

Puzzles 17

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. Take a fall | T _ _ _ _ _ _ | Handle clumsily | F _ _ _ _ _ _ |
| 2. Swallow-like bird | _ _ _ _ T _ _ _ | Page boundary | _ _ _ _ G _ _ _ |
| 3. Released | _ _ _ E _ _ _ | Cooked in a skillet | _ _ _ I _ _ _ |
| 4. Heist, say | _ _ _ P _ _ _ | Provide food | _ _ _ T _ _ _ |
| 5. Florence Nightingale | _ _ U _ _ _ _ | Like Thor and Odin | _ _ O _ _ _ _ |
| 6. More recent | _ _ _ W _ _ _ | Not ever | _ _ _ V _ _ _ |
| 7. Covered entrance | _ _ O _ _ _ _ | Bird's roost | _ _ E _ _ _ _ |
| 8. 52 times a year | _ _ _ E _ _ _ _ | Decrepit | _ _ _ A _ _ _ _ |
| 9. Wave summit | _ _ _ E _ _ _ | Pizza base | _ _ _ U _ _ _ |
| 10. Soldier's walk | _ _ _ R _ _ _ | Tennis game | _ _ _ T _ _ _ |
| 11. Drive forward | _ _ _ _ _ _ L | Genteel | _ _ _ _ _ _ R |
| 12. Kite anchor | _ _ _ _ I _ _ _ | Mighty | _ _ _ _ O _ _ _ |
| 13. Fruit for wine | _ _ _ _ P _ _ | Report card entry | _ _ _ _ D _ _ |

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| 14. Smidgeon of salt | __ I __ __ __ | Hit with the fist | __ U __ __ __ |
| 15. Iron or Nickel | __ __ T __ __ | Decoration | __ __ D __ __ |
| 16. Baseball mitt | __ __ __ V __ | Sphere | __ __ __ B __ |
| 17. Frighten | __ __ __ __ E | Neck garment | __ __ __ __ F |
| 18. Fenced in | __ __ __ __ __ D | Place for greenbacks | __ __ __ __ __ T |
| 19. Predicament | P __ __ __ __ __ | Modest | S __ __ __ __ __ |
| 20. Mustard container | __ __ __ __ __ T | Prepared for a trip | __ __ __ __ __ D |
| 21. Becomes a member | __ __ __ __ S | Elbow or knuckle | __ __ __ __ T |
| 22. Say "no" | __ __ __ __ S __ | Prove to be false | __ __ __ __ T __ |
| 23. Prying tool | L __ __ __ __ | Not for a moment | N __ __ __ __ |
| 24. Bookshelf | __ E __ __ __ | Beaver's home | __ O __ __ __ |
| 25. Samantha or Hazel | __ I __ __ __ | Timepiece | __ A __ __ __ |

Solutions 17

1. TUMBLE, FUMBLE 2. MARTIN, MARGIN 3. FREED, FRIED 4. CAPER, CATER 5. NURSE, NORSE 6. NEWER, NEVER 7. PORCH, PERCH
 8. WEEKLY, WEAKLY 9. CREST, CRUST 10. MARCH, MATCH 11. PROPEL, PROPER 12. STRING, STRONG 13. GRAPE, GRADE 14. PINCH, PUNCH
 15. METAL, MEDAL 16. GLOVE, GLOBE 17. SCARE, SCARF 18. WALLED, WALLET 19. PLIGHT, SLIGHT 20. PACKET, PACKED 21. JOINS, JOINT
 22. REFUSE, REFUTE 23. LEVER, NEVER 24. LEDGE, LODGE 25. WITCH, WATCH