

MATCHES

FULL

HOLD

MUDDLE

LIVELY

SCRAMBLE

BOUTS

ASSERT

CONNECTIONS

PUZZLE BOOK

JUMBLE

MIX

EXACTING

500 GAMES
100% UNOFFICIAL

CLAIM

TIES

MAINTAIN

EVENTFUL

FIND COMMON THREADS BETWEEN WORDS

Introduction

Welcome (salute, greet, hail) to this puzzle book (volume, work, publication), which offers you the chance (opportunity, excuse, moment) to identify the connection (link, joint, junction) between words.

The concept is simple: each puzzle (conundrum, riddle, poser) contains four groups of four (e.g. Tops, Horsemen, fold, stroke) words, each group with a connection (joint, junction, link). The reality is more challenging: some of those groups will be very hard to fathom (understand, get, grasp).

But we start out easy, and the first section is straightforward, to lull you into a false sense of security. Each group will have something simple in common – a meaning, a list (paw, hoof, trotter, claw), a ‘ball’ sport (basket, foot, volley, base) – giving you a nice warm-up.

As you progress, however, you should notice that the connections become a bit more complicated. For example, knife can be part of a ‘kitchen utensil’ group (fork, spoon, plate), but it could also be linked with money, dictionary and size, to form a group – ‘Pocket ____’.

So, be careful – especially as you progress through the book – because words may not link together in the way you first imagine. By the time you are in the Extreme section, the puzzles are actively designed to catch you out.

When you’ve completed a puzzle, you can check your answers at the back of the book. Don’t worry if your connection does not match precisely the language of the answer – you’ll know if you have made the correct connect!

Have fun, and happy puzzling!

Roland Hall

PUZZLE 1

SECTIONS	CRIME	CHAPTERS	TURN
INDEX	LITTLE	CHANGE	SCI-FI
REWORD	FANTASY	ELEMENTS	DIVISIONS
RING	ROMANCE	CLARIFY	MIDDLE

GROUP 1

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GROUP 2

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PUZZLE 2

LOVE	VIRTUOUS	SET	YEARN
FANCY	HEAR	RIGHTEOUS	MORAL
TOUCH	ETHICAL	DESIRE	TASTE
ACE	FEEL	DEUCE	WANT

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PUZZLE 3

BLADE	DEATH	HANDLE	REED
SLASH	SHARPEN	BODY	CARCASS
HEAVY	CUT	SPEED	CADAVER
McKAGAN	REMAINS	ROSE	NU

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PUZZLE 4

TEACH	PROMOTE	TEACHER	SALOON
ESTATE	TUTOR	INSTRUCT	FORWARD
MASTER	FURTHER	PICKUP	PEGAGOGUE
HATCHBACK	COACH	AID	TRAIN

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Connection:

PUZZLE 129

FOX	INDICATION	WORK	RIDICULE
TEASE	PLAY	FERRET	SIGNAL
DRAMA	DERIDE	POINTER	SHOW
BEAVER	SUGGESTION	LAMPOON	BADGER

GROUP 1

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GROUP 2

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GROUP 3

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PUZZLE 130

DOCUMENT	NEATEN	GRIP	NOTE
POINT	HIGH SCHOOL	SPRUCE	NOTATION
INSTRUMENT	WRITE	EDGE	GUARD
TIDY	SMARTEN	CHAIRS	MINUTE

GROUP 1

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GROUP 2

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GROUP 4

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PUZZLE 131

SEVENTH	COX	RIFT	FOUR
CRATE	MINOR	OPENING	PACK
APERTURE	SCULL	BOX	PARCEL
MAJOR	GAP	SLEEVE	BAR

GROUP 1

Connection:			

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PUZZLE 132

PROFESSIONAL	FROCK	KRAFT	LIBERATE
ROBE	BOND	GOWN	DOCTOR
LOOSE	MASTER	RECYCLED	RELEASE
UNTIE	PHOTO	SHIFT	BACHELOR

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PUZZLE 253

RED	COX	SADDLE	BLADE
WINDER	GULP	BLACK	SLUG
NORTH	WALK	QUAFF	OAR
CRAB	SWIPE	SWALLOW	CORAL

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PUZZLE 254

KOOL	BLOW	SUNSHINE	MANAGER
COMMODORES	ELECTION	EXHALE	PUFF
STRIKE	EXPIRE	DIVE	JOHN
FIGHT	EARTH	FUNGUS	ANAESTHETIC

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Connection:

PUZZLE 255

BOATMAN	JAM	HERD	TROOP
WARN	SQUASH	BEAR	BIRTH
COMPRESS	BISCUIT	SQUEEZE	GO
SHOAL	MAN	PACK	FEATURE

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PUZZLE 256

STEAK	CRUMBLE	ALOO	MONGER
CORRODE	CLIFF	DAMAGE	ANGUS
ERODE	APPLE	BOARD	POT
BRIAN	BURGER	COTTAGE	BON

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