

# PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR ME

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This is the first of a pair of articles which invites the reader to use his deductive abilities on lists of words. His task is first to find a common property that the 24 words in a list share, and second to insert the word at the head of this list (given in capital letters) into its proper place within the list.

The construction of such lists can be habit-forming. Frustrated by his difficulty with one list, a friend gave us a list of common words which were, in fact, names of towns sorted by state. We would never have solved it had the word to be inserted not been the uncommon SAG-AMORE. We counterattacked with the same list, rearranged by increasing zip code.

We hope the examples given here will not be quite that difficult; however, answers can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of the issue.

## 1. DELIGHT

crawl  
endive  
bacon  
checkers  
heel  
uncle  
toffee  
kiss  
measles  
goulash  
mist  
hand  
rum  
standoff  
lamb  
mahogany  
joke  
roulette  
plaid  
twins  
fly  
nightingale  
watch  
rabbit

## 2. FIDDLE

bat  
bee  
whistle  
bell  
cucumber  
cat  
post  
bone  
pancake  
daisy  
crutch  
fly  
kite  
feather  
pin  
ghost  
picture  
beet  
dog  
rail  
whip  
board  
mule  
drum

## 3. ROOST

heart  
ball  
barrel  
walk  
crop  
press  
mountain  
land  
law  
party  
game  
action  
pudding  
mill  
neck  
line  
times  
lip  
day  
moment  
imagination  
pen  
trade  
wrist

## 4. TRUNK

torpedo  
 duck  
 strangler  
 cream  
 sole  
 china  
 cigar  
 bed  
 flu  
 artichoke  
 broil  
 air  
 slugger  
 hemp  
 jack  
 mule  
 gray  
 lawyer  
 rock  
 cement  
 sling  
 rifle  
 sausage  
 concerto

## 5. SPOT

wing  
 carpet  
 prowl  
 cob  
 house  
 eye  
 ball  
 ground  
 roof  
 floor  
 wall  
 hog  
 range  
 trail  
 cake  
 town  
 back  
 coals  
 draw  
 rocks  
 brakes  
 wrist  
 gas  
 brain

## 6. ROUGH

hole  
 woods  
 hand  
 basket  
 manger  
 ocean  
 pie  
 pan  
 ointment  
 door  
 till  
 ring  
 sand  
 wall  
 moon  
 bank  
 haystack  
 neck  
 sky  
 arm  
 grass  
 mud  
 hole  
 wilderness

## 7. KNIFE

great  
 hun  
 kid  
 bald  
 menace  
 confessor  
 red  
 horse  
 navigator  
 terrible  
 divine  
 obscure  
 magnificent  
 magician  
 hermit  
 elder  
 bruce  
 riveter  
 sailor  
 man  
 toiler  
 conquerer  
 weeper  
 greek

## 8. LETTUCE

vegetable  
 book  
 bothered  
 drink  
 hope  
 frankincense  
 education  
 wide  
 line  
 skip  
 stock  
 rank  
 present  
 shillings  
 body  
 aim  
 willing  
 white  
 rattle  
 crackle  
 look  
 dark  
 place  
 women

## 9. BOX

apple  
 lamp  
 commentaries  
 ghost  
 aunt  
 needle  
 tour  
 elements  
 tomb  
 travels  
 comet  
 soliloquy  
 code  
 choice  
 ladder  
 vineyard  
 revenge  
 ark  
 razor  
 peak  
 thesaurus  
 folly  
 rebellion  
 mother