

# It's Not What You Think!

Untangle these words to find a common theme. Answers are on the last page.

1. EREF
2. ISPL
3. WORCN
4. GARYNN
5. AURSEQ
6. OIAMDND
7. AHDEVORN
8. RITCOTONRCS

## Small World

Circle all the synonyms for *small*. Answers are on the last page.

minuscule  
evanescent  
mini  
minute  
slight  
Lethe



Elysium  
petite  
Lilliputian  
diminutive  
miniature  
infinitesimal

wee  
filigree  
puny  
little  
diaphanous  
Orpheus

Titania  
penurious  
gossamer  
microscopic  
tiny  
rarefied

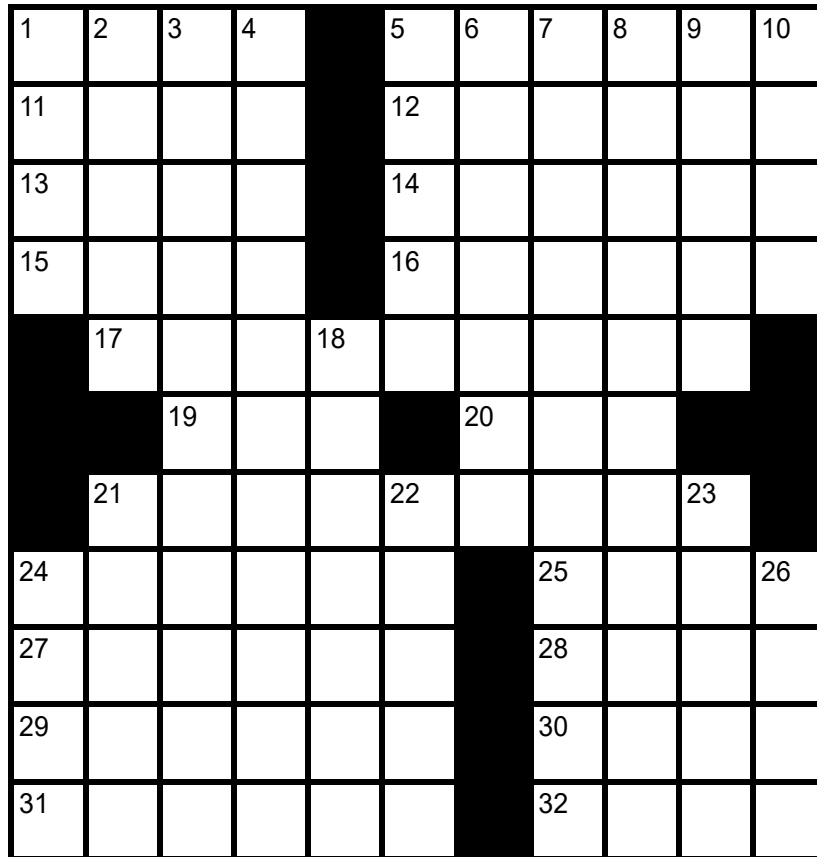
jejune  
Arcadia  
chthonic  
Ariel  
undersized  
Mnemosyne



## Pulse-pounding Sighting!

You won't see a full crossword puzzle in this newsletter too often, but since we're all about words this issue, have at it.

Answers are on the last page.



### Across

1. Rear end
5. North American plant with edible bulbs
11. Opposite number, informally
12. Punish with a fine
13. Suggestive sideways glance
14. 40th U.S. president
15. Strange or uncanny, in Scottish dialect
16. Passionately enthusiastic
17. Expansions of pupils, for example
19. Thick mist reducing visibility
20. Hundredweight, abbr
21. Heart medication derived from foxglove
24. Deliver from memory
25. Once more, from the beginning
27. Relating to the tip or apex
28. Get someone's goat
29. Starchy tuber used for fries or chips
30. Ridge of glacial gravel
31. Fashionable trends
32. Break suddenly with a sharp sound

