

SPECIAL June 2020 – PUZZLES Number 5

1.



GREAT OPENINGS



The column on the left lists some of Shakespeare's plays in alphabetical order. The column on the right contains the opening spoken words of those plays, again in alphabetical order. Link play to opening line in the form A1, B2 etc

A <i>Hamlet</i>	1 <i>Hence! Home you idle creatures, get you gone..</i>
B <i>Julius Caesar</i>	2 <i>In sooth I know not why I am so sad</i>
C <i>Macbeth</i>	3 <i>Now is the winter of our discontent</i>
D <i>Richard III</i>	4 <i>Two households, both alike in dignity...</i>
E <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	5 <i>When shall we three meet again?</i>
F <i>The Merchant of Venice</i>	6 <i>Who's there?</i>

2.

RIDDLES

- (a) *As a whole, I am both safe and secure.
Behead me, and I become a place of meeting.
Behead me again, and I am the partner of ready.
Restore me, and I become the domain of beasts.
What am I?*
- (b) *You can see me in water, but I never get wet. What am I?*
- (c) *Where is there is no south, west, nor east, and weather not fit for man or beast*
- (d) *You will always find me in the past. I can be created in the present, but the future can never taint me. What am I?*

3.

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, with one exception.

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*

(continued...)

(f) *Unremarkable pipe for carrying off surplus liquid*

(g) *Less stressed-out play* [**two syllables**]

(h) *Well-groomed Welsh floral emblem*

(i) *Angry employer*

(j) *Magnificent secretary organ*



Flying High



4.

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

5.

KANGAROO WORDS

Every schoolchild knows that kangaroos carry their babies in their pouches. Fewer people know about kangaroo words, which carry their own baby words with the same meanings.

For example, the kangaroo word *salvage* contains the synonym *save* among its letters. Similarly *hostelry* carries the word *hotel* in it. Note that the letters in each smaller word retain the same order as in the kangaroo word.

Try to find one baby word of similar meaning in each of the following kangaroo words:

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| (a) Deceased | (f) Recline. |
| (b) Appropriate (adjective). | (g) Before. |
| (c) Illuminated | (h) Instructor. |
| (d) Exists | (i) Separate (verb) |
| (e) Encourage | (j) Catacomb. |

6. (a)

inDULGENT

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

(b)

inTERFERE

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

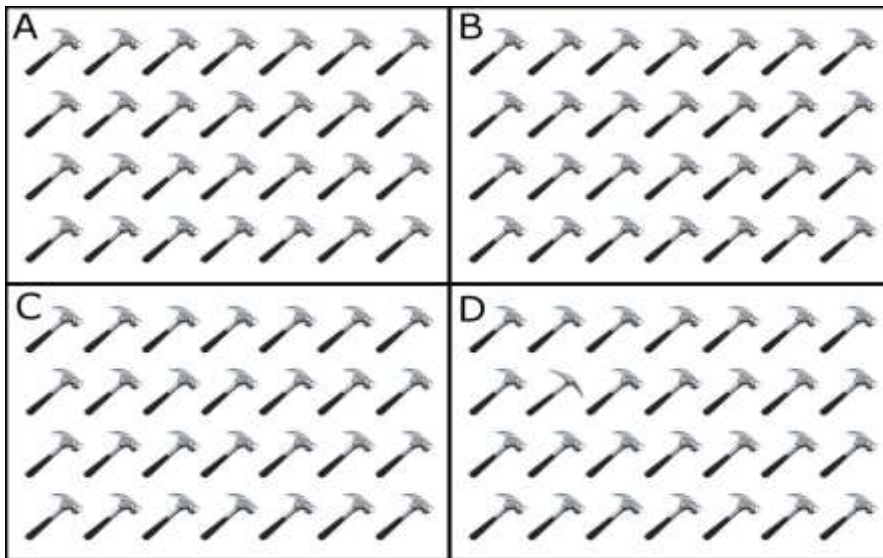
(c)

inCENTIVE

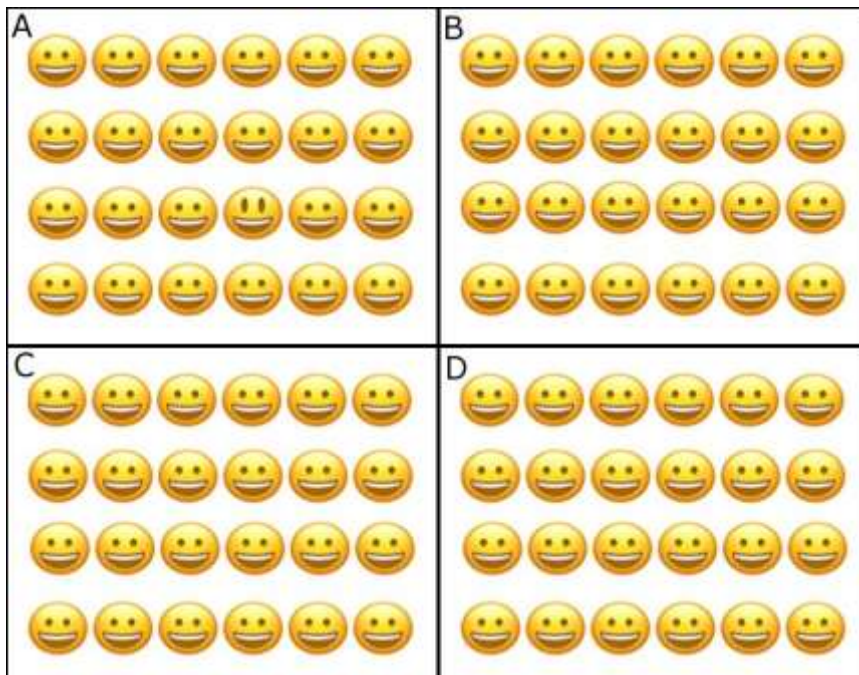
Write **six** English words of **five** or **six** letters that can be made up using any of the letters **C, E, N, T, I, V** and **E** once each.

