M and end with the letter Y. The word you unscramble, of course, will be in the middle, hence the name "My Word". Let me demonstrate:

M [_____] Y = _____
MASH ACTOR DISORDER OF THE BODY

M [ALDA] Y = _____
DISORDER OF THE BODY

M ALAD Y - MALADY

It's really not that difficult and hopefully it will be fun. Please give it a go.

1. M [_____] Y = _____
DOG'S NAME MAKE MINOR CHANGES

2. M [_____] Y = _____
DRY RIVER BED CHICAGO AIRPORT

3. M [_____] Y = _____
PICKLE VARIETY NOT SEVERELY

4. M [_____] Y = _____
STANDARD OF MEASUREMENT NAVAL REVOLT

5. M [_____] Y = _____
DEPOSIT OF ORE TUNE

6. M [_____] Y = _____
DORIAN GRAY CREATOR AFFECTED BY WHITISH FUNGUS

7. M [_____] Y = _____
CIRCUS SEA CREATURE CONTEMPTIBLY SMALL

8. M [_____] Y = _____
GO TO SEA LOSE TEMPORARILY

9. M [_____] Y = _____
EDITOR'S STRIKE MIXTURE

10. M [_____] Y = _____
MATCH PLAY? STRUCTURE BUILT OF BRICK OR STONE

11. M [_____] Y = _____
CASINO GAME JUNGLE ANIMAL