

# DISCERNER OF DIRECTIONS

## ANSWERS



After being whisked away to the Kingdom of Wisdom, Milo was caught off guard by the vast and strange world into which he'd stumbled. "Ahem," came a voice from behind him. Milo turned around with a questioning look.

"I'm the guard who caught you off, and I'm here with a letter from the king," the guard said, handing Milo a letter. "Heed the king's advice, but be careful – he is quite crafty. King Azaz has **hidden 7 directions** to follow on the map starting here in **Expectations**."

Milo got right to work decoding the letter, noticing the first instruction to start heading ...**f our east**... from Expectations. "Thanks guard! I won't let you down," Milo said as he wandered away from the man. From a distance, the guard shouted one last warning to not get lost in something, but Milo was too focused on the letter to hear. Milo followed the instructions to the letter, finally realizing what the king wanted him to bring.

Dear Milo,  
Welcome to Expectations. During your visit, make sure to take a tour of **F OUR east**ern lands. While you'll receive plenty of high **FIVEs out h**ere in Dictionopolis, be sure not to forget to bring an offering for my court. Bu**T W**ow, **est**eemed guests, you should beware the folly of the Mathemagician; stay of **F OUR north**ern realm. Bar n**ONE, we st**ill can't agree over which is greater: a set of words or a set of numbers. But alas, it was actually neither of **F OUR nor th**eir opinions which led to the disappearance of the princesses. Plu**S, EVEN east**ern villages are mourning the departure of Rhyme and Reason. I look forward to your arrival.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

