PUZZZLES

CHANGE THE FIRST LETTER

Make one word into another by changing the first letter.

EXAMPLE: Change a possessive pronoun to not sweet. ANSWER: your, sour

- 1- Change a past tense of BE to an adverb of place.
- 2- Change an adjective meaning not high to an adverb meaning at the present time.
- 3- Change a period of time to a term of affection.
- 4- Change was seated to have a meal.
- 5- Change a part of the head to international strike.
- 6- Change a respectful title to atmosphere.
- 7- Change to learn thoroughly to not as slow.
- 8- Change very warm to a negative adverb.
- 9- Change a motor vehicle to not near.
- 10- Change a man's title to a female relative.

CHANGE A LETTER

Change one letter of each word to produce the name of an animal.

Example: ax-ox

- 1- hat
- 2- house
- 3- boat
- 4- lamp
- 5- pie
- 6- pen
- 7- half
- 8- pear

CHANGE THE LAST LETTER

Make one word into another by changing the last letter.

EXAMPLE: Change a color to a welcome.

ANSWER: green, greet

A T- PARTY

Put T before a word to form a new word. EXAMPLE: Add a T to a firearm and get a thing of little value. ANSWER: rifle, trifle

- 1- Add T to at this place, and get at that place.
- 2- Add T to a covering for the head, and get a demonstrative adjective.
- 3- Add T to tear, and get a journey.
- 4- Add T to a possessive pronoun, and get a demonstrative adjective.
- 5- Add T to a part of the head, and get to pull apart.
- 6- Add T to of great age, and get narrated.
- 7- Add T to a mistake, and get great fear.
- 8- Add T to the entire amount, and get of great height.
- 9- Add T to a shower from the sky, and get to teach.
- 10- Add T to a kind of vase, and get to rotate.

- 1- Change a monarch to an adjective describing a good quality.
- 2- Change a negative to the present time.
- 3- Change a female horse to a stain or blemish.
- 4- Change alarm or worry to a notable achievement.
- 5- Change a reading process to a short dramatic act.
- 6- Change a person who lacks good judgment to something to eat.
- 7- Change a unit of weight to a color.
- 8- Change a part of a plant to a hole or a crack.
- 9- Change the top or summit of a mountain to a fruit.
- 10- Change a woman servant to what is delivered by the postal service.

ANIMALS IN HIDING

Find the animals hiding in the following sentences.

EXAMPLE: Close the door at once! (rat)

- 1- That will be a real help.
- 2- She came late every day.
- 3- He came to America today.
- 4- Eric owes me ten cents.
- 5- We made errors in each one.
- 6- Do good workers succeed?
- 7- If I shout, he'll hear me.
- 8- If Roger comes, we'll begin.
- 9- We will go at two o'clock.
- 10- Is he the sixth or seventh?
- 11- In April I only came once.
- 12- I'll sing; you hum on key.
- 13- I made a Xerox copy of it.
- 14- She clothes naked babies.
- 15- At last, I, Gerald, had won.
- 16- Was Pilar mad, ill, or glad?
- 17- That man ate eleven cookies.
- 18- Your comb is on the table.
- 19- We're sending only one book.
- 20- He regrets having said that.
- 21- If Al concentrates, he'll win.
- 22- When I withdrew, Al rushed in.
- 23- He called Mikko a lazy boy.
- 24- It's only a kilometer away.

HIDDEN COLORS

Find the name of a color hidden in each sentence:

- 1- Some parts of the face are the eye, eyebrow, nose, and mouth.
- 2- I'm not really dumb; lack of sleep made me forget the answers.
- 3- If I tell you what she said, will you agree never to tell anyone?
- 4- In the box we found a pencil, a pin, keys, and a few coins.
- 5- Are three zeros enough to write the number one thousand?
- 6- The wheelbarrow hit eleven rocks as it rolled down the hill.
- 7- When the nurse gives you the injection, just yell "Ow" if it hurts.
- 8- Elsa and Otto ran gently down the path to the river.
- 9- Before arriving at Kuala Lumpur, please fill out these forms.
- 10- I play nearly all the stringed instruments: violin, cello, bass viol, etc.
- 11- When I opened the window, shining rays of sunlight flooded the room.
- 12- We'll go in Jim's car. Let's leave at six o'clock.

