

Puzzles 26

How to play:

Each pair of lines below contains two clues and two 5- or 6-letter answers. The two answers are words which differ from each other by one letter, which has already been provided. The remaining letters are ordered exactly the same in both answers. Your challenge is to guess the words from the two clues. For example:

Full of life _ I _ _ _ _ _ Exquisitely beautiful _ O _ _ _ _ _ (LIVELY, LOVELY)

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| 1. Center | _ I _ _ _ _ _ | Confusion | _ U _ _ _ _ _ |
| 2. Brigade | _ _ G _ _ _ _ | Wound | _ _ S _ _ _ _ |
| 3. Electrical jolt | _ H _ _ _ _ _ | Artist's gown | _ M _ _ _ _ _ |
| 4. Capital of Portugal | _ _ _ B _ _ _ | Boxer Sonny | _ _ _ T _ _ _ |
| 5. Twisted hairdo | _ _ _ _ D | Cerebral matter | _ _ _ _ N |
| 6. Noise from a pond | _ _ _ A _ | Robber | _ _ _ O _ |
| 7. Draw up plans | D _ _ _ _ _ | Tender a resignation | R _ _ _ _ _ |
| 8. Not a spender | _ _ V _ _ _ | Less reckless | _ _ F _ _ _ |
| 9. Accountability | F _ _ _ _ _ | Bank room | V _ _ _ _ _ |
| 10. Park chair | _ _ N _ _ _ | Clambake site | _ _ A _ _ _ |
| 11. Become fainter | _ A _ _ _ _ _ | Cigarette tip | _ I _ _ _ _ _ |
| 12. Ohio tire town | _ K _ _ _ _ | Kitchen attire | _ P _ _ _ _ |
| 13. Rental period | _ _ N _ _ _ | River delta | _ _ U _ _ _ |

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| 14. Laurel's partner | ___ D ___ | Truman or Houdini | ___ R ___ |
| 15. Medieval fool | J _____ | Become septic | F _____ |
| 16. Elephant feature | ___ N ___ | Heavy vehicle | ___ C ___ |
| 17. Empty-headed | ___ K | Hardly zesty | ___ D |
| 18. Cheerful and jolly | M _____ | Bradshaw or Crews | T _____ |
| 19. Spaceship | R _____ | Jewelry item | L _____ |
| 20. ___ Bocelli | ___ A | ___ Lloyd Webber | ___ W |
| 21. Empty inside | ___ O _____ | Honor as Holy | ___ A _____ |
| 22. Wall plug | ___ L ___ | Beginning | ___ S ___ |
| 23. Pasture plant | ___ V ___ | Relief pitcher | ___ S ___ |
| 24. Beget | F _____ | Shaving foam | L _____ |
| 25. British capital | ___ O _____ | Charles Ingalls actor | ___ A _____ |

Solutions 26

1. MIDDLE, MUDDLE 2. LEGION, LESION 3. SHOCK, SMOCK 4. LISBON, LISTON 5. BRAID, BRAIN 6. CROAK, CROOK 7. DESIGN, RESIGN
8. SAVER, SAFER 9. FAULT, VAULT 10. BENCH, BEACH 11. FALTER, FILTER
12. AKRON, APRON 13. MONTH, MOUTH 14. HARDY, HARRY 15. JESTER, FESTER 16. TRUNK, TRUCK 17. BLANK, BLAND 18. MERRY, TERRY
19. ROCKET, LOCKET 20. ANDREA, ANDREW 21. HOLLOW, HALLOW
22. OUTLET, OUTSET 23. CLOVER, CLOSER 24. FATHER, LATHER
25. LONDON, LANDON