# ASSEMBLER OF AFFIXES

## ANSWERS

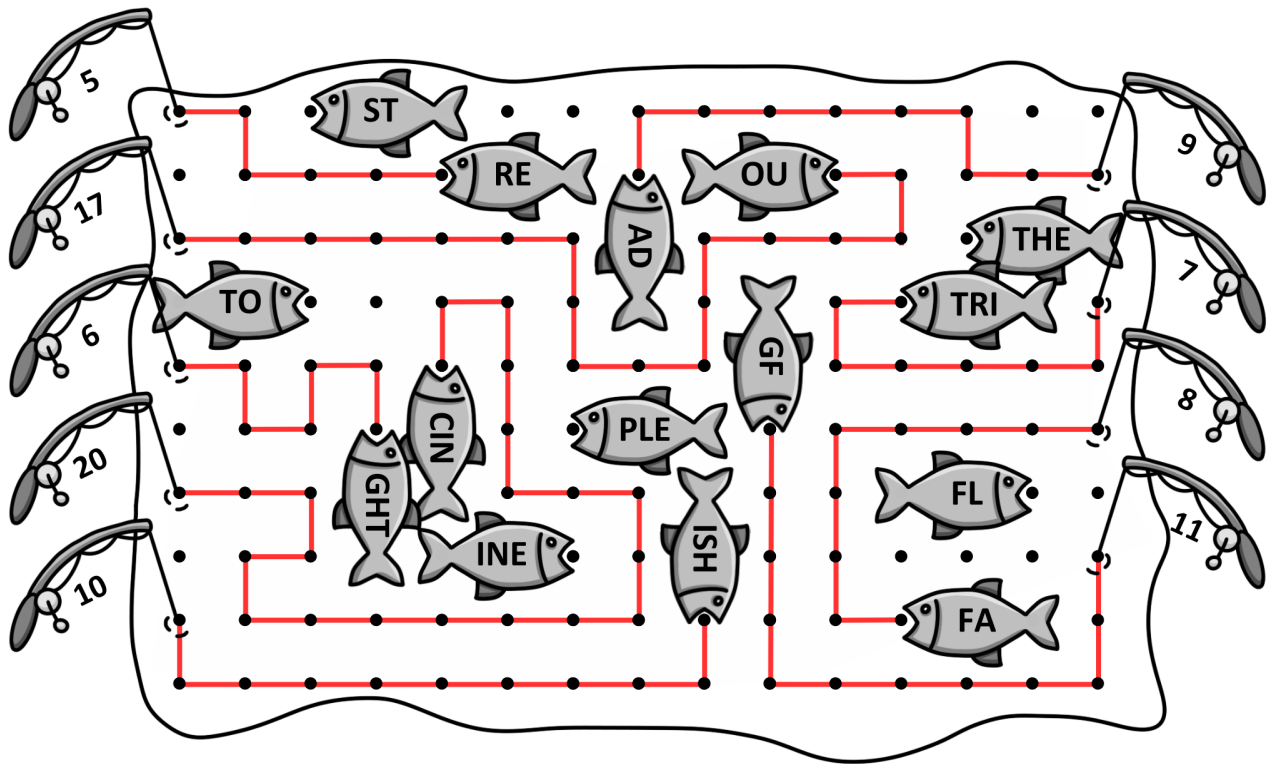


While in the Kingdom of Wisdom, Milo stumbled upon a man named Gil acting rather fishy near a pond. He called out to the man to ask what he was doing.

“It’s quite simple, my boy,” he began. “My townspeople have rejected me and thrown me out. So, I cast nine times into the pond, **each at a given length of line** to see if I could catch some fish. I intend to give my neighbors a piece of herring.”

With that, the water churned as all the fish scrambled to bite the hooks, **not once crossing lines** with each other. Strangely, Milo noticed that the lines turned at right angles; he thought to himself, “Aha, Gil must be an angler!” Milo helped Gil reel in **one fish per side** before returning to the other. Each and every line snapped in their combined effort, and when they had lost all 9 fish back to the pond, Gil fell to the grass exhaustedly. Milo found a stick and wrote the letters he’d seen in the dirt.

“It’s no use! With no way to restrig the poles, I’ve nothing to get my revenge!” Gil began to sob, and revealing his true intentions. When he finished, Milo looked in surprise at what he had written. What did even the fish realize Gil was?



Poles in order: **RE AD OU TRI GHT FA CIN GF ISH**

Answer: **OUT OF LINE**

# DETAINDER OF DIVERGENTS

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Lexy Kahn has been head detective of the Illegal Phonetic Experimentation division for over a century. In that time, she had seen and prosecuted for just about every vowel-ation imaginable. But lately, the department had been neck-deep in a plethora of cases involving the Oxymoron crime family – a group of scum-of-the-earth types who spend their days sneaking around the sewers of Dictionopolis like rodents, rostering words for their underground fighting rings.

Lexy was granted a task force by the Word-Master General to take down these vermin. On a recent bust, Lexy’s team came across six rosters for upcoming fights. She was surprised to also see members of the Oxymoron family in the rosters, **starting and finishing every chain: Black Light, Cold Sweat, Dull Roar, Living Dead, Random Order, Sun Shade.**

<p>SUN <u>DOWN</u> <u>RIGHT</u> OVER HEAT LAMP SHADE</p> <p>Day’s end Straightforward (I’ll be) there shortly Experience hyperthermia Egg incubation tool Cover for a standing light</p>	<p>1</p> <p>DULL BOY WONDER LAND SPEED <u>UP</u> ROAR</p> <p>2</p> <p>All-work-and-no-play Jack Male child prodigy Magical realm Alice explores Velocity on solid ground Move more quickly Commotion</p>
<p>COLD BLOOD BANK <u>LEFT</u> OVER STRESS SWEAT</p> <p>Non-emotional murder Plasma or platelet storage Aircraft turn to “port” Remaining Place too much emphasis Perspiration from anxiety</p>	<p>3</p> <p>LIVING WAGE WAR HEAD <u>DOWN</u> PLAY DEAD</p> <p>4</p> <p>Worker’s payrate need Engage in battle Tip of a missile State of conflict avoidance De-emphasize Emulate a possum</p>
<p>BLACK BEAR <u>LEFT</u> FEET FIRST STOP LIGHT</p> <p>North American ursine “Haw” to a horse Bad dancers have two How to jump in Primary train station Traffic controller</p>	<p>5</p> <p>RANDOM NUMBER LINE <u>UP</u> <u>RIGHT</u> SIDE ORDER</p> <p>6</p> <p>Value chosen unpredictably Mathematical counting tool Batting order Erect Locale for U.K. steering wheel Entrée addendum</p>

# DETAINDER OF DIVERGENTS

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With Milo's help, the team pieced together all six fight rosters and used the **8 directions** from those rosters to find their way **through the maze** of sewers where the criminal nest was concealed. **Without retracing their steps**, Milo and Lexy walked an unknown number of steps in each specified direction taking note of the clue at **every fourth step**. Lexi knew if she could just find one of the Oxymorons willing to squeal on the others, she'd be all set. Only after collecting the clues did Milo realize what Lexy had the ability to do.