A NUMBERS GAME (SEEN)

Each of the sentences below contains a hidden number. Try to find them. EXAMPLE: If I've said something to hurt you, I'm sorry, (five)

- 1- Listen carefully to the dialogue on the tape recording.
- 2- It would be better to learn the language thoroughly.
- 3- When the plane took off, I very much wanted to cry.
- 4- We thought that was the best year of our lives
- 5- Now their team is even with ours.
- 6- "Honesty is the best policy" is a well-known maxim.
- 7- The papers I xeroxed didn't turn out very well.
- 8- The words were spoken in each of the languages native to those present.
- 9- Paul is going to leave today; Robert went yesterday.
- 10- You replaced the thous and thees of English several centuries ago.
- 11- I hope that our efforts to rectify the error will comfort you a little.
- 12- Her remarks about the silent way made Caleb ill; I on the other hand, thought the points were well taken.
- 13- I wish I could have been present at this event you are telling us about.

A NUMBERS GAME (HEARD)

The numbers hidden in the following sentences may be heard but not seen. That is, the sound or pronunciation of the number is present, but not the spelling. EXAMPLE: We found Janet well versed on the subject. (twelve)

- 1- John is now working as a tutor of English.
- 2- He answered before I could even finish the question.
- 3- Mary ate the whole pizza all by herself!
- 4- We all breathed a sigh of relief when our team finally won the game.
- 5- Even I know better than that!
- 6- Turn the radio off if teenagers come into the house.
- 7- We both respect your judgment very much.
- 8- Robert ended his speech on a strong note.
- 9- The zookeeper moved the sick seals to a different cage.
- 10- The baker added leaven and some water to the bread dough.

HIDDEN CITIES

Each sentence below contains the name of a capital city. Identify each city and write the name of the country in which the city is located on the line provided after each sentence.

EXAMPLE: Well, I'm afraid I can't do it. LIMA-PERU

- 1- Here is the draft of your letter. If you mark it "ok," your secretary will type it.
- 2- Those who were against the war saw to it that their voices were heard.
- 3- To make underground water potable, scientists first used ammonia, then sand later on.
- 4- Can karate movies really make children aggressive?
- 5- No slot machine is needed here.
- 6- The idiom "on a par" is used to mean "equal."
- 7- You can see our colleague in the CAI room at lunch. He is always busy doing something there.
- 8- Housekeepers usually prefer washing to not doing anything at all.
- 9- A cobra battle against a mongoose often ends with the defeat of the former.
- 10- If you use this kind of herb on noodles, the result will be fantastic.
- 11- Tram manufacturing is declining, as nobody needs this kind of slow transportation.
- 12- If you have an infection in your colon, don't eat fats or any other rich food.

THE ANT FAMILY

The following activities build upon a common base of letters to create new words. What kind of an ant works with figures? An accountant. Get it? Now what kind of an ant:

- 1- Lives in jungle?
- 2- Is far away?
- 3- Is extraordinarily large?
- 4- Works for a master
- 5- Is good natured?
- 6- Is unchanging?
- 7- Is luxurious?
- 8- Is one who takes part?

- 9- Is a very small child?
- 10- Is sleeping?
- 11- Is very bright?
- 12- Is empty?
- 13- Is immediate?
- 14- Is plentiful?
- 15- Has moved to a different country?
- 16- Is meaningful?
- 17- Is something that grows?
- 18- Has influence over others?
- 19- Is unsure and indecisive?
- 20- Lives in a certain place?

AN ARTFUL PUZZLE

Each answer to the clues below ends in the letters -art. How many can you get?

