

## ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

### Words With Unusual Shapes by Alan Frank

First column: brother-in-law, cat-o'-nine-tails, chile con carne, cock-a-doodle-do, Dandie Dinmont terrier, daylight-savings time, eeny meeny miney moe

Second column: Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard, Four-H club, Greenback-Labor party, ground-hog day, heavier-than-air, hop-o'-my-thumb, lieutenant-governorship

Third column: meter-kilogram-second, middle C, noncommissioned officer, per second per second, red-light district, seventeen-year locust, strict constructionist

Fourth column: tin-pan alley, unaccounted-for, up-to-the-minute, what-you-may-call-it

### The Portmanteau Not Taken by Edward Wolpov

DREAD = Drudge + tREAD (trudge)

MAT = Mash + bAT (bash)

MACK = MASH + smaCK (smash)

LUNK = LUMp + chuNK (chump)

FOKE = Fog + smOKE (smog)

SPASH = SPatter + splASH (splatter)

MOO = Muck + goo (guck)

SLUP = SLUsh + sloP (slosh)

SHEAM = SHimmer + gleAM (shimmer)

HOTOR = HOtel + moTOR (motel)

SLM = Sissy + prlM (prissy)

CHAG = CHatter + nAG (natter)

SASH = Surge + splASH (splurge)

SPACK = SPot + blACK (blot)

WRIRM = WRiggle + squIRM (wriggle)

HUTTER = Hurry + flUTTER (flurry)

BLASH = BLush + flASH (flush)

SPASH = SPutter + splASH (splutter)

WATTER = WAddle + toTTER (toddle)

CRAP = CRash + clAP (clash)

TOLL = Tumble + jOLL (jumble)

LEAKFAST = Lunch + brEAKFAST (brunch)

GLAME = GLare + flAME (flare)

RESMITTER = RESistor + transMITTER (transistor)

HALL = Hawk + squALL (squawk)

WHIST = WHirl + twlST (twirl)

MARAVISION = MARathon + teleVISION (telethon)

BROADTANEOUS = BROADcast + simultANEOUS (simulcast)

**The Language Of Space** by A. Ross Eckler

book, car, clock, country, eye, house, knowledge, peace, water, word

**Double Duty Words** by Richard Lederer

1. soft 2. old 3. right 4. short 5. rough 6. odd 7. dull  
8. free 9. take 10. poor 11. lose 12. hard 13. present  
14. fair 15. go 16. flat 17. save 18. ill 19. thin 20. minor  
21. rare 22. fine 23. fast 24. fresh 25. partial 26. back  
27. mad 28. fall

**Poetic Justice** by Walter Shedlofsky

Though it is evident that the SERGEANT is the murderer, you may discover the strange blade by finding the acrostic that begins with a Y.

**Kickshaws** by Will Shortz

**It's Completely Oxymoronic:** weekly journal, uneasy peace, typed manuscript, baby grand, duplex flat, waste recycling, down escalator, victimless crime, elevated subway, assistant principal, forgotten memories, missing links, second primary, misleading clue, old news, melted ice. Bonus question: if the letters in each word were listed in reverse alphabetical order (subway = YWUSBA, weekly = YWLKEE, uneasy = YUSNEA, etc.), these sets of letters would appear in reverse alphabetical order.

**Consonyms:** 1. fireside 2. intricate 3. aquarium 4. outreach  
5. pistachio 6. omnivorous 7. cohesion 8. aficionado  
Other answers may also be possible.

**Movie Quiz:** It breaks the "I before E" rule twice.

**Ex-Terminations:** 1. Desenex 2. Windex 3. Somnex 4. Sinex  
5. Playtex 6. Rolex or Timex 7. Rolodex 8. Purex 9. Chex  
(any variety) 10. Pyrex 11. Memorex 12. Cruex 13. Denorex  
14. Kotex 15. Listerex, Fostex, or Stri-Dex

**Dinner Music:** "One, sharp. Beef and cabbage."

**This Quiz Is A Hit** by Leonard R. N. Ashley

1. hit the jackpot 2. hit the screen 3. hit the road 4. hit the hay  
5. hit the dust 6. hit the Dixie 7. hit the roof 8. hit the sheets  
9. hit it off 10. hit the streets 11. hit pay dirt 12. hit the trail  
13. hit the white 14. hit or miss 15. hit the (round) brown  
16. hit the sack 17. hit the grit 18. hit the high spots 19. hit  
some s--t 20. hit where it hurts 21. hit up for cash 22. have a  
hit on one's hands 23. hit the nail on the head 24. hit and run  
25. hit for six 26. hit man 27. hit on 28. hit luck(y) 29. hit  
the deck 30. hit the headlines