**DIRECTIONS:**

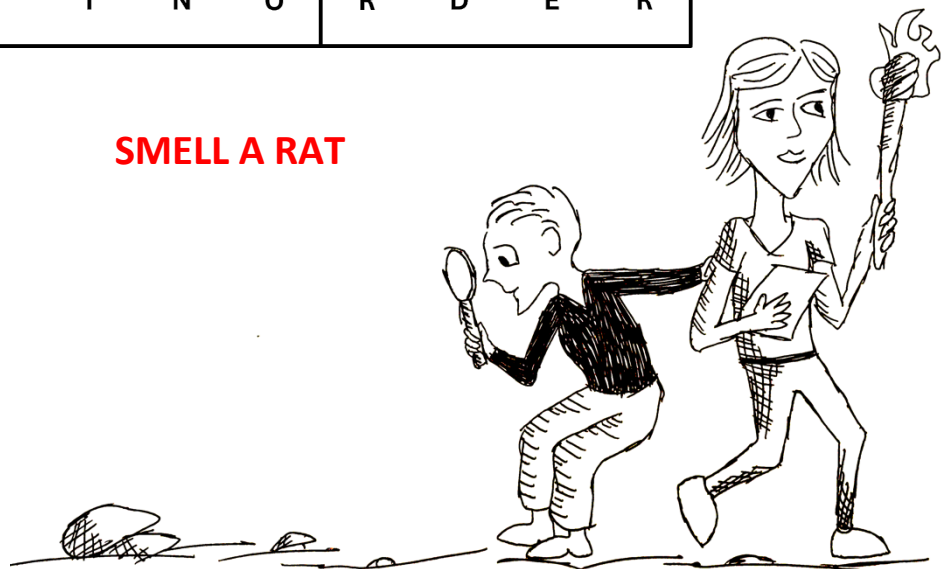
- DOWN
- RIGHT
- UP
- LEFT
- DOWN
- LEFT
- UP
- RIGHT

**ENTER**

	O	U	R	N	A	M	E	N	T	<b>EXIT</b>
F	O	R	P	H	R	A	S	E	S	
M	A	S	K	I	N	G	T	H	E	
S	C	A	N	D	A	L	O	U	S	
T	R	U	T	H	L	Y	I	N	G	
N	E	A	R	B	Y	W	H	E	N	
A	M	A	S	S	E	D	A	N	D	
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The maze path is highlighted in red, starting at the 'ENTER' arrow and ending at the 'EXIT' arrow. The path consists of the following letters: S, M, A, R, U, A, M, A, S, S, E, L, Y, W, H, E, N, G, T, H, E, N, T.

## SMELL A RAT



# SPINNER OF SYNTAX

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Down in the markets of Dictionopolis, Milo ran into a man named Buzz Ward shopping for ingredients. Buzz was a great fan of cooking, though his past endeavors were half-baked at best. After shopping, he brought back 14 words to make his favorite food, Word Salad. Partway through his prep, his wife walked in.

“What are you doing?” she asked, worried about what he was cooking up.

