

# WORDY WORD PICKERS

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Rebuses come in several varieties, the two most popular being positional ones (as in SYMPH = unfinished symphony) or pictorial ones (in which an eye represents 'I', or a bee and 4 the word 'before'). The following rebus quiz, employing both kinds, is based on a word game my children and I play via mail. The editor has added a number of rebuses sent in by other readers: George Grieshaber (from the Chronicle of Higher Education) and Maxey Brooke (from the Houston Post).

As the possibilities for pictorial rebuses are rather limited, I have instead used synonyms or examples to represent words or word segments (as in CHILD SLEPT = kidnapped). Sometimes, a homophone is used (as in LASS IGNORE DONE = miss shun accomplished = mission accomplished). Underlined words or letters are to be taken at face value. As these examples indicate, answers may be single words or conventional phrases; names of real or fictional people or titles of books or plays are indicated with asterisks. Answers can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of the issue.

1. AALLLL
2. 2 DICE MISPLACED \*
3. DOZE ALL \*  
B O N E
4. PASTRIED FLAUTIST OF PORKLIN \*
5. TEAR TRUCK WHELK \*
6. STAIRS \*  
STAIRS
7. OFF OFF ON ON
8. PERISH BED A RODENT (one word)
9. STUN
10. 0  
BA MA
11. ALWAYS CAUTION-LIGHT \*

12. FRITES SCALLIONS
13. HAT 10 ABLE SWAMI \*
14. A. M. INSECT ARRIVES CHOOSE CHEER \*
15. TESTAMENT POTATO TREMBLE HARPOON \*
16. INSECT E CANTER (one word)
17. FELINE DONKEY AWARD (one word)
18. LEV<sub>E</sub>L
19. TISTITCHME
20. SEGRAHC
21. TREES FIRST WICKED
22. **D**pen  
ny (one word)
23. O  
PRECIOUS METAL
24. POKEY BARGE 2 PLATE
25. DANCER
26. ESROH (one word)
27. MAY (one word)  
AAA
28. PARISIAN 25¢
29. FEE (one word)  
SAY
30. MEMBER  
CARD
31. C  
2x10<sup>4</sup> AFL NFL \*
32. R/E/A/D/I/N/G
33. CYCLE (one word)  
CYCLE  
CYCLE
34. 1 1 1 1  
TIME

35. ECNALG
36. WEAR  
LONG
37. KNEE  
LIGHTS
38. T (one word)  
O  
U  
C  
H
39. DEATH LIFE
40. YOU JUST ME
41. I I  
O O
42. MAN  
BOARD
43. HOUSE \*  
STOVE
44. B  
A E  
D UMR
45. A CHANCE N
46. Y FIREWORKS
47. NO WAY IT WAY
48. KEAT KEAT (one word)
49. PRICE
50. T M  
A U  
H S  
W T