

Puzzles 11

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. Loud ruckus | N _ _ _ _ _ | Capital of Idaho | B _ _ _ _ _ |
| 2. Part of a tree | _ _ _ A _ _ _ _ | Mid-morning meal | _ _ _ U _ _ _ _ |
| 3. Texas capital | A _ _ _ _ _ | Rain Man actor | D _ _ _ _ _ |
| 4. Gumdrop or sucker | C _ _ _ _ _ | Convenient | H _ _ _ _ _ |
| 5. Rotary tool | _ _ A _ _ _ _ | Flexible or supple | _ _ I _ _ _ _ |
| 6. Icebox | _ _ _ _ D _ _ _ | Unconventional | _ _ _ _ N _ _ _ |
| 7. Destroy the value of | _ _ _ _ I _ _ | Film reel | _ _ _ _ O _ _ |
| 8. Itty-bitty bite | _ _ _ B _ _ _ _ | Agile | _ _ _ M _ _ _ _ |
| 9. Blowtorch worker | _ _ E _ _ _ _ | Actor Gene | _ _ I _ _ _ _ |
| 10. Gravel unit | S _ _ _ _ _ | Make amends | A _ _ _ _ _ |
| 11. Deputy of Mayberry | _ _ _ _ N _ _ _ | Brewmaster's grain | _ _ _ _ L _ _ _ |
| 12. Toast topping | _ _ E _ _ _ _ | Happy, like Santa | _ _ O _ _ _ _ |
| 13. Alter | _ _ _ _ _ G _ _ | Odds | _ _ _ _ _ C _ _ |

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| 14. Express gratitude | ___ A ___ | Contemplate | ___ I ___ |
| 15. Mrs. Flintstone | ___ M ___ | Writer Cather | ___ L ___ |
| 16. Tire grooves | ___ A ___ | Tendency | ___ N ___ |
| 17. Openly resisted | ___ F ___ | Refused to admit | ___ N ___ |
| 18. Thin biscuit | ___ F ___ | Hose down | ___ T ___ |
| 19. Trench | ___ I ___ | Reagan nickname | ___ U ___ |
| 20. On the mend | ___ E ___ | Intensely cold | ___ I ___ |
| 21. Sew up | ___ T ___ | Rat | ___ N ___ |
| 22. Silent | ___ E ___ | Patterned blanket | ___ L ___ |
| 23. Darns socks | ___ D ___ | Eatery lists | ___ U ___ |
| 24. Medal before bronze | ___ I ___ | Serving tray | ___ A ___ |
| 25. Hair cutter | ___ A ___ | Carpet style | ___ E ___ |

Solutions 11

1. NOISE, BOISE 2. BRANCH, BRUNCH 3. AUSTIN, DUSTIN 4. CANDY, HANDY 5. LATHE, LITHE 6. FRIDGE, FRINGE 7. SPOIL, SPOOL 8. NIBBLE, NIMBLE 9. WELDER, WILDER 10. STONE, ATONE 11. BARNEY, BARLEY 12. JELLY, JOLLY 13. CHANGE, CHANCE 14. THANK, THINK 15. WILMA, WILLA 16. TREAD, TREND 17. DEFIED, DENIED 18. WAFER, WATER 19. DITCH, DUTCH 20. BETTER, BITTER 21. STITCH, SNITCH 22. QUIET, QUILT 23. MENDS, MENUS 24. SILVER, SALVER 25. BARBER, BERBER