

CENTERPIECES – 1

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When the letters in each of the twenty words below are appropriately permuted, what results serve as *centerpieces* of new words which begin and end with the same letter. For example, rearranging the letters of RAINS into RANSI and flanking this centerpiece with a pair of “T”s produces TRANSIT. Alas, this example is disqualified since another ordering of these letters, ARSNI, yields the word PARSNIP when “P”s are attached at the front and back.

Half of the targeted answers are seven letters long, a quarter contain eight letters, and a quarter have nine. For the adventurous solver, a ten-letter word is sought in a bonus question at the end.

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| 1. A L L E Y | 11. E N T I R E |
| 2. A P I S H | 12. G O I T E R |
| 3. D I N E R | 13. L I S T E N |
| 4. G L E A N | 14. O R P H A N |
| 5. H U N T S | 15. S P A C E Y |
| 6. L E V E E | 16. A S T R I D E |
| 7. N I N E S | 17. M A N A G E R |
| 8. R O U T E | 18. S I N C E R E |
| 9. S A I L S | 19. T R I A G E S |
| 10. S A U T E | 20. U N C L A S P |

BONUS: S T E A M I N G