LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION

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Clues are given for pairs of words which are spelled identically except that one of them has an extra letter (or two consecutive letters) introduced. For example, the clue ‘Stingy chap’ could yield the pair ‘mean’ and ‘man’ and the introduced letter is therefore E. Similarly, ‘Gave a gift that’s old-fashioned’ could yield the pair ‘dated’ and ‘donated’, so that the introduced letter would be ON.

Letters for the numbered squares in what looks like part of a crossword grid are found by solving the relevant ‘pair’ clues. When solved, the resulting words across and down must all be common dictionary entries. In general, all the clues have to be solved before all of these words can be identified.

Versions of the puzzle can be created with more than the three letters per word shown below, and with rectangular arrays that are not square. Also, in the example below the centre is blank, but this need not be a general rule.

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CLUES

1 Something sharp can hurt
2,3 Dry grass can be helpful
4 Four-legged beast arrived
5 Not an elaborate scheme
6,7 Get dirt off tin
8 Aiming to succeed in finding a headache cure.
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1,2 Fruit comes into view
3 Rid yourself of the impulse
4,5 Tree shown on chart
6 Catch what follows
7,10 Live and in colour
8,11 Living by asking for your money
9,12 Tidy up your vehicle
13,14 Notices reeds
15,16 All the rage, then fizzles out.
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1,2  Aimed to be broadcast
3    Finest animal
4,5  Exam is quite a trial
6    Crazy girl!
7,11 Not winning but not coming short
8    Martians have rights too?
9,10 Vehicle stored on board
12,13 A viewpoint on beer
14   Gamebird for the farm worker
15,19 Finished your objective
16,21 Put roots in containers
17,18,19 Got baked on the street
20   Poet stripped off