

FLAT SUMMARY

DELETION

Remove one letter from the middle of a word to produce another word.

~~S~~MILE → SMILE

BEHEADMENT

Remove one letter from the **beginning** of a word to produce another word.

~~F~~ACTOR → ACTOR

CURTAILMENT

Remove one letter from the **end** of a word to produce another word.

STING~~X~~ → STING

TERMINAL DELETION

Remove one letter from **each end** of a word to produce another word.

~~S~~AFAR~~X~~ → AFAR

REPEATED-LETTER DELETION

Remove **every instance** of one letter from a word to produce another word.

BA~~S~~~~S~~IT → BAIT

WORD DELETION

Remove **a word** from the middle of a word to produce another word.

SCOWLING : COW, SLING

TRANSDELETION

Remove one letter from a word **and anagram** to produce another word.

CAM~~F~~ER ↔ CREAM~~X~~ ↔ A~~C~~RE ↔ EAR

DOUBLE-CROSS

Splice two words according to AB, CD → AD, CB to produce two other words.

MAID, RAPTURE → MATURE, RAPID

TRANS-CROSS

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SEAL, RELY → SERE, ALLY

CHANGE OF HEART

Splice two words according to ABC, DEF → AEC, DBF to produce two other words.

SHARE, COLT → SOLE, CHART

HEART TRANSPLANT

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CLEAR, WILD → CAR, WILLED

DROPOUT

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MERIT, REACH → REAMER, ITCH

REBUS

The answer, with **adjusted spacing and punctuation**, can describe the "rubric".

ST → ST in gray → STINGRAY

LETTER CHANGE

Change one letter in a word to produce another word.

PANTRY → PASTRY

SOUND CHANGE

Change one **sound** in a word to produce another word.

PRIEST (prēst) → CREASED (krēst)

WORD SUBSTITUTION

Change one **word embedded within** a word to produce another word.

WANDER, AND → HIT, WHITER

REPEATED-LETTER CHANGE

Change **every instance** of one letter from a word to produce another word.

MANACLE → MONOCLE

HOMONYM

The answers sound exactly the same.

FORCED OUR, FOUR-STAR (forstär)

HETERONYM

The answers are spelled exactly the same.

SIGNIFICANT → SIGN IF I CAN'T

REVERSAL

One word backwards spells the other.

STRESSED → DESSERTS

PALINDROME

The answer spells itself backwards.

DRAW PUPIL'S LIP UPWARD

LETTER SHIFT

Move one letter in a word to produce another word.

SPROUT → PROUST

HEAD-TO-TAIL SHIFT

Move **the first** letter in a word **to the end** to produce another word.

EMANATE → MANATEE

CHANGEOVER

Move one letter in a word **and change it** to produce another word.

HOLSTER → OLDSTER

TRANSGRAM

Move **the first part** of a word **to the end** to produce another word.

ALLOY → LOYAL

CONSONANTCY

The consonants (not counting Y) in the answers are the same in the same order.

DONATE, DAINTY, DINE OUT

FALSE DERIVATIVES

Two words appear to have a grammatical or other relationship, but don't.

false negative: POSTER, IMPOSTER

TRANSPOSAL

Rearrange all the letters in a word to produce another word.

SLEUTH ↔ HUSTLE

METATHESIS

Swap **two letters** in a word to produce another word.

CONVERSE ↔ CONSERVE

ANAGRAM

Rearrange all the letters in a **description** to produce **the thing being described**.

"THEY SEE"? ↔ THE EYES

ANTIGRAM

Rearrange all the letters in an **incorrect description** to produce **the subject**.

"NO DOMAIN, I"? ↔ A DOMINION

AMBIGRAM

Rearrange all the letters in an **opinion** to produce **the thing being described**.

"NOT WORTH FIRE ENGINE"? ↔ "THE TOWERING INFERNO"

CHARADE

Connect two (or more) words to produce another word.

SCARCITY → SCAR, CITY

TRANSADE

Connect two (or more) words **after anagramming** to produce another word.

SOLUTION ↔ SOUL, INTO

LINKADE

Connect two (or more) words **by one overlapping letter** to produce another word.

FIREPLACE → FIR, REPLACE

PADLOCK

Connect two (or more) words, **ignoring the overlapping letters**, to produce another word.

APRES-SKI, PRESS KIT → AT

INTERLOCK

Interleave two (or more) words, **without anagramming**, to produce another word.

FIREBUGS : FIG, REBUS

ACROSTICAL ENIGMA

Add letters to the start of each couplet to form a word clued in that couplet; the added letters form the final answer.

AFire, Cigar, ONion, ADORed

LETTER BANK

The shortest word has exactly those letters needed to spell the longer words.

THINE, NINETEENTH

SPOONERGRAM

Swap the initial consonant sounds in one answer to get the other answer.

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FLAT MODIFIERS

APT...

Find a second half to the base provided to produce the thing being described.

APT LETTER BANK

"HE'S A KING"? → GENGHIS KHAN

BIGRAM...

Instead of operating on one letter, the flat operates on two adjacent letters.

BIGRAM DELETION

IMPETU~~US~~ → IMPETUS

ENIGMATIC...

Usually involves interpreting something than identifying letters and numbers.

ENIGMATIC REBUS

rather → DROP ANCHOR

FREEWHEELING...

Rather than only involving dictionary entries, the flat has non-dictionary phrases.