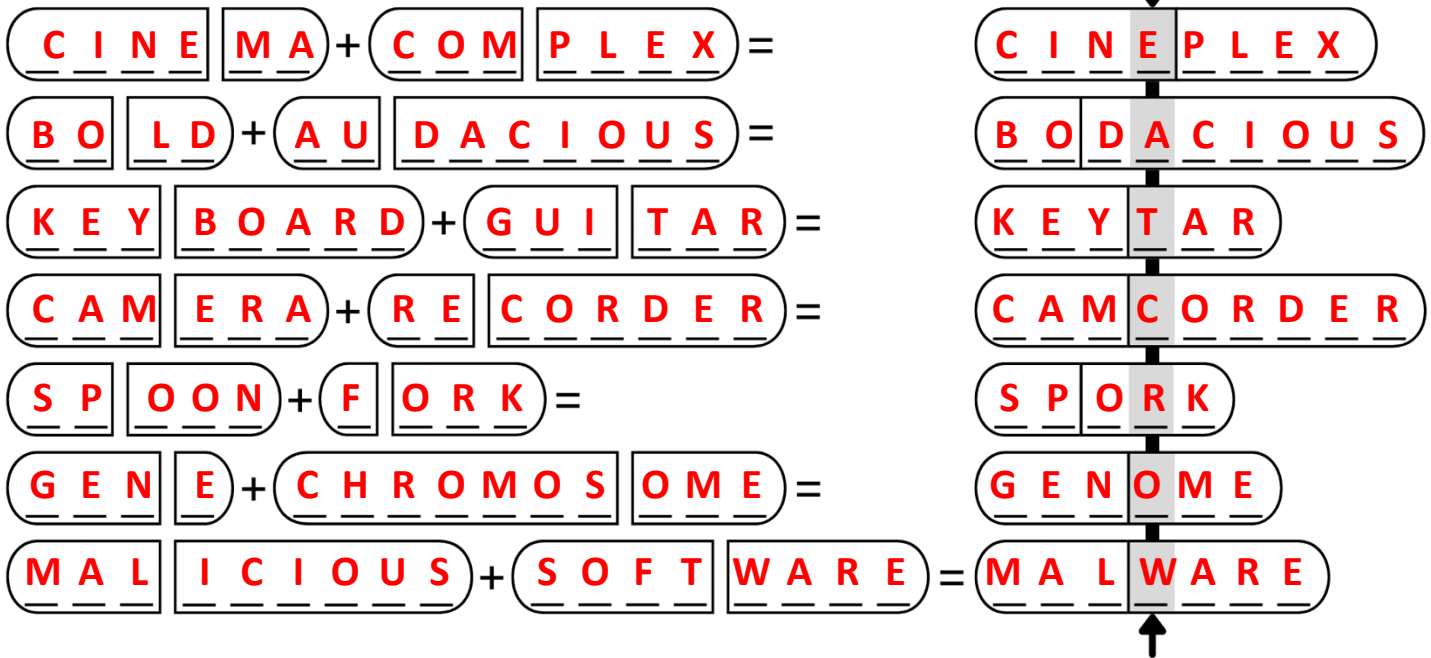
“I was just...I wanted to eat something...different,” he stuttered.

“Never mince words!” his wife shouted.

But it was too late; Buzz had already cut the original words to pieces and was about to **blend pairs** of them into something scrumptious.

When he had finished, Buzz had a meal that actually made the cut. What did Buzz’s wife do that evening?

AU	ICIOUS
BO	KEY
BOARD	LD
CAM	MA
CHROMOS	MAL
CINE	OME
COM	OON
CORDER	ORK
DACIOUS	PLEX
E	RE
ERA	SOFT
F	SP
GEN	TAR
GUI	WARE



