

# Vic Skeptics Website January 2018 Bonus Puzzles



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## REIGNING: CATS or DOGS?



For each of the countries listed below:

write a capital "C" if that country has more pet cats than pet dogs;  
or a capital "D" if the country has more pet dogs than pet cats.

**Clue:** the correct answers consist of three "C"s and three "D"s in some order.

- a. Australia
- b. China
- c. Japan
- d. Russia
- e. USA
- f. UK

2.



## CROSSWORD CLUES



- (a) *Points of concentration* F \_ C \_
- (b) *One side of a many sided object* F \_ C \_ \_
- (c) *Dashboard; control panel; protective or ornamental covering* F \_ \_ C \_ \_
- (d) *Rubber Plant's genus* F \_ C \_ \_
- (e) *Comic drama* F \_ \_ C \_
- (f) *Overly simplistic; superficial* F \_ C \_ \_ \_
- (g) *Highly fertile* F \_ C \_ \_ \_
- (h) *Noisy disturbance* F \_ \_ C \_ \_
- (i) *Erased* \_ \_ F \_ C \_ \_
- (j) *Flaw* \_ \_ F \_ C \_

**BONUS WORD:**

*Small triangular shawl worn round a woman's shoulders and neck*

F \_ C \_ \_



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# MORE CROSSWORD CLUES



- (a) American state            **I \_ W \_**
- (b) Flightless bird            **\_ I W \_**
- (c) Perspective, outlook, opinion            **\_ I \_ W**
- (d) Tendon            **\_ I \_ \_ W**
- (e) Reject, abandon, repudiate            **\_ I \_ \_ W \_**
- (f) Fungus producing white growth            **\_ I \_ \_ \_ W**
- (g) A Country            **\_ \_ I W \_ \_**
- (h) Analyse, evaluate, audit            **\_ \_ \_ I \_ W**
- (i) Obstetrical practitioner            **\_ I \_ W \_ \_ \_**
- (j) Judges or barrister's headgear            **\_ \_ \_ I W \_ \_**

**BONUS WORD:** *Herpes simplex* infection of the tip of a finger or toe

6.

## DOUBLETS

Doublets is a game which was invented by Lewis Carroll, who described it in these words: 'Two words are proposed, of the same length; and the puzzle consists in linking these together by interposing other words, each of which shall differ from the next word in *one letter only*. . . . As an example, Carroll changed 'head' into 'tail' in five moves:

HEAD → HEAL → TEAL → TELL → TALL → TAIL

1
2
3
4
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- (a) Turn "SICK" into "WELL" in four steps.
- (b) Turn "HARD" into "EASY" in five steps.

