

Practice Puzzle 1

This is the first of three practice puzzles. Unlike the regular puzzles, the quotes are short fragments and have only a few simple clues. This should prepare you for the Madness to come! (Answers are found on the last page)

A. ____: Major male film star (b. 1963); appeared in *Ocean's Eleven* and *Troy* (len: 4)

1 11 7 3 ■ 4 2 6 10

B. Popular brand of potato chips (len: 4)

5 3 12 8 ■ 9 4 8 5

C. ____: American actor (b. 1936) best known for his leading role in TV's *Mash* (len: 4)

2 12 10 6 ■ 1 11 7 9

FIRST QUOTE:

My father was wounded in Baghdad, said the...

A	C	A	C	A	B	A	B	■	B	B	A	C	A	C	■	B	B	B	C	A	C	A	C	B	C	,
1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12													

...but he will recover.

SECOND QUOTE:

Even though the hospital was half a mile away, we could hear the...

A	C	A	C	A	B	A	B	B	B	A	C	A	C	B	B	■	B	C	A	C	A	C	B	C
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12												

...for lack of morphine.

BOOK followed by AUTHOR: Note: The numbers below point to a letter in one of the two Quotes above.

1	■	8	3	11	7	5	10	■	11	2	6	10	■	1	1	7	■	4	5
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9	4	2
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Practice Puzzle 2

(The answers are found on the last page)

A. "___ ___ buckle my shoe" (len: 3)

2 7 8 ■ 6 5 11

B. Extreme part of the body (len: 4)

1 10 3 11 ■ 7 2 4 9

C. Animal commonly used to bear a rider (len: 5)

1 10 12 3 8 ■ 5 6 9 12 4

FIRST QUOTE:

Ah, my friend, any...

B	C	A	B	B	C	B	C	■	A	C	A	C	A	B	■	A	C	B	C	B	C	A	B	C	C
1	2	3	4			5	6	7			8	9	10	11	12										

...and play a part.

SECOND QUOTE:

Suddenly,...

B	C	A	B	■	B	C	B	C	A	C	■	A	C	A	B	A	C	■	B	C	B	C	A	B	C	C
1	2			3	4	5			6	7	8			9	10	11	12									

...and exclaimed, "There's our escape!"

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5	4	4	5	■	2	1	■	9	2	10	9	■	3	■	11	■	12	2	6
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Practice Puzzle 3

A. "God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which ___ me all my life long unto this ___" —Genesis 48:15 (len: 3)

___ 19 ___ 9 ___ 7 ■ ___ 2 ___ 13 ___ 16

B. Airport code for a commercial airport in North Carolina (len: 3)

___ 28 ___ 22 ___ 6 ■ ___ 13 ___ 28 ___ 4

C. Tie-___-shirt: An item of gaudy, colorful dress in the mid-1960's (len: 3)

___ 15 ___ 29 ^E ■ ___ 31 ___ 27 ___ 14

D. "And ___ went out from the presence of the ___ and dwelt... on the east of Eden" —Genesis 16 (len: 4)

___ 22 ___ 11 ___ 1 ___ 12 ■ ___ 25 ___ 3 ___ 24 ___ 8

E. Someone under the age of full legal responsibility (len: 5)

___ 23 ___ 21 ___ 4 ___ 26 ___ 10 ■ ___ 29 ___ 16 ___ 5 ___ 2 ___ 23

F. As *the* ___: long-running TV soap opera (1956-2010); set in the fictional town of Oakdale, Illinois (len: 5)

___ 3 ___ 20 ___ 15 ___ 26 ___ 10 ■ ___ 12 ___ 18 ___ 27 ___ 7 ___ 19

G. European nation formerly part of the Soviet Union (len: 7)

___ 8 ___ 30 ___ 6 ___ 24 ___ 21 ___ 17 ___ 18 ■ ___ 9 ___ 11 ___ 5 ___ 17 ___ 14 ___ 1 ___ 20

FIRST QUOTE:

"I assure you," returned Mr. Stryver, in the friendliest way, "I know this must always be a sore subject with the family; let us say no more about it."...

D	G		A	E	D	F	B	E	E	G		B	G	A	F	D	G	A	G	E	F	D	G	D	F	A	B	C	G	C	F		A	E	G	G
1			2		3		4		5			6		7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14		15			16		17	
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18			19		20		21		22			23		24		25		26		27		28		29												

..."I dare say not," rejoined Stryver, nodding his head in a smoothing and final way; "no matter, no matter."

SECOND QUOTE:

"Is there any prospect yet, of our getting out of this place?" "I fear not yet..."

D	G	A	E		D	F	B	E	E	G	B	G	A	F		D	G	A	G		E	F	D	G	D	F	A	B	C	G	C	F	A	E	G	G
1		2			3		4		5		6		7			8		9			10		11		12		13		14		15		16		17	
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..."Heigh-ho-hum!" said Miss Pross, cheerfully repressing a sigh. "then we must have patience and wait"

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Answers to the Practice Puzzles

↑ indicates answer goes to the first quote, ↓ to the second quote.

1. Middle East Tragedy

A:pitt↓ brad↑ **B:**lays↑ wise↓ **C:**alan↓ alda↑

Q1: "Arab lad sadly"

Q2: "Patients wail"

Book & Author: *A Salted Land*, Pat Blair

2. Murderous Actors

A:one↑ two↓ **B:**foot↑ head↓ **C:**horse↓ camel↑

Q1: "Fool can emote"

Q2: "He saw the door"

Book & Author: *Claw of Doom*, S. T. Roth

3. Courage Extraordinaire

A:fed↓ day↑ **B:**rdu↑ gso↓ **C:**dye↑ tee↓ **D:**cain↓ lord↑ **E:**minor↑ youth↓ **F:**world↓ turns↑
G:belarus↓ estonia↑

Q1: "I dont understand you said Mr Lorry"

Q2: "It would be dangerous for Charles yet"

Book & Author: *A Tale of Two Cities*, Charles Dickens