### Down

1. Fragrant balsam used in perfumes
2. Turn completely over
3. Quality of being precise and particular
4. Relating to the science of timekeeping
5. Unit of gemstone weight
6. Land of the free
7. Yellow-breasted songbirds of open fields
8. From Buenos Aires, say
9. Looks over quickly
10. Dispatched, as a letter
18. Stir up or disturb
21. Bus or train terminal
22. Ultimate aim or purpose, philosophically
23. Alabama city associated with civil rights marches
24. Knocks sharply
26. Shed tears



# Spot The Difference #1

Can you spot the difference between the top group and bottom group? Answers are on the last page.

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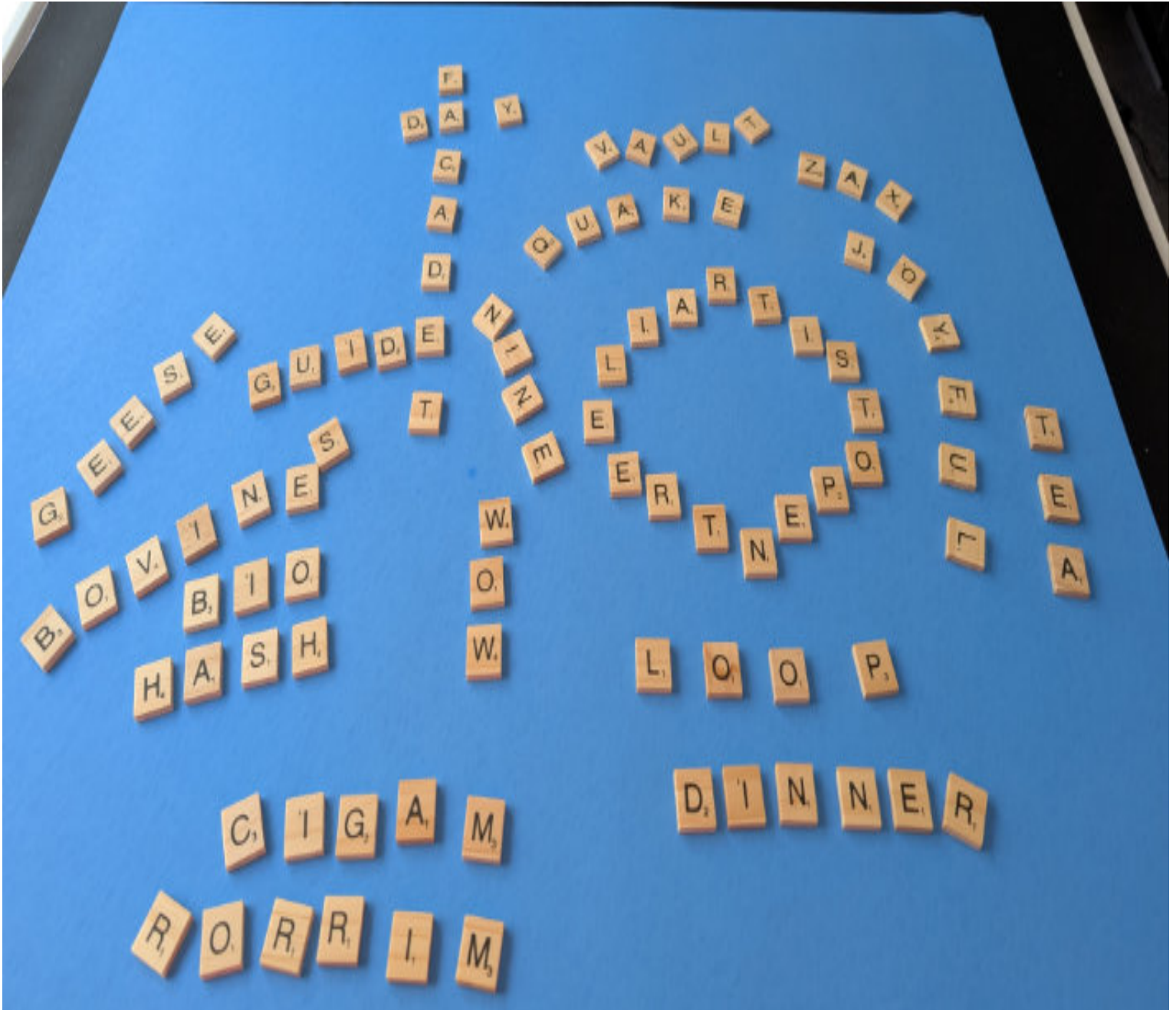
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## Spot the Difference #2