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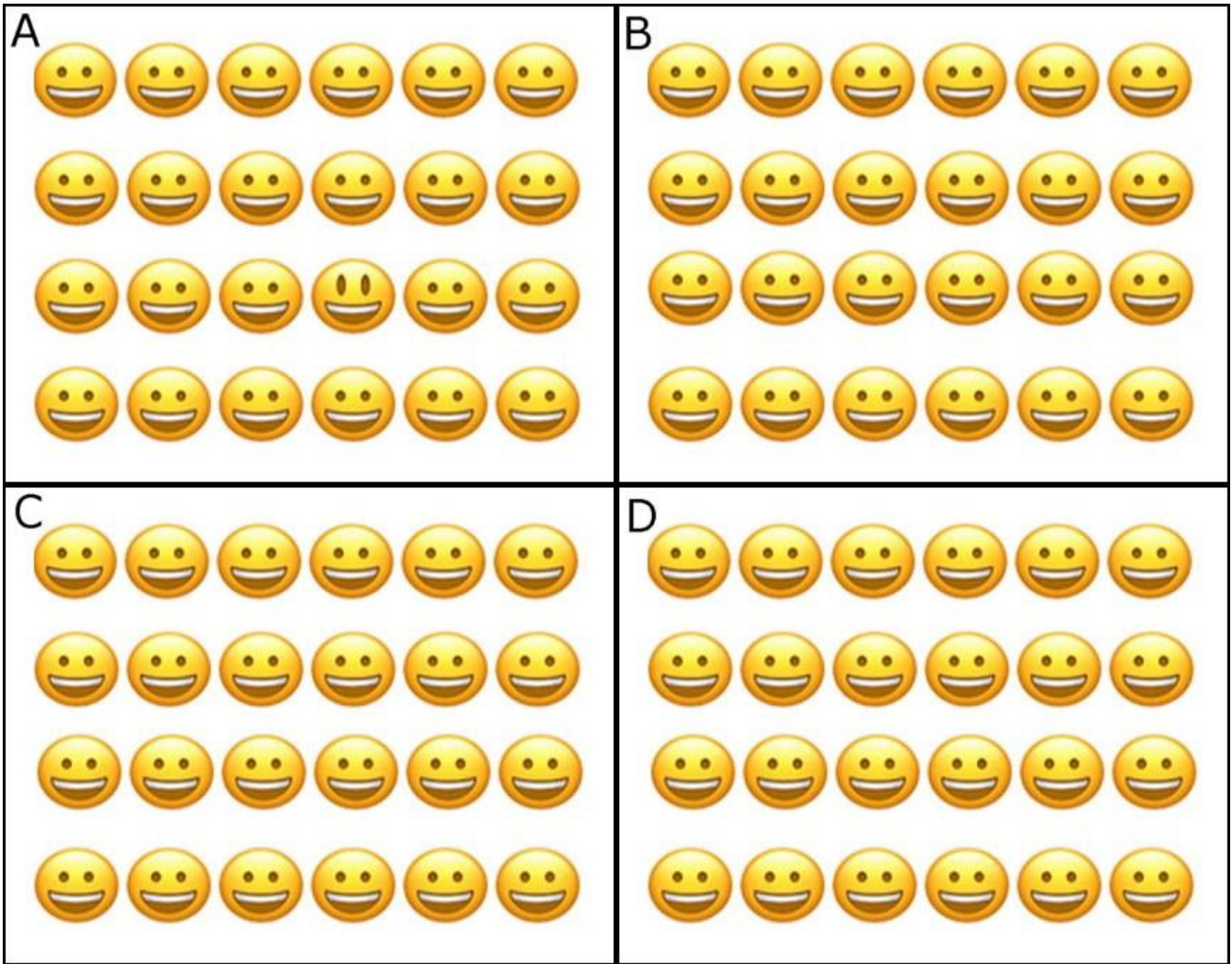
## IN CENTIVE

Write **six** English words of **five** or **six** letters that can be made up using any of the letters

**C, E, N, T, I, V, E**

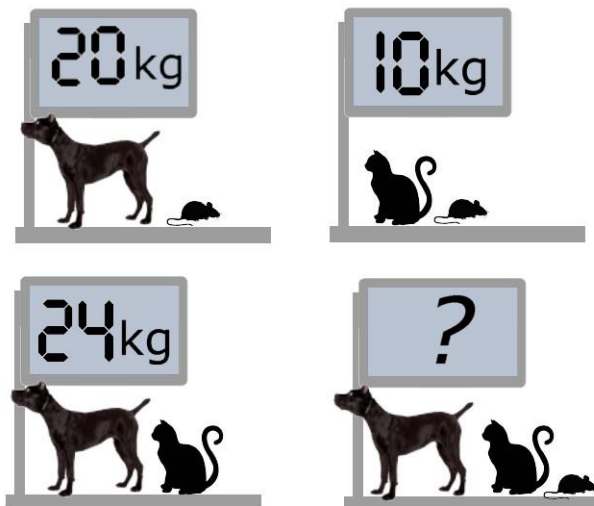
once each.

