Puzzles 10

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. 7 dirty words comic	c	Large game fish	M
2. Previous	0	More solid	I
3. Perry Mason, <i>e.g.</i>	L	Fictional Tom	S
4. Psychiatrist	K	Hallowed place	E
5. Gazed fixedly	T	Frightened	C
6. Showy trinket	U	Utter gibberish	B
7. Salt measurement	N	Softball throw	T
8. Fasten to	Н	Go on the offensive	К
9. Canonized person	S	Pass out	F
10. Almost, not quite	L	Close	B
11. Edible fruit pulp	L	Not stale	R
12. Young dog	U	Full of energy	E
13. Team member	L	Plea to God	R

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14. Netted hoop	В	Sealing ring	G
15. Brain bone	L	Keep out of sight	K
16. Place for a tan	S	Eagle's claw	T
17. Juice box	T	Element in soot	B
18. Oppressor	U	Male goat	I
19. Black bird	N	Bolero composer	L
20. Neck ornament	T	Sportsman's closet	R
21. Shake from the cold	V	Brawl souvenir	N
22. Frogman	I	White Cliffs' locale	0
23. Harsh laugh	C	NFL game embrace	T
24. Least	F	Latest	N
25. Horizontal	NN	Non-verse writing	S

Solutions 10

1. CARLIN, MARLIN 2. FORMER, FIRMER 3. LAWYER, SAWYER 4. SHRINK, SHRINE 5. STARED, SCARED 6. BAUBLE, BABBLE 7. PINCH, PITCH 8. ATTACH, ATTACK 9. SAINT, FAINT 10. NEARLY, NEARBY 11. FLESH, FRESH 12. PUPPY, PEPPY 13. PLAYER, PRAYER 14. BASKET, GASKET 15. SKULL, SKULK 16. SALON, TALON 17. CARTON, CARBON 18. BULLY, BILLY 19. RAVEN, RAVEL 20. LOCKET, LOCKER 21. SHIVER, SHINER 22. DIVER, DOVER 23. CACKLE, TACKLE 24. FEWEST, NEWEST 25. PRONE, PROSE