

Vic Skeptics Website December 2017 Bonus Puzzles

1. "SAME MIDDLE NAME"

Here is a list of people of various backgrounds.
Names are listed alphabetically on the left, and brief job descriptions for each name are listed alpha-alphabetically on the right.

Match each name to its correct description in the form A1, B2, etc

A	Pepin the Short	1	11 th Century Freedom Fighter
B	Hereward the Wake	2	Alternative medicine formulator
C	John the Unfortunate	3	King of the Franks
D	Lily the Pink	4	<i>Get Smart</i> character
E	Mack the Knife	5	<i>Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i> character
F	Mott the Hoople	6	Musical Group
G	Simon the Likeable	7	King of Portugal
H	Wowbagger the Infinitely Prolonged	8	Character in <i>The Threepenny Opera</i>

2. CROSSWORD CLUES

(a) Portion of text beginning with an indentation on a new line.

P _ _ _ _ _ H

(b) Square pedestal **P _ _ _ _ H**

(c) Die, disappear, suffer destruction **P _ _ _ _ H**

(d) One who has a diminished sense of social responsibility

P _ _ _ _ _ _ H

(e) Midsection, belly **P _ _ _ _ H**

(f) Cross, querulous, fretful **P _ _ _ _ _ H**

(g) Outcast **P _ _ _ _ H**

(h) Male family head **P _ _ _ _ _ _ H**

(i) Make smooth and glossy **P _ _ _ _ H**

(j) Simmer in a shallow pan **P _ _ _ H**

3.



Famous Last Words



The list of quotes listed alphabetically in the table below purport to be the last words uttered by certain famous people, who are also listed in alphabetical order. Match each dying utterance with the person who is supposed to have made it, in the form A1, B2 etc.

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| A | "At the present time, I have nothing more to say to you." | 1 | Emperor Nero |
| B | "Don't let it end like this. Tell them I said something." | 2 | Lawrence Oates |
| C | "Good Luck!" | 3 | Lee Harvey Oswald |
| D | "I am just going outside and may be some time." | 4 | Cecil Rhodes |
| E | "So little time, so much to do!" | 5 | George Sanders |
| F | The car seems OK." | 6 | Ayrton Senna |
| G | "What an artist the world is losing in me!" | 7 | Emperor Vespasian |
| H | "Woe is me! I think I'm becoming a god!" | 8 | Pancho Villa |



4.

A palindrome is a word which reads the same way forwards as backwards. Answer each of the following clues with one word that is a palindrome. (E.g. A joke or speech inhibitor = GAG)

- (a) Midday [4 letters]
- (b) Polite term of address to a woman [5 letters]
- (c) Not tilted [5 letters]
- (d) Look sneakily [4 letters]
- (e) Musician's job [3 letters]
- (f) Seaside suburb of Adelaide [7 letters]
- (g) One who restores life [7 letters]
- (h) Epic Norse poems [5 letters]
- (i) Turned into a god [7 letters]
- (j) Relating to a city, a citizen, or citizenship [5 letters]

5.



Team Tangles

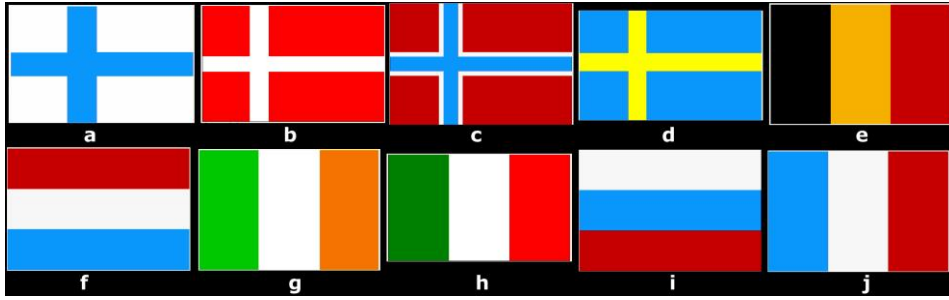


Unjumble the following English Football Teams.

- a. Eel Cash
- b. An Oval List
- c. The nut's named Eric
- d. Wee mutant dish
- e. Chalet Waiting

6.

FLAGS



Match each country to its flag in the form a1, b2 etc

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|-----------|---------------|
| 1 Belgium | 6 Italy |
| 2 Denmark | 7 Netherlands |
| 3 Finland | 8 Norway |
| 4 France | 9 Russia |
| 5 Ireland | 10 Sweden |

7.

MORE CROSSWORD CLUES

- (a) *Minstrel* T _ _ _ _ _ R
- (b) *Religious knight* T _ _ _ _ _ R
- (c) *Succession of small tremulous sounds* T _ _ _ _ _ R
- (d) *Having the title and honors belonging to an office without the duties, functions or responsibilities* T _ _ _ _ _ R
- (e) *Member of an acting or performing group; OR, one who persists through difficulty or hardship without complaint* T _ _ _ _ _ R
- (f) *Lethargy, apathy, dullness* T _ _ _ _ _ R
- (g) *A form of betting invented by an Australian*
T _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ R
- (h) *Drunkard* T _ _ _ _ R
- (i) *Rev counter* T _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ R
- (j) *The French flag* T _ _ _ _ _ _ _ R

8. Big Deal

These eight cards were dealt one at a time, face up. State which cards were dealt first, third, fifth and seventh respectively.



9. CLOSEST MATCH

Match each first word with the word that is closest in meaning. Write your chosen alternative word in each case.

