

Puzzles 27

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. Small eatery | _ _ _ N _ _ _ | Deep-sea swimmer | _ _ _ V _ _ _ |
| 2. Out of practice | R _ _ _ _ _ | In need of a polish | D _ _ _ _ _ |
| 3. Alternate route | _ _ _ T _ _ _ | Quickly consume | _ _ _ V _ _ _ |
| 4. Scant | _ _ _ _ G _ _ | More nasty | _ _ _ _ N _ _ |
| 5. Bella or Gigi | _ _ _ _ _ L | Computer part | _ _ _ _ _ M |
| 6. Ice cream treat | _ _ _ _ _ E | Day of rest | _ _ _ _ _ Y |
| 7. Grime | _ _ _ L _ _ _ | Before the 6 th | _ _ _ F _ _ _ |
| 8. Bravery | _ _ _ L _ _ _ | Mist | _ _ _ P _ _ _ |
| 9. "My big fat
_ _ _ wedding" | _ _ _ _ _ K | Dr. Seuss' eggs | _ _ _ _ _ N |
| 10. Pantry | _ _ _ _ D _ _ | More sizable | _ _ _ _ G _ _ |
| 11. Breakfast meat | _ _ _ C _ _ _ | Majorette's prop | _ _ _ T _ _ _ |
| 12. Money back
guarantee | R _ _ _ _ _ | Structured argument | D _ _ _ _ _ |

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| 13. Take a nap | __ L _ _ _ | Use a broom | __ W _ _ _ |
| 14. Dazed state | T _ _ _ _ _ | Belgium's neighbor | F _ _ _ _ _ |
| 15. Hazard | _ _ _ _ G _ _ | Ballerina, <i>e.g.</i> | _ _ _ _ C _ _ |
| 16. Mickey's pooch | _ _ _ U _ _ _ | Greek philosopher | _ _ _ A _ _ _ |
| 17. Witchy brew | P _ _ _ _ _ | Legal maneuver | M _ _ _ _ _ |
| 18. Lofty bird home | A _ _ _ _ _ | Spooky | E _ _ _ _ _ |
| 19. Betty or Vanna | _ _ H _ _ _ | Use a pen | _ _ R _ _ _ |
| 20. First flight brothers | _ _ R _ _ _ _ | Pounds or kilos | _ _ E _ _ _ _ |
| 21. No longer a child | _ _ _ _ _ N | Guttural dog sound | _ _ _ _ _ L |
| 22. Silent | _ _ _ _ E _ | Bed cover | _ _ _ _ L _ |
| 23. Eatery | _ _ _ N _ _ _ | Pearl seeker | _ _ _ V _ _ _ |
| 24. Slightly foggy | _ _ I _ _ _ _ | Mildewy | _ _ U _ _ _ _ |
| 25. Think | _ _ _ N _ _ _ | Face makeup | _ _ _ W _ _ _ _ |

Solutions 27

1. DINER, DIVER 2. RUSTY, DUSTY 3. DETOUR, DEVOUR 4. MEAGER, MEANER 5. MODEL, MODEM 6. SUNDAE, SUNDAY 7. FILTH, FIFTH 8. VALOR, VAPOR 9. GREEK, GREEN 10. LARDER, LARGER 11. BACON, BATON 12. REBATE, DEBATE 13. SLEEP, SWEEP 14. TRANCE, FRANCE 15. DANGER, DANCER 16. PLUTO, PLATO 17. POTION, MOTION 18. AERIE, EERIE 19. WHITE, WRITE 20. WRIGHT, WEIGHT 21. GROWN, GROWL 22. QUIET, QUILT 23. DINER, DIVER 24. MISTY, MUSTY 25. PONDER, POWDER