**EAT CROW**



# WOOPER OF WORDS

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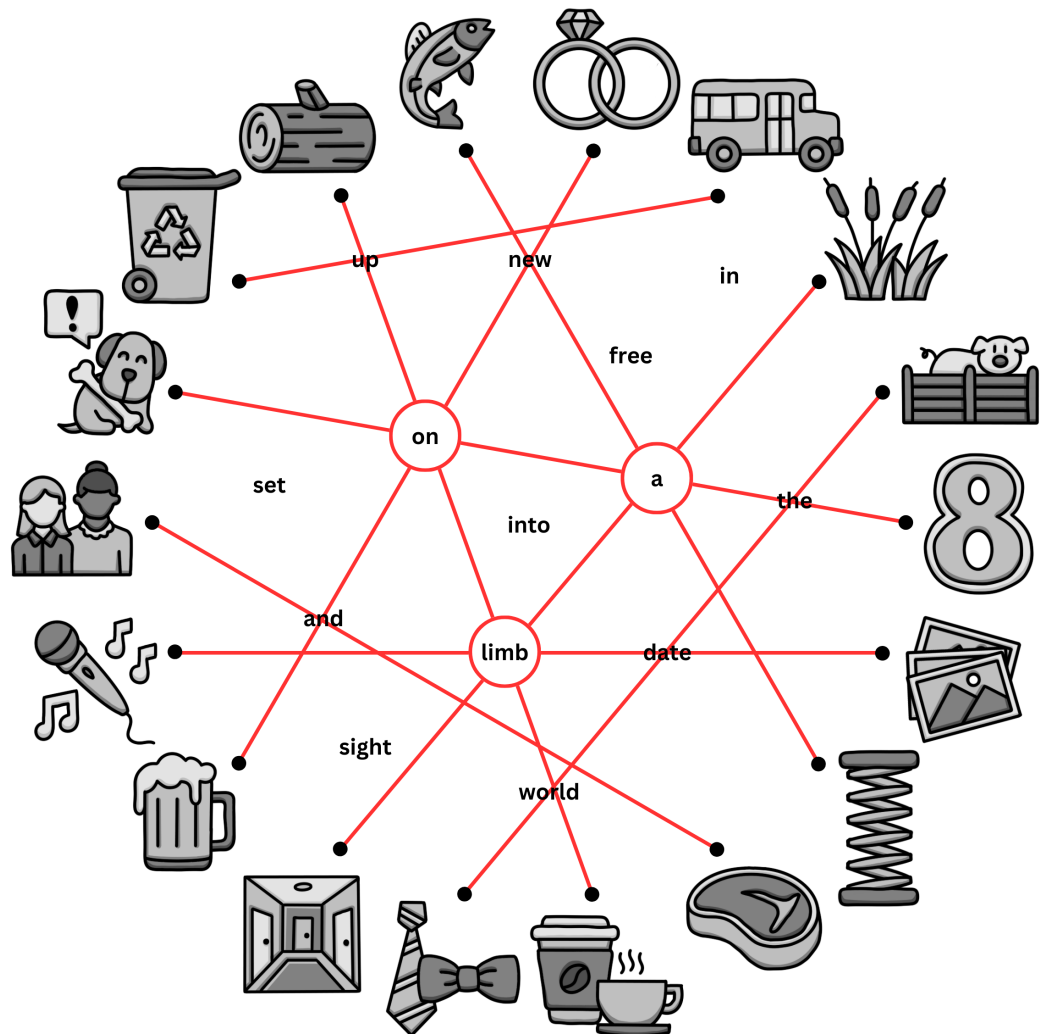


As Milo continued traversing the Kingdom, he discovered a great many uses for words. The king had made him eat his words, others broke their word, and others were just plain beyond words. In one small village, a lowly girl named Harmony was a matchmaker of words. Each week, she'd host a speed dating event for the words who'd wandered into town for a spell, setting up pairs of them in the tops of trees around the village.

"Isn't it wonderful?" she exclaimed, "even in the hearts of words, opposites attract! Hopefully they'll be willing to take a risk and make the connection."

Harmony searched for what the attracted pairs were **outside of their connection to each other**. And as time went on those couples who'd **crossed paths with two other couples** offered the best advice for dating: telling exactly where a word would have to go out to find their perfect match.

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|-----------|----------|
| ALLEGE    | → ALE    |
| WARMED    | → WED    |
| BOFFIN    | → BIN    |
| BONUS     | → BUS    |
| CLOSEUPS  | → CUPS   |
| LOWING    | → LOG    |
| EYESIGHT  | → EIGHT  |
| RUNOFF    | → RUFF   |
| FINISH    | → FISH   |
| SPROUTING | → SPRING |
| GALLOWS   | → GALS   |
| THIGHBONE | → TBONE  |
| HOLDALL   | → HALL   |
| RENEWED   | → REED   |
| PHOTICS   | → PICS   |
| SCOLDING  | → SING   |
| SEVENTY   | → STY    |
| TODDIES   | → TIES   |



