

Puzzles 38

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. Preserve in vinegar | P _ _ _ _ _ _ | Indecisive | F _ _ _ _ _ _ |
| 2. Animated | _ I _ _ _ _ _ | Attractive | _ O _ _ _ _ _ |
| 3. Fence style | _ I _ _ _ _ _ | Small parcel | _ A _ _ _ _ _ |
| 4. Officers of law | _ _ _ _ _ E | Guiding principle | _ _ _ _ _ Y |
| 5. Bit of buckshot | _ E _ _ _ _ _ | Warehouse platform | _ A _ _ _ _ _ |
| 6. Warm cheese dish | _ _ _ _ _ U _ | Touch lovingly | _ _ _ _ _ L _ |
| 7. Flavorless drink | W _ _ _ _ _ | Supply wedding food | C _ _ _ _ _ |
| 8. Early spring bloom | _ E _ _ _ _ _ | Fraudulent | _ H _ _ _ _ _ |
| 9. Dick Tracy's coat | T _ _ _ _ _ _ | Some Québec speaking | F _ _ _ _ _ _ |
| 10. Pasty-faced | _ _ H _ _ _ | Colorado ski resort | _ _ P _ _ _ |
| 11. Annoy | _ _ S _ _ _ _ | Alloy of tin | _ _ W _ _ _ _ |
| 12. Move clumsily | _ U _ _ _ _ _ | Agile | _ I _ _ _ _ _ |
| 13. Superman's name | _ _ A _ _ _ | Cashier | _ _ E _ _ _ |

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| 14. Electrical jolt | __ H __ _ _ | Nimoy character | __ P __ _ _ |
| 15. Desist | __ E __ _ _ | Action movie climax | __ H __ _ _ |
| 16. Splotch | __ M __ _ _ | Depose | __ W __ _ _ |
| 17. Horse opera | O _ _ _ _ | Cynic | H _ _ _ _ |
| 18. Large ship | _ _ _ _ R | Irish textile | _ _ _ _ N |
| 19. Anxious | _ _ N _ _ | Using few words | _ _ R _ _ |
| 20. Warren or Ned | _ _ _ T _ _ | Splendor | _ _ _ U _ _ |
| 21. Leg and foot joint | _ _ K _ _ | Fish | _ _ G _ _ |
| 22. American elk | _ _ O _ _ | Mickey, <i>e.g.</i> | _ _ U _ _ |
| 23. Handle skillfully | W _ _ _ _ | Give the right of way | Y _ _ _ _ |
| 24. Texas capital | _ _ _ _ I _ | Mr. Darcy's creator | _ _ _ _ E _ |
| 25. German city | B _ _ _ _ | Arthurian wizard | M _ _ _ _ |

Solutions 38

1. PICKLE, FICKLE 2. LIVELY, LOVELY 3. PICKET, PACKET 4. POLICE, POLICY
5. PELLET, PALLET 6. FONDUE, FONDLE 7. WATER, CATER 8. PEONY,
PHONY 9. TRENCH, FRENCH 10. ASHEN, ASPEN 11. PESTER, PEWTER
12. LUMBER, LIMBER 13. CLARK, CLERK 14. SHOCK, SPOCK 15. CEASE,
CHASE 16. SMEAR, SWEAR 17. OATER, HATER 18. LINER, LINEN
19. TENSE, TERSE 20. BEATTY, BEAUTY 21. ANKLE, ANGLE 22. MOOSE,
MOUSE 23. WIELD, YIELD 24. AUSTIN, AUSTEN 25. BERLIN, MERLIN