## 8. Which is odd one out? (A, B, C or D?)



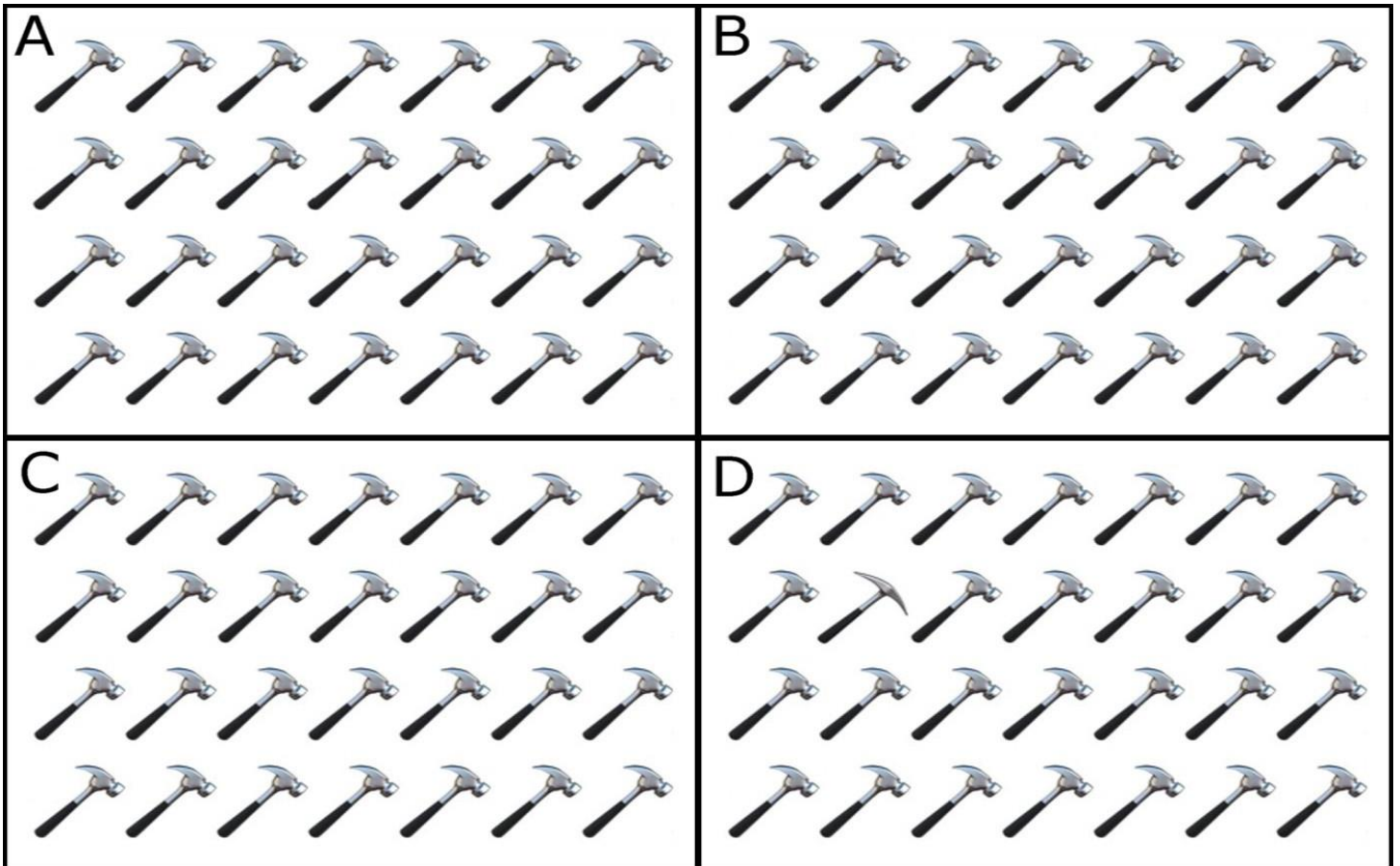
A cat, a dog and a mouse walk onto a scale.....

## 9.



What is the total weight of the dog, the cat and the mouse?

## 10. Which is odd one out? (A, B, C or D?)



## 11. IN TERFERE

Write two six-letter English words that can be made up using any six of the letters  
T, E, R, F, E, R, E once each.

