

SPECIAL June 2020 - PUZZLES Number 4

Anagrams

1.

Find a single-word anagram for each of the following three words

- (a) **COGNITION** (*the mental action or process of acquiring knowledge and understanding through thought, experience, and the senses*)
- (b) **CRENATION** (*A rounded projection, as on the margin of a shell or coin*)
- (c) **BRECCIA** (*a rock composed of broken fragments of minerals or rock cemented together*)

2.

SAY WHAT?

Write the well-known proverb paraphrased by each of the following sentences;

- (a) *The dermis represents the limit of the extent to which pulchritude extends*
- (b) *A predisposition to physical purity and the quality of being devoutly religious exist collaterally*
- (c) *The simultaneous possession and consumption of a flour-based confection are unattainable*
- (d) *Impairment of the consommé results from a surfeit of culinarians in attendance*
- (e) *A discernable atmospheric suspension of particulates attests to conflagration*

NOT-SO-WEIRD WORDS

3.

Here are some not-uncommon English words with unusual letter combinations.

Example: **__ thom = fathom**

- (a) **__ ueuei __**
- (b) **__ wkw __ __**
- (c) **__ neag __**
- (d) **__ nusu __**
- (e) **__ __ __ ezv __ __**
- (f) **__ __ __ ebte_**
- (g) **__ __ __ uera __**
- (h) **__ __ __ htsm __**
- (i) **__ ucep __**
- (j) **__ __ __ evem __ __**

4.

COMMON THREAD

What links the following English words: **DESSERTS, KNITS, REGAL, SMART, PALS, DEVIL, STRAW, TIME, REVEILED, SPOONS.**

5. **RIDDLES** and stuff.....

- (a) *Forward I'm heavy, backward I'm not.* What am I?
- (b) *You use me between your head and toes.*
The more I works, the thinner I grows. What Am I?
- (c) *I know what my job is: the point has been made.*
You say I've a big head! You're right, I'm afraid.
Put me in my place, then leave me alone
What I need most is someone to drive me home. What Am I?
- (d) What is the only letter in the alphabet that does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of elements?
- (e) There is a dead man in the middle of a field; nothing is around him and there are no footprints of any sort. There is an unopened package next to him. How did he die? HINT: As he approached the field he knew he was going to die.



6. **Rooly *BIG* Things**

Below left in alphabetical order is a list of ten Australian cities and towns, each of which (apart from other achievements) is famous for a particular "big" icon.

To the right those ten objects are listed, also in alphabetical order.
Link each locality with its Big Thing.

(If, for example, you thought the Boxing Crocodile resided in Brunswick, one of your answers would be "B4")

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| A Broken Hill, NSW | 1 Abalone |
| B Brunswick, Vic | 2 Ant |
| C Daintree, Qld | 3 Barramundi |
| D Fairfield, Vic | 4 Boxing Crocodile |
| E Gumachera, SA | 5 Coffee Pot |
| F Humpty Doo, NT | 6 Dog ("Fido") |
| G Laverton North, Vic | 7 Gumboot |
| H Singleton, NSW | 8 Oyster |
| I Taree, NSW | 9 Rocking Horse |
| J Tully, Qld | 10 Sundial |



7.

SOUNDS LIKE

Identify the pairs of homophones from the following clues.

Example: One word means a place for keeping aircraft; the other word means a shaped piece of wood, metal, etc. on which you can hang clothes.

Answer: Hangar/hanger.

- (a) One word means simple; the other means an aircraft.
- (b) One word means expected; the other word means condensed vapour.
- (c) One word is nautical; the other is central to the body.
- (d) One word means connections; the other is an animal.
- (e) One word means an occasion; the other is a herb.
- (f) One word means to hit; the other is a vegetable



8.

GOIN' SOLO



Match each of the solo artists below with the group that he or she originally fronted.
Write your answer in the form A1, B2 etc

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| A Beyoncé | 1 'N Sync |
| B Belinda Carlisle | 2 Black-eyed Peas |
| C Tom Jones | 3 Destiny's Child |
| D Van Morrison | 4 No Doubt |
| E Linda Ronstadt | 5 Take That |
| F Lou Reed | 6 The Go-Gos |
| G Gwen Stefani | 7 The Squires |
| H Justin Timberlake | 8 The Stone Ponies |
| I Will.i.am | 9 The Velvet Underground |
| J Robbie Williams | 10 Them |



Mixed Breeds



9.

Unscramble these dog breeds: (Answers may consist of one, two or three words)

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| (a) Trlrrietowe | (e) Yeomads |
| (b) Hahcauhiu | (f) Irsihsertte |
| (c) Lghodelinsgospeedh | (g) Ebdcloirroel |
| (d) Fgnaah | (h) Leelreeubh |

BACK TO BLIGHTY

10.



The eight numbered sites shown in red on this map of the South East corner of England show the positions of eight localities which have the same names as eight Melbourne suburbs.

Match each place name to its locality in the form A1, B2 etc

Suburbs in alphabetical order:

- A. Brighton
- B. Canterbury
- C. Chelsea
- D. Croydon
- E. Footscray (Foots Cray)
- F. Maidstone
- G. Richmond
- H. St Albans

ANSWERS

1. (a) INCOGNITO (b) CONTAINER (c) ACERBIC
2. (a) *Beauty is only skin deep*
(b) *Cleanliness is next to Godliness*
(c) *You can't have your cake and eat it*
(d) *Too many cooks spoil the broth*
(e) *Where there's smoke there's fire*
3. (a) queueing (b) awkward (c) lineage (c) unusual (e) rendezvous
(f) indebted (g) masquerade (h) yachtsman (i) saucepan (j) achievement
4. Each word forms a different real English word when spelt backwards
(Lewis Carrol called such words SEMORDNILAPS)
5. (a) a ton (b) soap (c) a nail (d) The letter "J" (f) parachute failed to open
6. A2, B5, C3, D6, E9, F4, G1, H10, I8, J7
7. (a) plain/plane (b) due/dew (c) naval/navel (d) links/lynx (e) time/thyme
(f) beat/beet
8. A3, B6, C7, D10, E8, F9, G4, H1, I2, J5
9. (a) rottweiler (b) chihuahua (c) old English sheepdog (d) Afghan
(e) samoyed (f) Irish setter (g) border collie (h) blue heeler
10. A8, B7, C3, D4, E5, F6, G2, H1