

VOWEL PLAY

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This puzzle involves the six vowels — A, E, I, O, U and Y. Use the given consonants below, in the order given, and three different vowels to make a word. Then use the same consonants in the same order and the remaining three vowels to make another word. For example, the consonants G L T would yield the answers GUILTY and GELATO. All answers are familiar, solid, uncapitalized words. At the 2009 National Puzzlers' League convention, Arthur Schulman, of Charlottesville, Va., solved all 20 sets in 7 minutes 20 seconds. The average score of the 140 puzzlers playing was about 11 in 20 minutes.

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| 1. CRDL _____ | 11. N H L _____ |
| 2. DLNG _____ | 12. N T R _____ |
| 3. FLST _____ | 13. P N T _____ |
| 4. RGNC _____ | 14. S R L _____ |
| 5. VRTL _____ | 15. S T D _____ |
| 6. CCP _____ | 16. T R K _____ |
| 7. DRL _____ | 17. D S _____ |
| 8. HMN _____ | 18. H K _____ |
| 9. LMN _____ | 19. N N _____ |
| 10. LNG _____ | 20. S P _____ |