

The Anagram Express

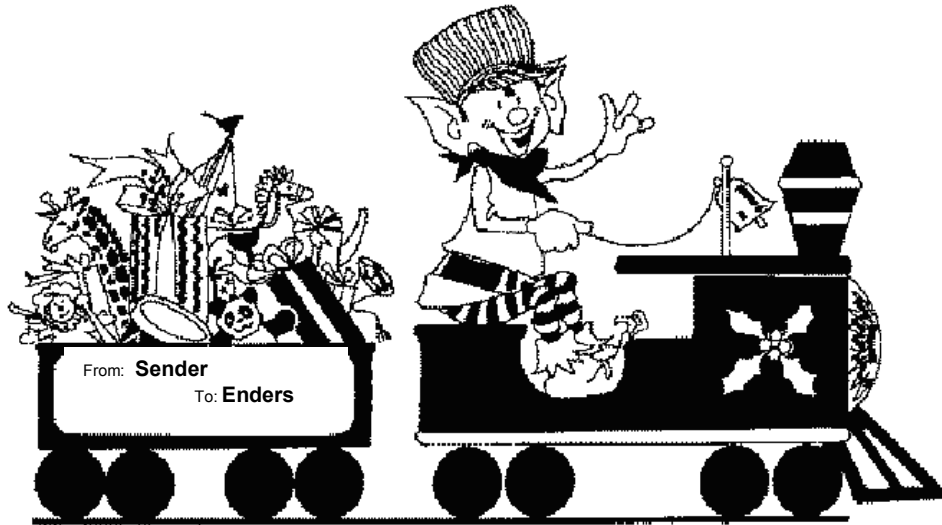
A Free Holiday Brain Teaser



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Set One



How is it possible to begin with **strain** and end with **trains**?

How does **hush** become **rush** right before your eyes?

It's **anagram magic**!

Put on your thinking cap and take your place as the official conductor of the **Anagram Express**.

Change each of the following **bold print** words into another term by rearranging its letters. Use the clues and definitions to help you find the correct anagram and write it in the blank. Answers are connected to the **subjects** listed before each set.

Reading

- _____ 1. **sloven** long fictional stories typically having a plot that is unfolded by the action, speech, and thoughts of the characters
- _____ 2. **how** Little Cindy-Lou, the Grinch's friend
- _____ 3. **mope** a composition in rhythmic verse, sometimes with rhyming words
- _____ 4. **caudle** He is the Herdman who brought his cat to school for show-and-tell.
- _____ 5. **spore** ordinary speech or writing without verse or rhythmic structure
- _____ 6. **chicle** an overused, trite phrase
- _____ 7. **mires** Ebenezer Scrooge was one of these.
- _____ 8. **gape** a leaf, or one side of a leaf, as in a book, letter, newspaper, or manuscript
- _____ 9. **slow** They deliver mail for Harry Potter and his friends.

Math

- _____ 10. **eon** a single unit, object, or living being
- _____ 11. **scent** Some people will have a few of these left after their holiday spending.
- _____ 12. **sing** + is one, = is one, and \$ is another

- _____ 13. **squeal** has the same value, quantity, or measure as another
- _____ 14. **mites** used to indicate the number of instances by which something is multiplied or divided
- _____ 15. **angel** the figure formed by two lines diverging from a common point
- _____ 16. **signed** to plan out in systematic, usually graphic form; invent
- _____ 17. **cleric** a plane curve everywhere equidistance from a given fixed point in the center
- _____ 18. **car** a segment of a circle

Science

- _____ 19. **moat** the smallest unit of matter having a positively charged nucleus surrounded by a system of electrons
- _____ 20. **rats** any of the self-luminous celestial bodies visible in the night sky
- _____ 21. **owns** frozen precipitation in the form of white or translucent hexagonal ice crystals that fall as soft, white flakes
- _____ 22. **rested** a barren or desolate area, especially a dry or permanently cold region
- _____ 23. **peas** large, tailless primates
- _____ 24. **remote** When it hits the earth's atmosphere, it begins to melt, vaporize, or explode, causing a streak of light in the night sky
- _____ 25. **idols** of definite shape and volume; firm or compact in substance
- _____ 26. **loyal** a substance composed of two or more metals
- _____ 27. **earth** the chambered, muscular organ in vertebrates that pumps blood through the entire circulatory system

Social Studies

- _____ 28. **optical** a building or complex of buildings in which a state legislature meets
- _____ 29. **iciest** centers of population, commerce, and culture
- _____ 30. **slaw** rules of conduct or procedure established by custom, agreement, or authority
- _____ 31. **biter** a sociopolitical organization consisting of a number of families or other groups who share a common ancestry and culture
- _____ 32. **raw** a state of open, armed conflict between nations, states, or parties
- _____ 33. **premise** political units having an extensive territory and ruled by a single supreme authority
- _____ 34. **tropism** goods brought in from a foreign country for trade or sale
- _____ 35. **veto** a formal expression of preference for a candidate for office or for a proposed resolution of an issue

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Set 1

1. novels
2. Who
3. poem
4. Claude
5. prose
6. cliché
7. miser
8. page
9. owls
10. one
11. cents
12. sign
13. equals
14. times
15. angle
16. design
17. circle
18. arc
19. atom
20. star
21. snow
22. desert
23. apes
24. meteor
25. solid
26. alloy
27. heart
28. capitol
29. cities
30. laws
31. tribe
32. war
33. empires
34. imports
35. vote