	Given Word	Closest in meaning?				
a	RESCUE	Retrieve	Liberate	Salvage	Redeem	Help
b	ETIQUETTE	Custom	Courtesies	Example	Manners	Protocol
c	WANDER	Saunter	Stray	Veer	Drift	Depart
d	THANKLESS	Unprofitable	Useless	Ungrateful	Worthless	Unsatisfying
e	PROFIT	Earnings	Interest	Revenue	Gain	Value

10.



TRUE TO TYPE



The left-hand column of the table at the top of the next page contains some English words in alphabetical order.

The right hand side of the table lists five regions of a standard typewriter or computer keyboard familiar to a trained operator.

Link each word with the region of the keyboard necessary to type it, in the form A1, B2 etc. Note that each answer may be used once, more than once, or not at all.

A	alfalfa	1. Left hand, two or more rows 2. Right hand, two or more rows 3. Top row of letters 4. Middle Row of letters 5. Bottom Row of letters
B	polyphony	
C	prototype	
D	quieter	
E	reverberates	
F	stewardess	

11. Big Deal

These seven cards were dealt one at a time, face up. For one point each, state which cards were dealt first, second, and sixth respectively.



12. Three Little Words



Three five-letter English words:
Each differs from the others by one vowel.
One is an old-fashioned pen
One is a small Australian marsupial
One means "to suppress"
Identify these three words

13.

A Special Sentence

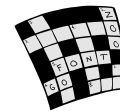
What's special about this sentence?

Dennis, Nell, Edna, Leon, Nedra, Anita, Rolf, Nora, Alice, Carol, Leo, Jane, Reed, Dena, Dale, Basil, Rae, Penny, Lana, Dave, Denny, Lena, Ida, Bernadette, Ben, Ray, Lila, Nina, Jo, Ira, Mara, Sara, Mario, Jan, Ina, Lily, Arne, Bette, Dan, Reba, Diane, Lynn, Ed, Eva, Dana, Lynne, Pearl, Isabel, Ada, Ned, Dee, Rena, Joel, Lora, Cecil, Aaron, Flora, Tina, Arden, Noel, and Ellen sinned.

14.



STILL MORE CROSSWORD CLUES



(a) Agreement between two major political parties.

B _ _ _ _ _ **N**

(b) A person given to coarse or undignified joking. **B** _ _ _ _ _ **N**

(c) Popular board game **B** _ _ _ _ _ **N**

(d) Nomadic arabs **B** _ _ _ _ _ **N**

(e) Division into two equal parts **B** _ _ _ _ _ **N**

(f) Military unit composed of a headquarters and two or more companies.

B _ _ _ _ _ **N**

(g) Inflammation of the of the big toe **B** _ _ _ _ _ **N**

(h) Uncivilised person **B** _ _ _ _ _ **N**

(i) Petty naval officer in charge of rigging, anchors, cables, etc.

B _ _ _ _ _ **N**

(j) Castigated, nagged **B** _ _ _ _ _ **N**

15.

Double Initials

Each answer below is a person's name for which the first name and surname have the same initial.

- Lead Guitarist with The Kinks
- Director of *Ordinary People* and *A River Runs Through It*
- British heavyweight boxer who won an Olympic Gold for Canada
- The 40th US President
- French film star of the 1950s and 1960s who married her director, Roger Vadim

16.



LESTERS WE FORGET



Four lesser-known kings of Trivitania were named Lester. Each had a nickname; and each is vaguely remembered for introducing something to the country that was previously unknown. Work through the clues, using this grid, to answer the question for two points.

- i. Lester The Sad reigned before the introduction of taxation, but after the wearing of bicycle clips became mandatory.
- ii. Lester IV was either "The Weird", or the one who introduced ukeleles to the national orchestra, or both.
- iii. Lester The Dull was neither the first nor the last Lester to reign.

	<i>The Fat</i>	<i>The Sad</i>	<i>The Weird</i>	<i>The Dull</i>	Taxes	Ukeleles	Bike Clips	Yo Yos
Lester I								
Lester II								
Lester III								
Lester IV								
Taxes								
Ukeleles								
Bike Clips								
Yo Yos								

Question: Who introduced Yo Yos to court, and what was his nickname?

ANSWERS

1. A3, B1, C7, D2, E8, F6, G4, H5
2. a. Paragraph b. plinth c. perish d. psychopath e. paunch f. peevish
g. pariah h. patriarch i. polish j. poach
3. A3, B8, C5, D2, E4, F6, G1, H7
4. a. noon b. madam c. level d. peep e. gig f. Glenelg g. reviver
h. sagas i. deified j. civic
5. a. Chelsea b. Aston Villa c. Manchester United d. West Ham United e. Wigan Athletic
6. a. Finland b. Denmark c. Norway d. Sweden e. Belgium f. Netherlands
g. Ireland h. Italy i. Russia j. France
7. a. troubadour b. templar c. twitter d. titular e. trouper f. torpor
g. totalisator h. toper i. tachometer j. tricolor
8. 1st: Jack of clubs 3rd: Ace of Spades 5th: 9 of Hearts 7th: 8 of hearts
9. a. salvage b. manners c. drift d. ungrateful e. gain
10. A4, B2, C3, D3, E1, F1
11. Ace of Diamonds, King of clubs, 7 of spades
12. Quill, Quoll, Quell
13. It's a palindrome
14. a. bipartisan b. buffoon c. backgammon d. bedouin e. bisection
f. battalion g. bunion h. barbarian i. boatswain j. browbeaten
15. a. Dave Davies b. Robert Redford c. Lennox Lewis d. Ronald Reagan e. Brigitte Bardot
16. Lester I; The Fat