## ON A LIMB

# META: LEARNER OF LESSONS

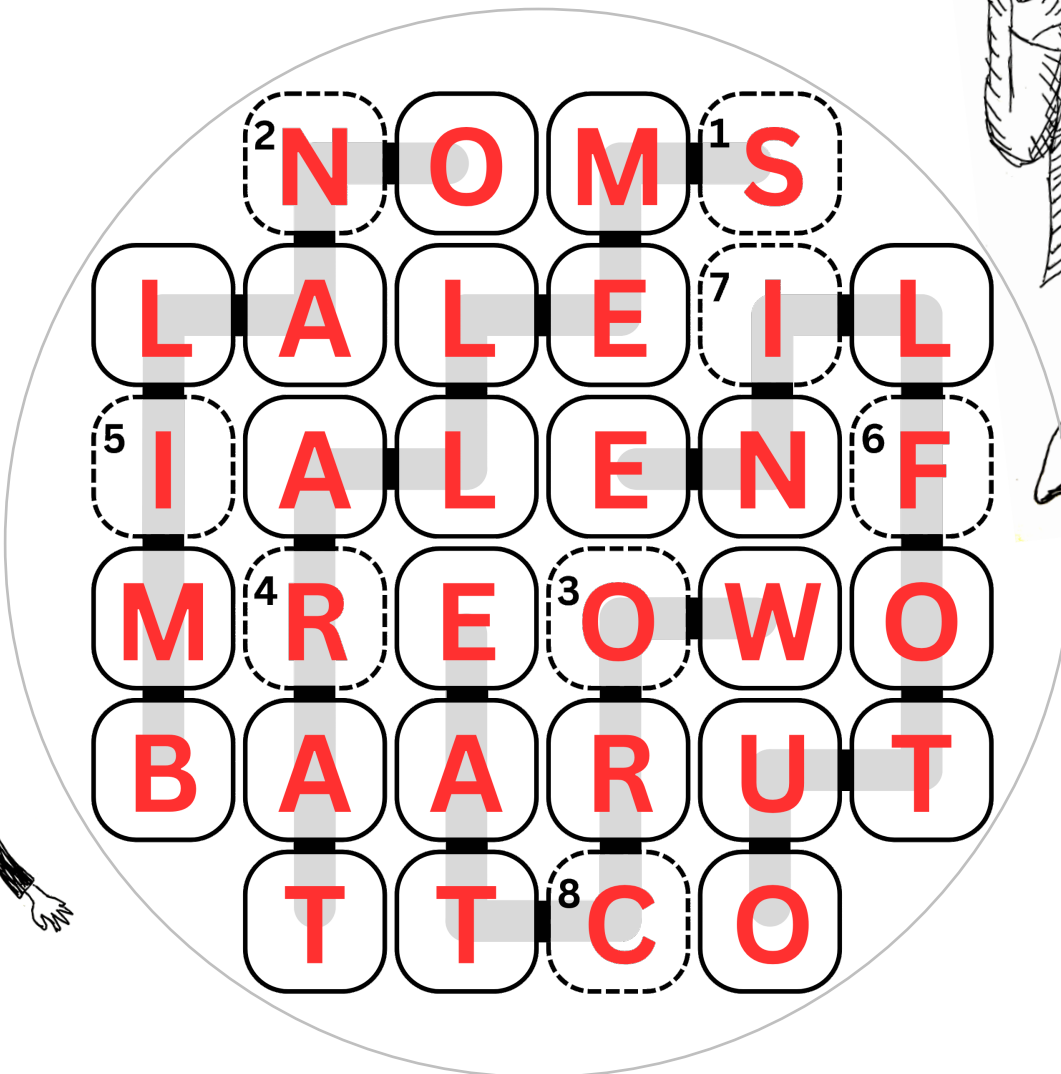
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Before he could return home, Milo was gifted a souvenir by which to remember the Kingdom of Wisdom. King Azaz combined all of his adventure's lessons into an orb, and with it, Milo's journey had come full circle. Milo took a moment to admire the generous gift. Sure enough, **all four lessons** he had learned were arranged **forward or backward** about the orb. Not only did the lessons complete each other, but even the **consonants** found themselves arranged **three per row or column**.

At home, Milo reverted to his old ways of boredom. He searched the orb to free himself from his monotonous dreams where he spent every second lost in what to do. One day, a **series of 8 letters** stuck out to him, and in that moment, he remembered the king's words upon handing him the orb: "For the days when you forget what life is without a bit of wordplay."

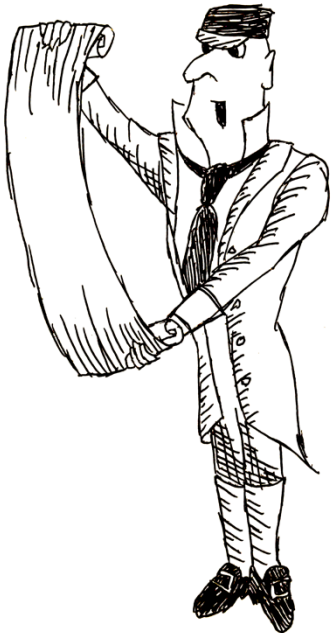
Milo smiled to himself. Even the orb knew what his days of snoozing life away had become.



