GAINING OR LOSING LETTERS

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A word can gain or lose one or more letters to make another word. The simplest form of this genre is when
the word gains or loses a single letter.
Alternatively, a word may gain or lose all of a particular type of letter such as dotted letters, curved letters,
doubled letters or Roman numeral letters.
The two words together may form a logical configuration, in which case they are marked *

GAINING A SINGLE LETTER *

A. BEN’S BEANS
D. AVID DAVID
G. OLD GOLD
J. I’M JIM
M. EAT MEAT
P. ATE PATE
S. ALE SALE
V. RAE’S RAVES
Y. FUR FURY (cat fight)
B. LOW BLOW
E. FIN’S FINES
H. SOW SHOW
K. SIS SKIS
N. DINERS’ DINNERS
Q.
T. OUR TOUR
U.
W. ALTER WALTER
X.
C. SENT SCENT
F. LAW’S FLAWS
I. MAD MAID
L. ATE LATE
O. PEN (cattle) OPEN
R. BAN BRAN
U. PAL PAUL
X. ALE ALEX?

LOSING A SINGLE LETTER *

A. TEACH TECH
D. DARK ARK
G. GAUNT AUNT
J. JILL’S ILLS
M. MARIA’S ARIAS
P. SPOIL SOIL
S. SUP UP
V. SEVEN SEEN
Y. BUYS BUS
B. BROAD ROAD
E. HATES HATS
H. HOVER OVER
K. LUCKY LUCY
N. AGNES AGES
Q.
T. TURN URN
W. GWENT GENT
Z.
C. COVER OVER
F. LIFE’S LIES
I. RAIN RAN
L. HOLD HOD
O. ROOT ROT
R. RACE ACE
U. AUCTION ACTION
X. TEXAS TEAS

LOSING DOTTED LETTERS (i and j)

bejig - beg
bihad - bon
cojoin - coon
Fijian fan*
ji had - had
hijack - hack
jailed Aled*
hajji - ha
inju - nuns
jail Al*
jemima - Emma
jibo - boa
jigot - got
join on*
jovial - oval
GAINING or LOSING 3 OR MORE CURVED LETTERS - C J O S U

The word INNUOUS has an unbroken run of 6 curved letters linked to the word INN. Below, unbroken runs of 4 curved letters are underlined. XYSTOS is a covered portico.

A - COCOA*  ANT - ACCOUNT  AT - COAST*
ARE - COARSE*  BET - OBJECT  DINT - DISCOUNT
ELM - COELOM  FAT - FATUOUS  GENE - GENUSES
HIDE - HIDEOUS  IN - SINUOUS  KEY - JOCKEY*
PET SUSPECT*  Q  RAVENOUS - RAVEN*
TED - JOSTED*  TEN - TENUOUS  COVETOUS - VET*
WED - SCOWED (played truant)  XYT (a surname) - XYSTOS
YUCCAS - YA  ZEN - COUZEN (cousin)

LOSING DOUBLED LETTERS

AA. AARON - RON  BB. DABBLE - DALE  CC. OCCUR - OUR
DD. FIDDLE - FILE*  EE. FEELING - FLING  FF. BAFFLE - BALE
GG. NIGGLE - NILE  HH. AHHTE (M.E. ought) - ATE  II. RADDI - RAD
JJ. HAJJI - HAI (hay)  KK. TEKKE - TEE  LL. SHELL - SHE
MM. CLAMMY - CLAY*  NN. BONNY - BOY*  OO. BOOING - BING*
PP. APPLE - ALE*  QQ. HUQQA (Turkish smoking pipe) - HUA (who)
RR. MARRY - MAY*  SS. PASS - PA*  TT. BETTER - BEER*
UU. CARDUS (thistle) - CARDS  VV. NAVVY - NAY  WW. ROWWE (row) - ROE
XX. EXXON - EON  YY. SAYYID - SAID*  ZZ. MUZZLE - MULE*

LOSING or GAINING ROMAN NUMERALS

I  HER - HEIR*  II  FAIRIES - FARES
III  BJRANJ - BRAN  IV  INVEST - NEST* (of money)
V  SEVEN - SEEN*  VI  BOVINE'S - BONES*
VII  SON'S - VISIONS*  VIII  VISITATION - STATON (surname)
IX  SIXTY - STY QUIXOTE - QUOTE*  X  TEXAS - TEAS*
XI  TOXIN - TON  XII  TAXIING - TANG
XIII  XIBEJQI (China) - BEQ (Iraq)  XIV  EX-WIVES - EWES
XV  BOX-VAN - BOAN (bone)  XVI  XAVIER - AER (air)
XVII  XEROVRSI (Greece) - EROS (Swedish plural of ERA which has same meaning as English ERA)  XIX  SAXIFRAX - SAFRA (saffron)
XVIII  EXXON - EON

30  XXX  XAXXAK (Mexico) - AAKA (Mali)  40  XL  EXALT - EAT
50  L  ATE - LATE*  60  LX  FLEXES - FEES
70  LXX  LEXXUNA (Malta) - LEUNA  80  LXXX
90  XC  EXACT - EAT (Finland)  100  C  ENTER - CENTER* (shopping)
500  D  TEND - TEN*  1000  M  MORE - ORE*