## 12. Rhyming pairs

The following clues are to be rewritten as pairs of rhyming words. In this set, each of the two words in the pair is one syllable only.

For example,  
*elevated insect* = HIGH FLY  
*tidy avenue* = NEAT STREET

- Unremarkable pipe for carrying off surplus liquid*
- Less stressed-out play*
- Well-groomed Welsh floral emblem*
- Angry employer*
- Magnificent secretory organ*

13.



# STILL MORE CROSSWORD CLUES



(a) *Portion of the circumference of a circle*

**A \_ C**

(b) *Cavity within an organism, enclosed by a membrane*

**\_ A C**

(c) *Summit*

**A C \_ \_**

(d) *Unit for high speed measurement*

**\_ A C \_**

(e) *Pungent*

**A C \_ \_ \_**

(f) *Swiftly, quickly*

**A \_ \_ C \_**

(g) *Relating to gold*

**A \_ \_ \_ C**

(h) *Domesticated wool-bearing animal*

**A \_ \_ \_ C \_**

(i) *Action, activity, effect, influence*

**A \_ \_ \_ C \_**

(j) *Fickle, unpredictable, changeable (literally, "goat-like")*

**\_ A \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_**

## BONUS WORD:

*Alcoholic spirit made in Eastern countries from the sap of the coco palm or from rice*

**A \_ \_ \_ C \_**

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## IN DULGENT

Write two six-letter English words that can be made up using any six of the letters **D, U, L, G, E, N, T** once each.

15.

## Rhyming pairs

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For example,

*elevated insect* = HIGH FLY

*tidy avenue* = NEAT STREET

a. *Skilful robbery*

b. *Merely corrosion of iron*

c. *Masculine gastropod*

d. *Daring removal of facial hair*

e. *Bogus dance in  $\frac{3}{4}$  time*

16.



# Flying High



The left hand column in the following table contains a number of countries in alphabetical order. The right hand column contains the names of the national airlines of those countries, also in alphabetical order.

Match each country to its airline in the form A1, B2 etc.

A	Argentina	1	Aer Lingus
B	Brazil	2	Aerolineas
C	China	3	Air China
D	Hong Kong	4	Cathay Pacific
E	Ireland	5	China Airlines
F	Indonesia	6	Copa Airlines
G	Israel	7	El Al
H	Panama	8	Garuda
I	Spain	9	Iberia
J	Taiwan	10	Varig

# ANSWERS

1. a. D    b. C    c. D    d. C    e. C    f. D

2. a. foci    b. facet    c. fascia    d. Ficus    e. farce    f. facile    g. fecund  
h. fracas    i. effaced    j. defect    BONUS WORD: fichu

3. a. master, muster, mister  
b. trench, wrench, drench  
c. squab, squat, squad  
d. alloy, allow, allot

4. **C** is different. **A**, **B** and **D** all have one letter "C" inserted in the 6<sup>th</sup> line of "O"s.

5. a. Iowa    b. kiwi    c. view    d. sinew    e. disown    f. mildew    g. Taiwan  
h. review    i. midwife    j. periwig    BONUS: whitlow

6. (a) **SICK-SILK-SILL-WILL-WELL.**

(b) **HARD-CARD-CART-CAST-EAST-EASY.**

*(other correct answers may be possible)*

7. entice, evince, civet, event, evict, niece;  
also    venite, ctene, evite, neive and nieve are real English words. No others accepted

8. A (one of the smiley faces in the third row has bigger eyes)

9. 27 kg

10. **D** (one of the hammers in the second row is a pick)

11. Reefer, ferret (no others found)

12. a. plain drain    b. calmer drama    c. sleek leek    d. cross boss    e. grand gland

13. a. arc    b. sac    c. acme    d. mach    e. acrid    f. apace    g. auric    h. alpaca  
i. agency    j. capricious    BONUS WORD arrack

14. gluten, lunged; also lunted, englut and gulden which are real English words

15. a. deft theft    b. just rust    c. male snail    d. brave shave    e. false waltz

16. A2, B10, C3, D4, E1, F8, G7, H6, I9, J5