Study this image carefully. Go to next page and list all differences **without peeking**.

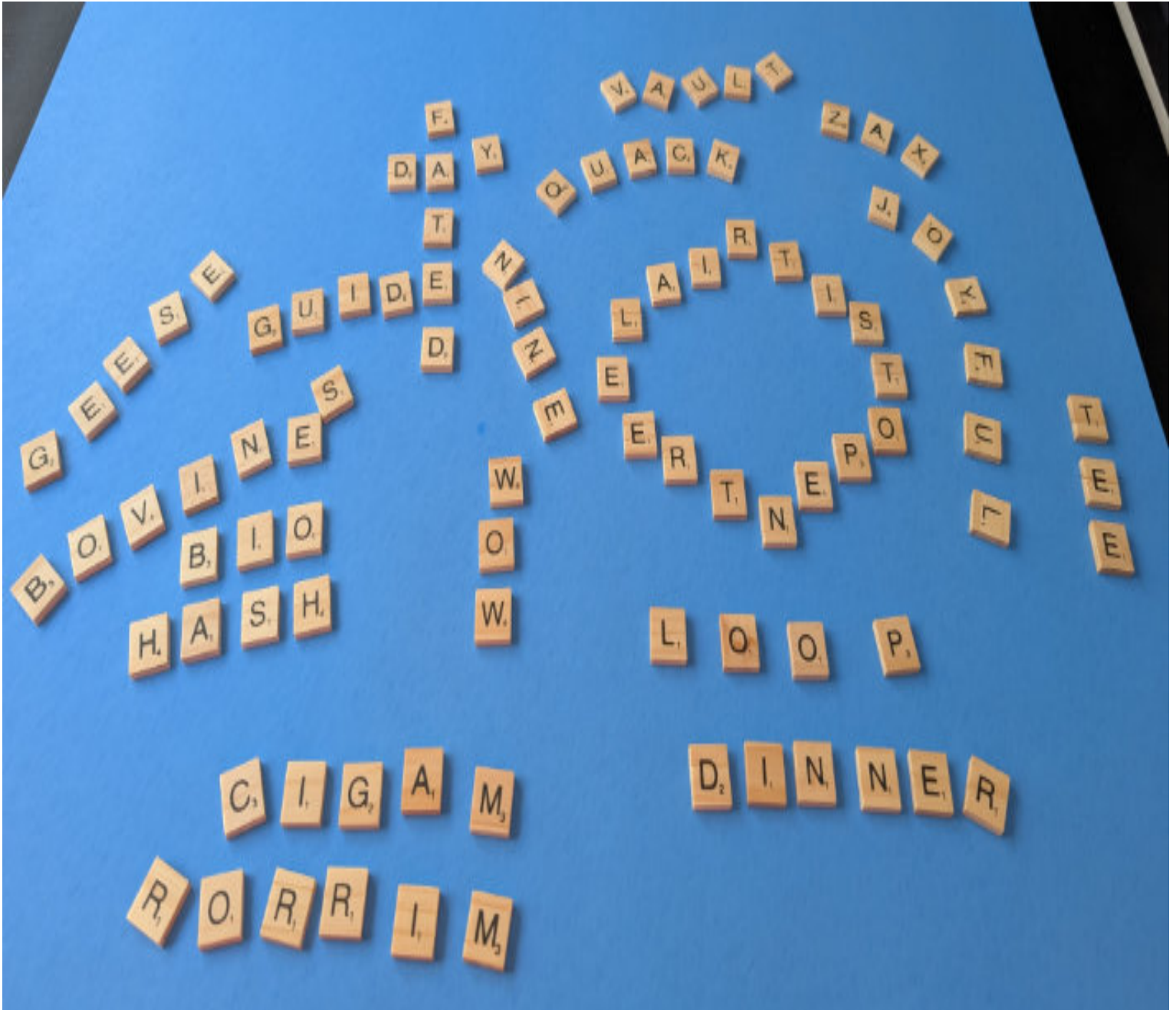
Answers are on the last page.