FREEWHEELING DELETION

TOOTH~~Y~~ICK → TOO THICK

OVERLOADED...

Two (or more) of the answer words can fit for one cueword in the verse.

OVERLOADED SECOND-LETTER CHANGE

don't (SCARE → SPARE) the horses

PHONETIC...

Rather than operating on letters, the flat operates on the sounds of the words.

PHONETIC FALSE ADJECTIVE

COST → CAUSTIC

PROGRESSIVE...

The operation in the flat consists of more than one stage, each stage forming a word.

PROGRESSIVE TERMINAL DELETIONS

ATHENS → THEN → HE

REVERSED...

The operation in the flat forms a word only if reversed after the operation is performed.

REVERSED BEHEADMENT (not curtailment!)

ETAL → ETAL → LATE

WELDED...

The solution only works if the answer parts are considered as a string of letters.

WELDED TRANSPOSAL

PLANE COM → MONPLACE

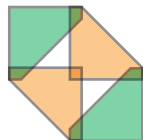
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Most forms can be written as combinations of square blocks and half-square blocks that overlap by one letter as follows.

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LEFT BUTTON

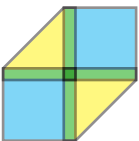
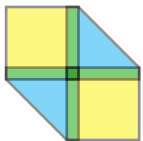
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CAMBRIDGE HEXAGON

LEFT CAMBRIDGE HEXAGON

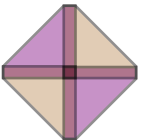
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CHEVRON



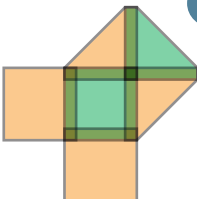
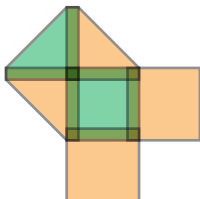
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ENNEAGON

LEFT ENNEAGON

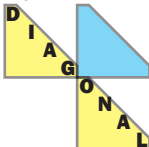
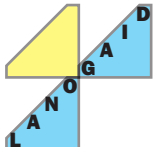
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FAN*

LEFT FAN

RIGHT FAN



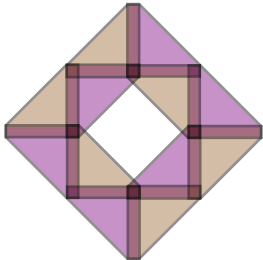
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LEFT HALFSQUARE

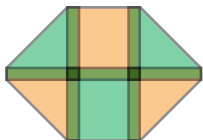
RIGHT HALFSQUARE



HOLLOW DIAMOND



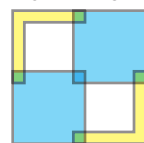
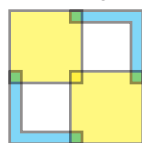
HEXAGON



LATTICE

LEFT LATTICE

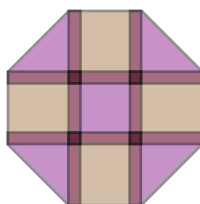
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OBLONG



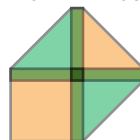
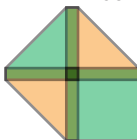
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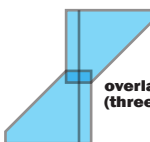
PENTAGON

LEFT PENTAGON

RIGHT PENTAGON



PYGMY HOURGLASS*



overlap is two letters (three if "TRIPLE...")

PYRAMID

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1 letter on top



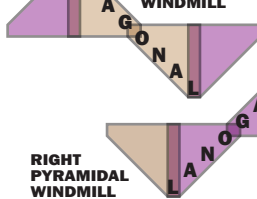
TRUNCATED PYRAMID

2 letters on top

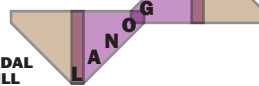


PYRAMILL

LEFT PYRAMIDAL WINDMILL

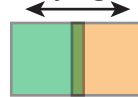


RIGHT PYRAMIDAL WINDMILL



RECTANGLE

any length



RHOMBOID

LEFT RHOMBOID

RIGHT RHOMBOID

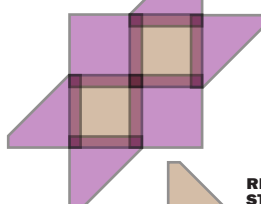


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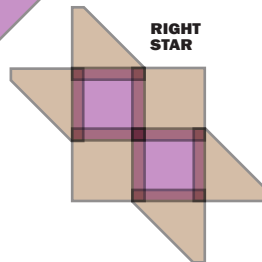


STAR*

LEFT STAR



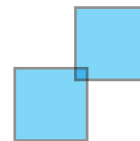
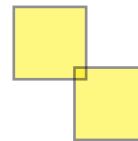
RIGHT STAR



WINDMILL

LEFT WINDMILL

RIGHT WINDMILL



DOUBLE...

Having different words across and down. (Some forms can't help having them; they're not labelled "double".)

INVERTED...

Reflected across the horizontal axis.

[*] Some forms are customarily written so that the letters of one line fall between the letters of the line below:

A	B	C	D	E	F
	B	C			

Among forms with the usual 1-letter overlap between blocks:

2 blks	3 blks	4 blks	blk size
5 clues	7 clues	9 clues	3 × 3
7 clues	10	13	4 × 4
9 clues	13	17	5 × 5
11 clues	16	21	6 × 6