SUBTRACTING AND MIXING

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These word pairs fall into one of two categories.
Either a letter is removed from the first word; the remaining letters are rearranged to make the second word
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The two words together make a phrase.

letter
removed
A. IDEAL DELI MELTS METALS AUNT'S NUTS PLEASE SLEEP
B. BRIEF FIRE BOTH HOT SLATE STABLE
C. LAME CAMEL ENTER CENTRE (shopping) WORD CROWD
D. EATS DATES SOLID SOIL VASE SAVED
E. RISE SIR AIDS IDEAS CHASE CASH CAR RACE NIGEL'S SLING
F. SAT EAST HIS FISH EATS FEAST LAST FLATS (in tower block) FACES CASE (in court)
G. GRAB BAR ROGUE EURO NORA'S ORGANS
H. SHEEP PEES! CARS CRASH TEACH CATE
I. HIDES SHED NEW WINE NOEL'S INSOLE
J. JON'S SON JANE'S SANE JET'S SET (to take off)
K. CART TRACK TAKES SEAT SKATE (fish) TEAS
L. NOVEL OVEN LATE TEA ALTERS RATES
M. PEARLY LAMPREY GERMAN ANGER HAS MASH (potatoes)
N. UNCLE'S CLUES SPANS PASS (valley) PINCH CHIP
O. DOOR ROD GOOD DOG OGLES LEGS WARN ROWAN
P. PRUE’S SUPPER  SAMPLE MEALS  SAW WASP  STEAL PLATES
Q. QUANT’S (Mary Quant) AUNTS  QUITS SUIT (of cards)
R. HORSE SHOE  BRATS STAB  DATE TRADE  DEAD ADDER (snake)
S. ADMIRERS MARRIED  EATS TEA  BELOW ELBOWS  FLOATS ALOFT  PRECISE RECIPE  VETOS VOTE  FANCIES FIANCE  YEMEN’S ENEMY
T. TENORS SNORE  ROY’S STORY  DEALT LEAD  QUINS SQUINT
U. WOUND DOWN  SHAUN NASH (a name)  SEND NUDES
V. EVAN’S SANE  DEVIL LIED  SLAVE SALE
W. WATER RATE  TREATS STEWART  TEN WENT
X. XERIC (soil has little water) RICE  EXPERT PETER  MEXICAN CINEMA
Y. DUST STUDY  “READY DEAR”  AIDS DAISY  DELAY DEAL
Z. ZERO ORE  IDA DIAZ (a name)  RACE CRAZE  USE SUEZ (Canal)
X NO

letter removed!
A. ASAD’S SALADS  B. BOSSY BOYS SOB  DEVL
C.
D. DEAN’S SEDANS  DRY YARD  DANES SEND NED
E. EVIL’S VILE  EVA’S VASES  EATS DATES
F. FLEET LEFT (shore)
G. GRASP GRAPES  GERMAN MANGERS  GINA GAINS  GHOST SHOT!
H. HATES THEA  HIDES SHED  HORSES’ SHOES  HEARD DEAR RAE
I. IDEAL LADIES  IDEAL DELI
J. KINGS SING  KEN’S KNEES  KNEES SEEN  KATE TAKES STEAKS/SKATES/STAKES
L. LAME CAMEL  LEAD (metal) DEALS  LASS SAILS  LIAM’S MAIL
M. MELTS METALS  MENDS DENIMS (trousers)
N. NUT’S (mad person’s) STUNT  NEAR SNARES
O. ORGAN GROANS
P. PRAM’S RAMP  POSH SHOPS  PARES PEAR
Q.
R. RISE SIR  RAY’S YARNS  RED DEER  RUINED URINE (analyst did)
S. SECURES RESCUE  SIN BINS
   STASH HATS  SHOOT HOST  SAW WASP  SEE BEES  SILVER SLIVERS  SPARE SPEARS
T. TEAM MATES  TOSS POSTS (cabers)  TESS JESTS
   TWO SWOT TOWNS  TRADES DARTS STAR  TOUR OUTER ROUTES
U. USHER RUSHES  UNA’S SAUNA  USED SUEDE
V. DEVL LIED
W. WEST WASTE WATERS  WANTS SWAN
X.
Y.
Z.