PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR ME  Charles W. Bostick

1. words preceded by the name of a country (Turkish delight goes between Swiss watch and Welsh rabbit)
2. words preceded by "(adjective) as a" (fit as a fiddle goes between dry as a bone and flat as a pancake)
3. words preceded by "(noun) of the" (ruler of the roost goes between proof of the pudding and run of the mill)
4. words preceded by a placename, usually a city (Saratoga trunk goes between Portland cement and Singapore sling)
5. words preceded by "(word) on the" (Johnny on the spot goes between icing on the cake and night on the town)
6. words preceded by "(noun) in the" (diamond in the rough goes between chicken in the basket and dog in the manger)
7. words preceded by a personal name followed by "(the)" (Mac the knife goes between Lorenzo the magnificent and Mandrake the magician)
8. words preceded by a personal name followed by "a" (Pandora's box goes between Occam's razor and Pike's peak)

GEOGRAPHICAL LINK-O-GRAMS  Boris Randolph


KICKSHAWS  Darryl Francis

Charades: Excluding KICKSHAWS itself, there are 85 different ways in which that word can be divided into charades. First identify the
words allowed by Webster's Third, and then combine them in all the possible ways, taking care not to duplicate any combinations. The allowed words are A, AW, C, H, HA, HAW, I, ICK, ICKS, K, KI, KICK, KICKS, KICKSHAW, KS, S, SH, SHA, SHAW, SHAWS, W, and WS. (AWS and IC are not allowed by Webster's Third, although they would be allowed by certain other dictionaries.)

Dyslexia: I have a brother-in-law. He is a diver. He gets me sea urchins and he has three glass bottles from the seabed. The bottles are fossilized, and starfish.

Have a Drink on Me: Asti, chaser, geneva, beer, Cointreau, cola, marc, cider, mead, tea, Guinness, Pepsi-Cola, green tea, Strega, gin, ale, pinta, ptisan, nightcap, Pernod, claret, lager, retsina, posset, water, stout, nectar, porter, vin rose

Barium Meal: Brumalia, Burmannia, maraboutism, umbilicaria, rambunctious, rumbustical, uberrima fides, Drambuie, mare liberum, baculiform, Hammurabi, rumblegarie, umbratile, buri palm, immeasurable, immensurable, Umbrian and Umbrina, Bramapithecus, marrubium, macrobiotus, ambisextrous, ambulatories, umbratical, bacterium

RED, WHITE AND BLUE  Leonard R. N. Ashley
1. non-union worker (apple-polisher to the boss) 2. express train 3. railroad porter (or British military policeman) 4. thick ham gravy 5. embarrassed 6. false clue 7. designate as an area not suitable for mortgage investment 8. gold items 9. losing money, insolvent

10. boxer who is a good contender for the championship 11. homemade (or bootleg) whisky 12. silver coins 13. haircut so close as to show the scalp 14. cocaine 15. a scoreless loss in sports, or in general a coverup 16. street cleaner 17. display cowardice 18. hero, leader with charisma