- 1- A portion of the whole
- 2- A navigator's map
- 3- To make a beginning
- 4- Clever; intelligent
- 5- Seat of the emotions; part of the body
- 6- To leave; go away
- 7- A two-wheeled horse drawn vehicle
- 8- To pass on information; communicate knowledge
- 9- A fruit-filled pastry
- 10- To frustrate; oppose and defeat a plan
- 11- One who boasts
- 12- The sum of two pints

FOUR LETTERS IN COMMON

The answer to each of the definitions below is a five-letter word. Each of these words ends in the same four letters, but has a different first letter. What are they?

- 1- Power
- 2- Vision
- 3- Opposite of loose
- 4- Not dark
- 5- Opposite of wrong
- 6- Not day
- 7- Contend, struggle
- 8- The number of this clue



DO YOU KNOW THESE CITIES?

Use the definitions to identify the words ending in city. The first letter of each word is given as an additional clue.

- 1- V---CITY (speed)
- 2- S----CITY (plainness; lacking anything fancy)
- 3- E-----CITY (generates power)
- 4- A---CITY (boldness; rudeness)
- 5- D----CITY (deception; lying behavior)
- 6- F---CITY (fierceness)
- 7- S---CITY (an insufficient amount)
- 8- C---CITY (ability to hold or contain)
- 9- S---CITY (wisdom)
- 10- E----CITY (A rubber band has this quality)
- 11- F---CITY (bliss; happiness)
- 12- T---CITY (persistence)
- 13- E----CITY (group membership defined by one's national, cultural, religious or linguistic background
- 14- V---CITY (truthfulness)
- 15- E-----ITY (being centered upon one-self)
- 16- R-----CITY (a complementary relationship often regarding trade and law)
- 17- C----CITY (involvement in a crime)
- 18- D-----CITY (being devoted to home)
- 19- P----CITY (information to attract attention)
- 20- P----CITY (combative nature; fighting attitude)

SIMPLE ARITHMETIC: ? + 1 = X

Add one or more letters before the word one to get the word defined.

- 1-? + one = something that holds ice cream
- 2-? + one = part of a skeleton
- 3-? + one = no longer here
- 4-? + one = accomplished; finished
- 5-? + one = without anyone else present
- 6-? + one = a musical sound
- 7-? + one = a rock
- 8-? + one = a geographical region or area
- 9-? + one = an identical copy
- 10-? + one = a chair for a king or queen
- 11-? + one = a windstorm; tornado
- 12- ? + one = an instrument for talking to someone far away.
- 13-? + one = nobody
- 14- ? + one = not any

TOOLS

How many words can you make out of the word TOOLS? Can you find:

- 1- a preposition
- 2- a word meaning "also"
- 3- a word meaning "implement"
- 4- the capital of Norway
- 5- British slang for lavatory
- 6- goods taken away unlawfully
- 7- a poetic word meaning "look"
- 8- a plot of ground
- 9- very much
- 10- a word meaning "that cannot be found"
- 11- a song sung by one person
- 12- therefore
- 13- chimney dirt
- 14- a drunk
- 15- a name for the sun
- 16- a small narrow opening
- 17- something to sit on

STARTLING

Can you take out one letter from the word 'STARTLING' each time so that the remaining letters always spell an English word? HINT: Begin by taking out the second "T." That will leave the word starling, which is the name of a bird. (The remaining words are easier and more familiar.)

A CODE MESSAGE

Can you "translate" this letter-code message into English words, making a four-line verse?

YYUR YYUB ICUR YY4ME

THE EMPTY CUPBOARD

You may know the following nursery rhyme:

Old Mother Hubbard

Went to the cupboard

To get her poor dog a bone.

When she got there

The cupboard was bare

And so her poor dog had none.

But what we are not told is that when she opened the cupboard door, Mrs. Hubbard exclaimed:

OICURMT! Can you tell the meaning of what she said? (Hint: It is six words.)

LETTER PLAY

- 1- What two letters express the meaning "not difficult"?
- 2- What two letters mean the opposite of "full"?
- 3- What two letters spell a number?
- 4- What two letters spell a word meaning "some"?
- 5- What two letters mean a kind of short composition?
- 6- What two letters mean "very cold"?
- 7- What two letters mean the opposite of "causes" (noun)?
- 8- What letter and number mean "ahead of" or "in front of"?
- 9- What number and letter spell a popular outdoor game?
- 10- What number and letter mean "anticipate"?

