

# SPECIAL April 2020 – PUZZLES No 1

## 1. PRESIDENT PROBLEM

If this code represents "CLINTON"



Which America presidents are represented by each of the following?



## 2. Decode this CRYPTOGRAM.

In this cryptogram, each letter is substituted for a different letter of the alphabet. The same letter is substituted each time. (The empty squares are there to assist your working out)

N	V	W	P	W	P	L	B	D	F	Z	J	N	H	K	K	Q	E
P	Z	N	K	Q	N	Z	L	C	B	Z	P	N	W	K	L	P	

3.



# CROSSWORD CLUES



## SET A

- (a) *Irreligious* **P \_ G \_ \_**
- (b) *Eliminate* **P \_ \_ G \_**
- (c) *Act of Mimicry* **\_ P \_ \_ G**
- (d) *Tap* **\_ P \_ G \_ \_**
- (e) *Aquatic colonial animal* **\_ P \_ \_ G \_**
- (f) *Act of genocide* **P \_ G \_ \_ \_**
- (g) *Grammatically simplified form of a language* **P \_ \_ G \_ \_**
- (h) *Musical phrase consisting of the notes of a single chord in sequence*  
**\_ \_ P \_ \_ G \_ \_**
- (i) *Protected intellectual property* **\_ \_ P \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_**
- (j) *Conclusion to a literary work* **\_ P \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_**

**BONUS WORD** *Satellite's furthest distance from earth* **\_ P \_ G \_ \_**

## SET B

- (a) *Primary subtractive color* **C \_ \_ N**
- (b) *Extended family group* **C \_ \_ N**
- (c) *Religious image* **\_ C \_ N**
- (d) *European Rabbit* **C \_ N \_ \_**
- (e) *One whose outlook is scornfully negative* **C \_ N \_ \_**
- (e) *Newly formed* **\_ \_ \_ C \_ N \_**
- (f) *Ethnically French resident of Louisiana* **C \_ \_ \_ N**
- (g) *First generation descendant: heir* **\_ C \_ \_ N**
- (h) *Edible nut* **\_ \_ C \_ N**
- (i) *Dirty, muddy, foul* **\_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ N \_**
- (j) *Amount falling short of that required.* **\_ C \_ N \_ \_**

**BONUS WORD** *Tiny flash of light* **\_ C \_ N \_ \_ \_ \_**


## SET C

- (a) "May also be found in the reference just cited" **I \_ I \_**
- (b) Greek goddess of the rainbow **I \_ I \_**
- (c) (Legal) Taking effect only after certain conditions are met. **\_ I \_ I**
- (d) Phrase meaning something different to what it says ..(e.g. 'raining cats and dogs') **I \_ I \_ \_**
- (e) Native of modern Mesopotamia **I \_ \_ \_ I**
- (f) Boundary **\_ I \_ I \_**
- (g) Bollywood's language of choice **\_ I \_ \_ I**
- (h) A legal defence **\_ \_ I \_ I**
- (i) Two make up a diameter **\_ \_ \_ I I**
- (j) Number 53 on the Periodic Table **I \_ \_ I \_ \_**

**BONUS WORD** Defining spirit or mood of a particular period of history

**\_ \_ I \_ \_ \_ I \_ \_**

## SET D

- (a) Stare with one's mouth open wide **G \_ P \_**
- (b) Romany **G \_ P \_ \_**
- (c) Live-bearing aquarium fish **G \_ \_ P \_**
- (d) Symbol used in place of text (e.g.  = 'Prince') **G \_ \_ P \_**
- (e) Search blindly or with the hands **G \_ \_ P \_**
- (f) Australian online activist group **G \_ \_ \_ P**
- (g) Mineral calcium sulfate **G \_ P \_ \_ \_**
- (h) (Slang) Low-ranking employee made to do menial tasks for his/her superior **G \_ P \_ \_ \_**
- (i) Information claimed to be definitely true **G \_ \_ P \_ \_**
- (j) Highly specific food container **\_ \_ G \_ \_ P**

**BONUS WORD** Scientific study of the characteristics of human populations (size, growth, density, distribution etc) **\_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ P \_**

# DOUBLING UP DOUBLING UP

4.

Certain English words are spelt the same but have different meanings.

example: The bandage was \_\_\_\_\_ around the \_\_\_\_\_.

The doubled-up word is WOUND

Find and write down the doubled-up word (once) in each of the following:

## SET A

- a) The insurance was \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) The buck \_\_\_\_\_ funny things when \_\_\_\_\_ are present.
- c) A seamstress and a \_\_\_\_\_ fell into a \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) To help with planting, the farmer taught his \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- e) The \_\_\_\_\_ was strong enough to \_\_\_\_\_ the sail around the mast.
- f) I had to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to a series of tests.
- g) How can I \_\_\_\_\_ this to my most \_\_\_\_\_ friend?
- h) The time required to commit customers to a \_\_\_\_\_ continued to \_\_\_\_\_ as my salesmanship improved.
- i) I began the discussion with a firm opinion; but as we continued to \_\_\_\_\_, I realised the \_\_\_\_\_ position was true.
- j) The tribunal had to \_\_\_\_\_ as to whether the player's actions were \_\_\_\_\_.

