

Lesson 4 – Remove a letter - make two words.

In this exercise you need to remove one letter from the first word and place it into the second word. Two new words should be formed. All the letters from both words must remain in the same order although the letter chosen can be placed anywhere in the second word, including at the front or the end.

Helpful hints:

Try removing each letter in turn from the first word. Say the new word – does it sound like a word you know? If yes then try and place the removed letter into the second word to make a new one. If no, then try removing the next letter and so on.

Warning: some words can have a choice of letters which, when removed, all make a new word. In this case you need to try each one to see if it will also work in the second word.

Example: brash – race
Becomes: rash b brace

Example: grain – fame
Becomes: gain r frame

In the second example we might have removed ‘g’ for rain, ‘a’ for grin or even ‘i’ for gran! However only one letter worked to create a second word and that was ‘r’ to form gain and frame.

Now look at the next page. Try to do each one as quickly as you can but make sure you finish them all. Time yourself. You need to be able to complete 20 in 10 minutes. When you have finished write your time in the box at the top.

Extension 4.

My Time

My Score

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| 1. | crate | _____ | lane | _____ | _____ |
| 2. | heron | _____ | slat | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | trove | _____ | sure | _____ | _____ |
| 4. | siren | _____ | due | _____ | _____ |
| 5. | steep | _____ | fact | _____ | _____ |
| 6. | cleave | _____ | lie | _____ | _____ |
| 7. | coven | _____ | harm | _____ | _____ |
| 8. | stench | _____ | fated | _____ | _____ |
| 9. | glean | _____ | red | _____ | _____ |
| 10. | gripe | _____ | trip | _____ | _____ |
| 11. | sting | _____ | high | _____ | _____ |
| 12. | windy | _____ | our | _____ | _____ |
| 13. | castle | _____ | cot | _____ | _____ |
| 14. | winch | _____ | ton | _____ | _____ |
| 15. | seize | _____ | hug | _____ | _____ |
| 16. | flint | _____ | grow | _____ | _____ |
| 17. | haste | _____ | mats | _____ | _____ |
| 18. | hurt | _____ | out | _____ | _____ |
| 19. | beast | _____ | filed | _____ | _____ |
| 20. | drone | _____ | bust | _____ | _____ |

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ANSWERS

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|-----|--------|---|-------|-------|--------|
| 1. | crate | c | lane | rate | lance |
| 2. | heron | n | slat | hero | slant |
| 3. | dirge | g | sure | dire | surge |
| 4. | siren | n | due | sire | dune |
| 5. | steep | e | fact | step | facet |
| 6. | cleave | c | lie | leave | lice |
| 7. | coven | o | harm | oven | charm |
| 8. | stench | s | fated | tench | fasted |
| 9. | glean | a | red | glen | read |
| 10. | gripe | e | trip | grip | tripe |
| 11. | sting | t | high | sing | thigh |
| 12. | windy | y | our | wind | your |
| 13. | castle | l | cot | caste | clot |
| 14. | winch | w | ton | inch | town |
| 15. | seize | e | hug | size | huge |
| 16. | flint | n | grow | flit | grown |
| 17. | haste | s | mats | hate | masts |
| 18. | hurt | r | out | hut | rout |
| 19. | beast | a | filed | best | failed |
| 20. | drone | r | bust | done | burst |