SPELLING BEE

Fill in the blanks in each sentence with two or three words that have the same sound but different spelling and different meanings. The number of blanks equals the number of letters in the missing word.

1- Our team game and lost three games.
2- They agreed play more games
next week, 3- The golfers watched the ball
when they heard someone shout
" !"
4- The four of us were so hungry that we
hamburgers.
5- Each player the ball
the hoop at least once.
6- As we approached the coast we could
the
7- Anna had many things to on her
new machine that she had no time to
any seeds in the garden.
8- At the airport the guide said, "Come this
so they can your luggage.
9- We had to in line until they deter-

mined the _ _ _ _ of our bags.

10- We _ _ _ the boat to the dock so it

wouldn't go out when the _ _ _ came

11- Unfortunately,	we did $_$ $_$	_ put a very
good	in the rope	, and it came
unfastened.		

12- The people	on the safa	ari	t	hat a
of	elephants	was	headed	their
way.				

13- If չ	you sit	ver	y quietly,	you can
	the wind	blowing	through	the trees

- 14- The man in the _ _ _ coat _ _ _ the notice to me.
- 15- We _ _ _ on horseback through the tall grass until we came to the _ _ _ _ that led to the town.
- 16- Everything looked so familiar; it was as if we had _ _ _ _ that _ _ _ _ before.
- 17- We went to where they were selling boats, and _ _ _ _ boats had a sign on them that said" _ _ _ _ ."
- 18- The students _ _ _ _ down in their notebooks the sentences that they had learned by _ _ _ _ -
- 19- The wind _ _ _ _ the rain clouds away,
- leaving a clear _ _ _ sky. 20- The father said, "I will sit in the shade out of the hot _ _ _' _ _ _ while my ____ the roof on the house.

PALINDROMES

Try to read the following sentences backwards. Strange, isn't it?

MADAM, I'M ADAM ABLE WAS I ERE I SAW ELBA. A MAN, A PLAN, A CANAL-PANAMA! STEP ON NO PETS LIVE NOT ON EVIL. DRAW, O COWARD! "TIS IVAN ON A VISIT. LIVE, O DEVIL! REVEL EVER! LIVE! DO EVIL! DO O GOD, NO EVIL DEED, LIVE ON, DO GOOD! WAS IT A RAT I SAW? WAS IT A CAR OR A CAT I SAW! WON'T LOVERS REVOLT NOW? DOC, NOTE I DISSENT; A FAST NEVER PRE-VENTS A FATNESS. I DIET OK COD. STRESSED WAS I ERE I SAW DESSERTS. DENNIS AND EDNA SINNED. PAT AND EDNA TAP ENID AND EDNA DINE. TOO FAR, EDNA, WE WANDER AFOOT. PA'S A SAP and MA IS AS SELFLESS AS I AM. A DOG; A PANIC IN A PAGODA TEN ANIMALS I SLAM IN A NET. YREKA BAKERY

in.

REVERSE ME

Related to the palindromes but more accessible to our knowledge and imagination, are pairs of words whose spellings are the reverse of each other. Some such pairs are: pool-loop, era-are, spot-tops, rail-liar, time-emit, pan-nap, reward-drawer, dog-god, tap-pat, keep-peek, gnat-tang, dial-laid, sag-gas, rattar, span-naps, no-on, lap-pal, sleep-peels, snap-pans, live-evil, step-pets (and many others). Such pairs of words provide the solutions to the following puzzles:

- 1- I'm the high point. Reverse me and I'm something to cook in.
- 2- I'm uncooked. Reverse me and I'm armed conflict.
- 3- I'm a portion of the whole. Reverse me and I'm something to catch (ensnare) something in.
- 4- I perceived with the eyes. Reverse me and I existed.
- 5- I'm a heavy weight. Reverse me and I'm a negative.
- 6- I'm a wild animal. Reverse me and I move like water.
- 7- I'm a number. Reverse me and I'm an open-meshed fabric used for catching fish.
- 8- I'm an obstruction used to hold back water. Reverse me and I'm crazy.
- 9- I was victorious. Reverse me and I'm the present time.
- 10- I dug minerals out of the ground. Reverse me and I'm a coarse cloth that jeans are made of.