## SET B

- a) To \_\_\_\_\_ my music test correctly I had to write that \_\_\_\_\_ is two notes below mi.
- b) He would often burn the wrong \_\_\_\_\_ which used to \_\_\_\_\_ the priest.
- c) With no more experienced doctor available, the \_\_\_\_\_ decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the patient on his own authority.
- d) In only a \_\_\_\_\_ the sample had been reduced to \_\_\_\_\_ fragments.
- e) After a \_\_\_\_\_ of hours of exposure, he felt \_\_\_\_\_ than ever.
- f) In a \_\_\_\_\_ on interior decorating, the author states that one should always apply a \_\_\_\_\_ after the filler but before painting.
- g) The same author says that you should apply \_\_\_\_\_ to your walls before cutting your wallpaper to \_\_\_\_\_.
- h) This historical novel is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ that people used to indulge in in their spare time.
- i) The coach used hand signals to \_\_\_\_\_ information about the running of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- j) When her job contract ran out, she wasn't sure whether to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.



## Shakespearean characters



5.

Link each of Shakespeare's plays to a character from that play. Write your answer in the form A1, B2 etc

- |                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| A <i>Hamlet</i>                  | 1 Calpurnia         |
| B <i>Henry IV</i>                | 2 Desdemona         |
| C <i>Julius Caesar</i>           | 3 Katharina         |
| D <i>Othello</i>                 | 4 Montague          |
| E <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>        | 5 Ophelia           |
| F <i>The Taming of the Shrew</i> | 6 Prospero          |
| G <i>The Tempest</i>             | 7 Sir John Falstaff |

6.

## Type Cast?



For each of the following film characters, give both the actor best known for portraying that character and the name of the film which introduced the character.

- Norman Bates
- Martin Riggs
- Colonel Nathan R Jessup
- Atticus Finch
- Rick Blaine
- Holly Golightly
- Mrs Robinson
- Sally Bowles
- Marge Gunderson
- Ilsa Lund

7.

## UNUSUAL LETTER COMBINATIONS

Find the common English words containing these unusual combinations of letters.

- WSP** (No clues.)
- B** \_\_\_\_\_ **R** Of the eight missing letters, six are consecutive pairs of letters, e.g. aabbcc. Clue: It's an occupation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **UU** The clue for this word is "unbroken sequence"
- \_\_\_\_\_ **E** \_\_\_\_\_ In this common nine-letter word the "E" is the only vowel, and there are no Ys either. Clues might be "virtues" or "attributes".
- A city with three dotted letters in a row.
- A country with three dotted letters in a row.
- A word ending in SHION.
- Another word ending in SHION.

# Word Logic

8. Work out what the logical link is between these apparently unrelated words;

**CHINK, TRANCE, STAIN, TUBA** and **PERK**

Now choose three words from the following list which also belong to this same logical family of words.

**CHILD, EMBARGO, LAPS, BANANA, NIGHTMARE, CONSEQUENCE, TIGER, BRAIN**

9. **So Good They Named It Twice!**  
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This table contains a column of place names and a column of countries (with state, where necessary, both in alphabetical order.

Link each place name to its country or state, in the form A1, B2 etc

<b>A</b> Baden Baden	<b>1</b> American Samoa
<b>B</b> Bora Bora	<b>2</b> Australia NSW
<b>C</b> Dum Dum	<b>3</b> Australia Victoria
<b>D</b> Kurri Kurri	<b>4</b> Cook Islands
<b>E</b> Loma Loma	<b>5</b> Fiji
<b>F</b> Mitta Mitta	<b>6</b> French Polynesia
<b>G</b> Pago Pago	<b>7</b> Germany
<b>H</b> Puka Puka	<b>8</b> India
<b>I</b> Sing Sing	<b>9</b> USA New York State
<b>J</b> Walla Walla	<b>10</b> USA Washington State

10. **What is special about this sentence?**

***“A rough-coated, dough-faced ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough, coughing and hiccoughing thoughtfully.”***

## ANSWERS:

1. a. Reagan b. Lincoln c. Roosevelt d. Johnson e. Eisenhower f. Nixon

2. "THIS IS NUMBER TWO OF A SET OF TEN QUESTIONS"

3.

**Set A:** a. pagan b. purge c. aping d. spigot e. sponge f. pogrom g. pidgin  
h. arpeggio i. copyright j. epilogue BONUS apogee

**Set B:** a. cyan b. clan c. icon d. coney e. cynic e. nascent f. cajun g. scion  
h. pecan i. feculent j. scanty BONUS scintilla

**Set C:** a. ibid b. iris c. nisi d. idiom e. Iraqi f. limit  
g. Hindi h. alibi i. radii j. iodine BONUS zeitgeist

**Set D:** a. gape b. gipsy OR gypsy c. guppy d. glyph e. grope f. Getup  
g. gypsum h. gopher i. gospel j. eggcup BONUS demography

4.

**SET A:** a. Invalid b. does c. sewer d. sow e. wind f. subject g. intimate  
h. contract i. converse j. deliberate

**SET B:** a) do b) Incense c. intern d. minute e. number f. primer g. size  
h. recreation i. relay j. resign

5. A5, B7, C1, D2, E4, F3, G6

6. a. Anthony Perkins, *Psycho* b. Mel Gibson, *Lethal Weapon* c. Jack Nicholson,  
*A Few Good Men* d. Gregory Peck *To Kill A Mockingbird* e. Humphrey Bogart,  
*Casablanca* f. Audrey Hepburn/*Breakfast at Tiffany's* g. Anne Bancroft /*The Graduate*  
h. Liza Minelli/*Cabaret* i. Frances McDormand/*Fargo* j. Ingrid Bergman/*Casablanca*

7. a. Newspaper b. bookkeeper c. continuum d. strengths e. Beijing f. Fiji  
g. cushion (or fashion) h. Fashion (or cushion)

8. Each word can be turned into a country by changing one letter; so your three  
answers should be CHILD (Chile) LAPS (Laos) and TIGER (Niger)

9. A7, B6, C8, D2, E5, F3, G1, H4, I9, J 10

10. It contains all (eight) possible pronunciations of the letters "ough".