

ANAGRAMANIA

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Some lovers of language are merely smitten, others are outright crazy. I'm in the former category, so I devised an even dozen anagrams for the word **anagram** and let it go at that.

There are probably at least a dozen more. For all I know, **Margana** might be a village in the Pyrenees, and **a a gramm** might be an early nom de plume of e e cummings. I invite readers in the Dmitri Borgmann league to add to my modest list, which contains only words that are found in any good desk dictionary, and is aimed at giving a fighting chance to less-rabid logophiles.

The clues below all describe words or phrases that are anagrammatic variations of **anagram**. Most are straightforward, but they do get tricky near the end. Get them all and you're in the Richard Lederer/David Morice class. Get at least nine, and you're running with wordsmiths like James Kilpatrick and Scheral Roush. If you're stopped cold at six, you're hooked on phonics, right in there with Forrest Gump and Dan Quayle.

1. he collects tatters
2. matriarch
3. give the horse weapons
4. telephoned a professional society of doctors
5. managed a journal
6. Indian musician
7. charge the horse!
8. parent phoned
9. deity started
10. choice of article, before unit of measurement
11. capital offense Anagram
12. another one

For answers, see Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.