ANIMAL WORDS

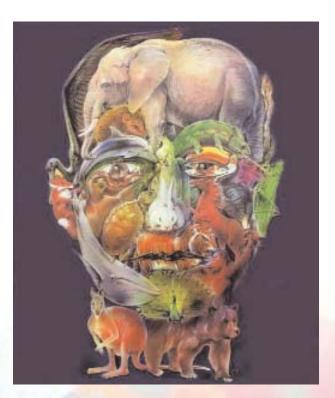
Match each word or phrase in the first column with the word or phrase in the second column that produces a proverb or idiom.

- 1- A barking dog
- 2- Never look a gift horse
- 3- Curiosity killed
- 4- Dog eat
- 5- You can't teach an old dog
- 6- Let sleeping dogs
- 7- When the cat's away

- 8- Let the cat
- 9- There's more than one way
- 10- It's raining
- 11- You may lead a horse to water
- 12- Go to
- 13- Go whole
- 14- Hold your
- 15- That's a horse
- a- the dogs
- b- out of the bag
- c- but you can't make him drink
- d- lie
- e- never bites
- f- new tricks
- g- of a different color
- h- horses
- i- hog
- j- dog
- k- to skin a cat
- I- in the mouth
- m- the mice will play
- n- cats and dogs
- o- the cat

MAD FACE

Find the animals hidden in this picture:





CHANGE THE FIRST LETTER

- 1- were-here
- 2- low-now
- 3- year-dear
- 4- sat-eat
- 5- ear-war
- 6- sir-air
- 7- master-faster
- 8- hot-not
- 9- car-far
- 10- mister-sister

A T- PARTY

- 1- here-there
- 2- hat-that
- 3- rip-trip
- 4- his-this
- 5- ear-tear
- 6- old-told
- 7- error-terror
- 8- all-tall
- 9- rain-train
- 10- urn-turn

CHANGE A LETTER

- 1- cat
- 2- mouse
- 3- goat
- 4- lamb
- 5- pig
- 6- hen
- 7- calf
- 8- bear

CHANGE THE LAST LETTER

- 1- king-kind
- 2- not-now
- 3- mare-mark
- 4- fear-feat
- 5- skim-skit
- 6- fool-food
- 7- gram-gray
- 8- leaf-leak
- 9- peak-pear
- 10- maid-mail

ANIMALS IN HIDING

- 1- bear
- 2- camel
- 3- cat
- 4- cow
- 5- deer
- 6- dog
- 7- fish
- 8- frog
- 9- goat
- 10- horse
- 11- lion
- 12- monkey
- 13- ox
- 14- snake
- 15- tiger
- 16- armadillo
- 17- manatee
- 18- bison
- 19- dingo
- 20- egret
- 21- falcon
- 22- walrus
- 23- koala
- 24- yak

HIDDEN COLORS

- 1- brown
- 2- black
- 3- green
- 4- pink
- 5- rose
- 6- white
- 7- yellow
- 8- orange
- 9- purple 10- violet
- 11- gray 12- scarlet

A NUMBERS GAME (SEEN)

- 1- ten
- 2- two
- 3- five
- 4- four
- 5- seven
- 6- one
- 7- six
- 8- nine
- 9- twenty
- 10- thousand
- 11- forty
- 12- billion
- 13- seventy

A NUMBERS GAME (HEARD)

- 1- two
- 2- four
- 3- eight
- 4- one
- 5- nine
- 6- fifteen
- 7- three
- 8- ten
- 9- six
- 10- eleven