## Spot the Difference #2

List all differences **without peeking** at previous page.

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# Answers

## It's Not What You Think!

1. REEF
2. SLIP
3. CROWN
4. GRANNY
5. SQUARE
6. DIAMOND
7. OVERHAND
8. CONSTRICTOR

These are all types of knots.

## Small World

|               |           |            |
|---------------|-----------|------------|
| diminutive    | miniature | tiny       |
| infinitesimal | minuscule | undersized |
| Lilliputian   | minute    | wee        |
| little        | petite    |            |
| microscopic   | puny      |            |
| mini          | slight    |            |

1. Arcadia, an idealized pastoral region
2. Ariel, a spirit character in *The Tempest*
3. chthonic, relating to the underworld or the deep earth
4. diaphanous, sheer and light enough to be almost transparent
5. Elysium, a place of ideal happiness in classical mythology
6. evanescent, fading quickly from sight or memory
7. filigree, delicate ornamental work in fine threadlike lines
8. gossamer, a very light thin fabric or something airy
9. jejune, dull or intellectually shallow
10. Lethe, the river of forgetfulness in Greek myth
11. Mnemosyne, the personification of memory in Greek myth
12. Orpheus, the legendary musician of Greek myth
13. penurious, extremely stingy or poor
14. rarefied, refined, exalted, or thinly dispersed
15. Titania, the fairy queen in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

## Pulse-pounding Sighting

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| 27 | A | P  | I  | C | A | L  |   |    | 28 | R | I | L | E  |   |   |   |   |    |   |
| 29 | P | O  | T  | A | T | O  |   |    | 30 | K | A | M | E  |   |   |   |   |    |   |
| 31 | S | T  | Y  | L | E | S  |   |    | 32 | S | N | A | P  |   |   |   |   |    |   |

## Spot The Difference #1

The top group has eleven rows, the bottom group has 10.

## Spot The Difference #2

1. FACADET became DEFEATED  
(word chain: façade / cadet)
2. QUAKE became QUACK
3. LAIR became LIAR
4. TEA became TEE

*Pat yourself on the back if you noticed these:*

5. The upside-down I's became right-side up (point values)  
(GUIDE, BOVINES, BIO, "CIGAM" and DINNER)
6. The second photograph has two fewer tiles

*You get a standing ovation if you noticed these:*

7. The missing tiles are A, A
8. The Wheel of Words is no longer valid, because AIRTEST is not a word. In the first photograph, you can read words clockwise by sharing one or more end letters of each word: **liar**, **artist**, **stop**, **open**, **entrée**, **reel** (or **eel**); in the second photograph, the chain breaks because of **lair**.

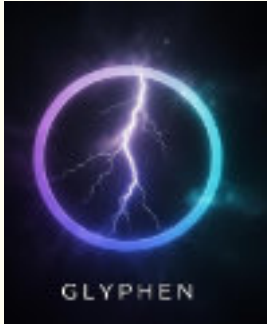
While these aren't differences, did you notice:  
*every* letter, from A to Z is used at least once;  
CIGAM RORRIM is MAGIC MIRROR spelled backwards?



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