Puzzles 20

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 lifeI	_ Exquisitely beautiful	O (LIVELY	, LOVELY)
1. Easy	P	Metaphor	
2. Black bird	N	"Bolero" composer	L
3. Evening Star	V	Lists of food options	M
4. Ditch	т	Language in Paris	F
5. Playground favorite	W	Bee injury	T
6. Penny metal	P	"High Noon" star	0
7. Use a razor	н	Charming, elegant	U
8. Bay tree	L	Actress Bacall	N
9. Funny Fudd	M	Senior in years	D
10. Goddess of wisdom	A	Capital of Greece	s
11. Like some milk	0	Beluga or humpback	A
12. Stopping pedal	A	Bankrupt	0
13. Enjoy	S	Approval	F

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14. Principle of action	c_	Political entity	T
15. Composure	I	Sheriff's men	S
16. A search	Q	Welcome visitor	G
17. Ramble aimlessly	A	Ponder	0
18. Very steep	R	Luster	N
19. Medal after silver	z_	Emily or Charlotte	т_
20. Ceiling beam	S	Knee or elbow	N
21. Front-runner	A	Loan provider	N
22. Belt location	A	Location for a watch	R
23. Center	M	It takes a bow	F
24. Tattletale	N	Change the position	w
25. Stockholm prize	B	Innovative	V

Solutions 20

1. SIMPLE, SIMILE 2. RAVEN, RAVEL 3. VENUS, MENUS 4. TRENCH, FRENCH 5. SWING, STING 6. COPPER, COOPER 7. SHAVE, SUAVE 8. LAUREL, LAUREN 9. ELMER, ELDER 10. ATHENA, ATHENS 11. WHOLE, WHALE 12. BRAKE, BROKE 13. SAVOR, FAVOR 14. POLICY, POLITY 15. POISE, POSSE 16. QUEST, GUEST 17. WANDER, WONDER 18. SHEER, SHEEN 19. BRONZE, BRONTE 20. JOIST, JOINT 21. LEADER, LENDER 22. WAIST, WRIST 23. MIDDLE, FIDDLE 24. SNITCH, SWITCH 25. NOBEL, NOVEL