HIDDEN CITIES

- 1- Tokyo-Japan
- 2- Warsaw-Poland
- 3- Athens-Greece
- 4- Ankara-Turkey
- 5- Oslo-Norway
- 6- Paris-France
- 7- Cairo-Egypt
- 8- Washington-USA
- 9- Rabat-Morocco
- 10- Bonn-Germany 11- Amman-Jordan
- 12- London-England

THE ANT **FAMILY**

- 1- elephant
- 2- distant
- 3- giant
- 4- servant
- 5- pleasant
- 6- constant
- 7- elegant
- 8- participant
- 9- infant
- 10- dormant
- 11- brilliant
- 12- vacant
- 13- instant
- 14- abundant
- 15- immigrant
- 16- significant
- 17- plant
- 18- dominant
- 19- hesitant
- 20- inhabitant

AN ARTFUL PUZZLE

- 1- part
- 2- chart
- 3- start
- 4- smart 5- heart
- 6- depart
- 7- cart
- 8- impart
- 9- tart
- 10- thwart
- 11- braggart
- 12- quart

FOUR LETTERS IN COMMON

- 1- might
- 2- sight 3- tight
- 4- light 5- right
- 6- night
- 7- fight



DO YOU KNOW THESE CITIES?

1-velocity

2-simplicity

3- electricity

4- audacity

5- duplicity

6- ferocity

7- scarcity

8- capacity

9- sagacity

10- elasticity

11- felicity

12- tenacity

13- ethnicity

14- veracity

15- egocentricity

16- reciprocity

17- complicity

18- domesticity

19- publicity

20- pugnacity

SIMPLE ARITHMETIC:

? + 1 = X

1- cone

2- bone

3- gone 4- done

5- alone

6- tone

7- stone

8- zone

9- clone

10- throne

11- cyclone

12- phone

13- no one

14- none

TOOLS

1- to

2- too

3- tool

4- Oslo

5- loo 6- loot

7- lo

8- lot

9- lots

10-lost

11- solo

12- so

13- soot

14- sot

15- sol

16- slot

17- stool

STARTLING

1- Startling

2- Starling

3- Staring

4- String

5- Sting

6- Sing

7- Sin

8- In

9- N

A CODE MESSAGE

Too wise you are Too wise to be

I see you are

Too wise for me

THE EMPTY CUP-**BOARD**

Oh! I see you are empty

LETTER PLAY

1- EZ (easy)

2- MT (empty)

3- AT (eighty)

4- NE (any)

5- SA (essay)

6- IC (icy)

7- FX (effects)

8- B4 (before)

9- 10S (tennis)

10-4C (foresee)

SPELLING BEE

1- won, one

2- to, two, too

3- four, for, fore

4- ate, eight

5- threw, through

6- see, sea

7- so, sew, sow

8- way, weigh

9- wait, weight

10- tied, tide

11- not, knot

12- heard, herd

13- here, hear

14- red, read

15- rode, road

16- seen, scene

17- four sail, for sale

18- wrote, rote

19- blew, blue

20- sun's rays, sons raise

REVERSE ME

1- top-pot

2- raw-war

3- part-trap

4- saw-was

5- ton-not

6- wolf-flow

7- ten-net

8- dam-mad

9- won-now

10- mined-denim

ANIMAL WORDS

1- e	9- k
2- I	10- n
3- o	11- c
4- j	12- a
5- f	13- i
6- d	14- h
7- m	15- g
8- b	· ·

MAD FACE

Elephant: On the forehead Porcupine: Above the left

eyebrow

Snake: Above the right ear Chameleon: Above the right

Dolphin: Above the left eye Macaw: On the right

eye/cheek

Fox: On the left ear Sloth: On the left cheek Snail: On the left eye Mussel: On the right eye

Lizard: On the left eyebrow Parrot: On the nose Rabbit: On the nose Grebe: Above the left ear Starfish: On the right ear Grasshopper: On the right

Horse: On the right cheek Turtle: On the left cheek Tiger: On the mouth

Vulture: On the mouth Gorilla: At the right of the

mouth

Peacock: On the chin

Whale: At the left of the

mouth

Bear: On the throat Kangaroo: On the throat