



## 4. 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".**

The length of the words in each group is provided.

- bided one's time* & *squandered* & *desired* (6 letters)
- skill in dealing with others* & *not slack* & *flan* (4 letters)
- contested* & *stoked* & *suppressed* (7 letters)
- packing case* & *to abrade* & *angry* (5 letters)



## 5. *Shakespearian Anagrams*

Unjumble each of the following anagrams for a play by William Shakespeare.

- Thelma*
- Casual juries*
- Batch me*
- Hell too*
- Pet the stem*
- Regal kin*
- Vote the fern mechanic*
- Scour a lion*

## 6. 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.

- One word means an alcoholic beverage; the other means to become unwell.
- One word is a poet; the other is to have one's entry or membership blocked.
- One word is a brief burst of flame; the other is a special aptitude or style.
- One word is a flood-retaining barrier; the other is an imposed tax or fine.
- One word is a golfer's habitat; the other is a kind of wild cat.
- One word is an instrument; the other is a plant e.g. potato, yam or dahlia.

# 7. TRY THESE FOR SIZE ....



- CASSETTE TAPE
- MATCHBOX
- BUSINESS CARD
- PEN
- DL CALENDAR
- CD
- KEY TAG

Of the nine objects shown above, assume that three have been correctly shown to scale to fit on the page. Three others are by comparison too large, and the remaining three are by comparison too small.

- a. Which three are too large?
- b. Which three are too small?
- c. Which three have been correctly scaled to fit the page?

## 8. InVENTION

Write five proper English words of five or six letters that can be formed using the letters

**V, E, N, T, I, O** and **N** (again) once each.

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## 9. RIDDLES

- a. *The poor have me,  
The rich need me,  
And if you eat me, you'll die.  
What am I?*
- b. What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?

- c. There was a green house. Inside the green house there was a white house. Inside the white house there was a red house. Inside the red house there were lots of babies. What is it?
- d. What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?
- e. If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, you haven't got me. What am I?
- f. One of my friends is an astute footy pundit. He's able to tell the score before any game. How does he do it?

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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** and **E** again  
once each.

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# ANSWERS

1. 4 minutes
2. a. Martin Scorsese   b. Roman Polanski   c. Francis Ford Coppola  
d. James Cameron   e. Alfred Hitchcock
3. D is different (4th row down starts with a 6)
4. a. waited, wasted, wanted   b. tact, taut, tart   c. duelled, fuelled, quelled  
d. crate, grate, irate
5. a. *Hamlet*   b. *Julius Caesar*   c. *Macbeth*   d. *Othello*   e. *The Tempest*   f. *King Lear*  
g. *The Merchant of Venice*   h. *Coriolanus*
6. a. ale/ ail   b. bard / barred   c. flare / flair   d. levee / levy   e. links / lynx  
f. tuba / tuber
7. a. (Too large) Cassette tape, matchbox and USB stick  
b. (too small) Calendar, business card, AAA cell  
c. (correctly scaled) CD, pen, key tag
8. Intone, invent, ovine, tenon, tonne – also nonet & venin
9. a. nothing   b. a stamp   c. watermelon   d. a palm   e. a secret  
f. The score before any game is 0:0.
10. entice, evince, civet, event, evict, niece; also venite, ctene, evite, neive and nieve are real English words. No others accepted