7. Which is **Odd One Out** in each of the following three diagrams: A, B, C or D?

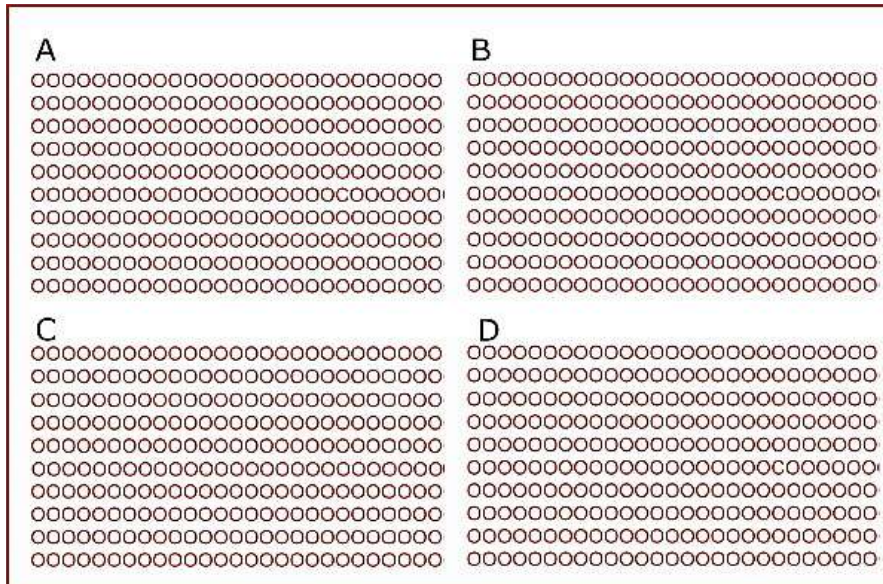
(a)



(b)



(c)



8. 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 5

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

9. One Letter of Separation

Each group of definitions describes three words that are spelled the same, except for one letter (each group describes a different set of words).

Example: "A ruler & a circle & an organ of flight (4 letters)" would be:
"king, ring, wing".

- (a) One who is highly skilled in a profession & an assembled group & Sir (6 letters)
- (b) A ditch & to move with a violent twist & to wet through (6 letters)
- (c) A young pigeon & to settle on land without right or title & a small organized group of military personnel (5 letters)
- (d) A substance composed of metals fused together & to permit & to apportion (5 letters)



10.

REIGNING: CATS or DOGS?

For each of the six countries below;

write "**CATS**" if that country has more pet cats than pet dogs;

or "**DOGS**" if the country has more pet dogs than pet cats.

Clue: the correct answers consist of three "**CATS**" and three "**DOGS**" in some order.

Australia, China, Japan, Russia, USA, UK

(Answers next page)

ANSWERS

1. A6, B1, C5, D3, E4, F2
2. (a) stable (b) reflection (c) the South Pole (d) The future
3. (a) *Deft theft*
(b) *Just rust*
(c) *Male snail*
(d) *Brave shave*
(e) *False waltz*
(f) *Plain drain*
(g) *Calmer drama*
(h) *Sleek leek*
(i) *Cross boss*
(j) *Grand gland*
4. A2, B10, C3, D4, E1, F8, G7, H6, I9, J5
5. (a) dead (b) apt (c) lit (d) is (e) urge (f) lie (g) ere (h) tutor (i) part
(j) tomb
6. (a) gluten, lunged; also lunted, englut and gulden which are real English words
(b) reefer, ferret (no others found in the *Macquarie Concise Dictionary*)
(c) entice, evince, civet, event, evict, niece; (also venite, ctene, evite, neive and nieve which are real English words.)
7. (a) D is different (one of the hammers in the second row is a pick)
(b) A is different (one of the smiley faces in the third row has bigger eyes)
(c) C is different (A, B and D have a letter C instead of O in their 6th row down; C does not)
8. (a) SICK-SILK-SILL-WILL-WELL
(b) HARD-CARD-CART-CAST-EAST-EASY
(Other correct answers may be possible)
9. (a) master, muster, mister
(b) trench, wrench, drench
(c) squab, squat, squad
(d) alloy, allow, allot
10. Australia - DOGS
China - CATS
Japan - DOGS
Russia - CATS
USA - CATS
UK - DOGS