

Puzzles 31

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. Athletic recruiter | ___ C _____ | Yell | ___ H _____ |
| 2. Parka or hoodie | J _____ | Catsup to go | P _____ |
| 3. Four-alarm food | _____ I | Make cool | _____ L |
| 4. Merlin, <i>e.g.</i> | W _____ | Chameleon or gecko | L _____ |
| 5. Hooded jacket | _____ A | Public spaces | _____ S |
| 6. Margarine's rival | ___ U _____ | Between good
and best | ___ E _____ |
| 7. Bank of earth | _____ D | Sinai or Rushmore | _____ T |
| 8. Fuzzy fruit | _____ H | Tranquil | _____ E |
| 9. Open | ___ S _____ | Fantastical | ___ R _____ |
| 10. Quantity of cookies | ___ A _____ | Bungle a job | ___ O _____ |
| 11. Diner lists | ___ E _____ | Subtract | ___ I _____ |
| 12. ___ Day Saints | ___ A _____ | Discarded rubbish | ___ I _____ |
| 13. English nobleman | ___ R _____ | BLT ingredient | ___ C _____ |

14. Common plant	___ S ___	Every 24 hours	___ L ___
15. Vampire repeller	C _____	Before tax	G _____
16. Freezing rain	__ L _____	Sugary	__ W _____
17. Swamp	M _____	Cruel	H _____
18. Turn to ice	F _____	Easy job	B _____
19. Boxer Sonny	_____ O ___	Use one's ears	_____ E ___
20. Hard Italian cheese	_____ O	Caesar and Nero	_____ S
21. Roman river	___ B ___	Big cat	___ G ___
22. All animal life	F _____	Steam bath	S _____
23. Stand up for	___ F _____	Rely	___ P _____
24. Allowance	_____ N	Proportions	_____ S
25. Animal	B _____	Eat lavishly	F _____

Solutions 31

1. SCOUT, SHOUT 2. JACKET, PACKET 3. CHILI, CHILL 4. WIZARD, LIZARD
5. PARKA, PARKS 6. BUTTER, BETTER 7. MOUND, MOUNT 8. PEACH,
PEACE 9. UNSEAL, UNREAL 10. BATCH, BOTCH 11. MENUS, MINUS
12. LATTER, LITTER 13. BARON, BACON 14. DAISY, DAILY 15. CROSS,
GROSS 16. SLEET, SWEET 17. MARSH, HARSH 18. FREEZE, BREEZE
19. LISTON, LISTEN 20. ROMANO, ROMANS 21. TIBER, TIGER 22. FAUNA,
SAUNA 23. DEFEND, DEPEND 24. RATION, RATIOS 25. BEAST, FEAST