

## ANAGRAMMATICAL CLUSTERS

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The six distinct letters E, I, M, R, S, and T can be permuted to form a set of four words with different initial letters – MITERS, TIMERS, SMITER, and REMITS – which we'll call a *6-4 anagrammatical cluster*. Definitions are provided below for common words that form a dozen anagrammatical clusters whose sizes have been indicated in parentheses. How many can you discover?

1. (6-4) (a) feeble complaints  
(b) postpones consideration  
(c) steadfast  
(d) most talented
2. (6-4) (a) cataleptic state  
(b) smooth gait  
(c) formally disavow  
(d) invigorating drink
3. (6-4) (a) frivolous pranks  
(b) closes an open bottle  
(c) skin abrasion  
(d) unit of astronomical length
4. (6-4) (a) move farther apart  
(b) window treatments  
(c) uttered in a grating voice  
(d) military chaplains
5. (6-5) (a) engage support  
(b) glimmering decoration  
(c) unspoken  
(d) pay attention  
(e) narrow water passages
6. (6-5) (a) textile pattern  
(b) sprightliness  
(c) religious figure  
(d) objects with no value  
(e) most mature
7. (5-4) (a) area measurements  
(b) speed competitions  
(c) frighten  
(d) worries
8. (5-4) (a) rends  
(b) intent gaze  
(c) appraises  
(d) colorful flower
9. (5-4) (a) legislative assemblies  
(b) current variations  
(c) prepares for publication  
(d) situated
10. (5-4) (a) beginning  
(b) gem  
(c) shades of color  
(d) brief records
11. (5-4) (a) copycats  
(b) break into components  
(c) kept in reserve  
(d) garners
12. (5-5) (a) particulars  
(b) inflict a heavy blow  
(c) gives out  
(d) periods  
(e) small creatures