**SNORIFIC**

## BONUS: SEEKER OF SILENCE

### ANSWERS



In a royal decree, King Azaz had outlawed the expression of any letter as silent (except for the royal E, of course). Under cover of darkness, words would come out to play so that their letters could express themselves in whatever way they liked, some even taking a vowel of silence. So, when the word police showed up to investigate, not only did they find the **silent letters** but another series of words with **absent letters**. The officers brought in both sets of words for questioning and a placed them in a lineup.

The king requested the help of Milo to **pair up words** harboring the **same wanted letters**, and the word police handcuffed them together. The words begged the king to release them, but their request was denied; the word police stated that the king's word was final. What else did the police say the king's word was?



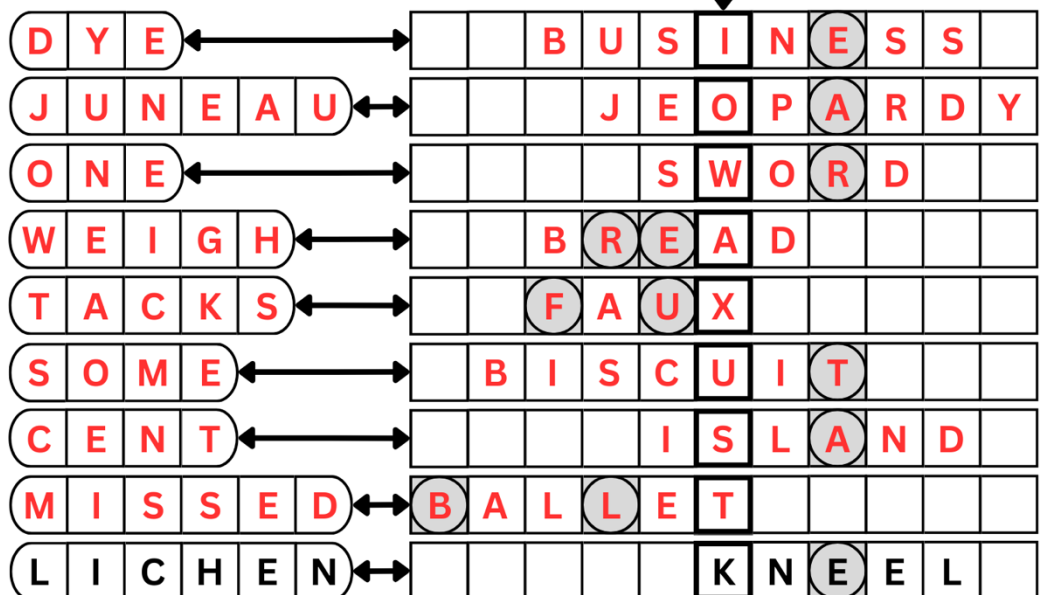
#### Series one:

- "Swan Lake", for one (6) **BALLET**
- "Cookie", to Brits (7) **BISCUIT**
- Baked dough (5) **BREAD**
- The "B" of an MBA degree (8) **BUSINESS**
- Not genuine (4) **FAUX**
- Mass surrounded by water (6) **ISLAND**
- What is a trivia game show? (8) **JEOPARDY**
- Prep for proposal (5) **KNEEL**
- Object less mighty than a pen (5) **SWORD**

#### Series two, NOT too:

- not **"DIE"** • Hair coloring (3), NOT a six-sided game piece
- not **"JUNO"** • US State Capital (6), NOT a teen pregnancy film
- not **"WON"** • Single unit (3), NOT finished first
- not **"WAY"** • Measure heaviness (5), NOT a chosen path
- not **"TAX"** • Fasteners (5), NOT tariff
- not **"SUM"** • A few (4), NOT the result of addition
- not **"SENT"** • Coin (4), NOT mailed
- not **"MIST"** • Didn't hit (6), NOT tiny water droplets
- not **"LIKEN"** • Tree trunk growth (6), NOT compare (to)

#### Silent Letters



## EARREFUTABLE