

The Guide Words Game

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NOTE: Guide words are the two words atop a dictionary page that tell you the first and last entries on that page—but when read together they often sound like real expressions rather than two unconnected words. The nine pairs in this puzzle are from a Merriam Webster's Collegiate, Tenth Edition (2002).

ACROSS

- 1 Drinks to excess
- 6 Knight-time protection
- 11 Walks
- 17 n. *Slang* a microscope
- 20 Trollop
- 21 n. *Slang* a tourist who visits ancient ruins and illegally takes a piece home as a souvenir
- 23 Fast but not too fast
- 25 Evaluate visually
- 26 They may be mortal
- 28 Remodeled Clay?
- 29 Enzyme ending
- 30 "You ___ fair and square"
- 32 Used a certain club
- 34 Proud folks?
- 38 n. *Slang* nickname for a person carrying a rifle
- 40 Org. in 007 novels
- 42 Psych finish
- 43 Certain assents
- 44 Lose strength
- 45 Copycat
- 47 Spanish street
- 50 Vocal gift?
- 53 n. *Slang* social skill that one uses only on weekends
- 59 Hubbub
- 61 Stutz Bearcat contemporary
- 62 Fiber-___ cable
- 63 Big-cat hybrid
- 64 n. *Slang* the art of negotiating and eating at the same time
- 70 Nebraska city
- 71 Sajak's centerpiece
- 72 In favor of, to Jethro
- 73 Paris dance
- 74 n. *Slang* a form of government in which the people only think they're in charge
- 80 CIA progenitor
- 81 Essential viewing, e.g.
- 82 ___ facto
- 83 Singer Redding
- 86 Lens holders
- 88 Family member
- 90 Dots in the ocean
- 92 n. *Slang* a scrappy style of court play popularized by Jimmy Connors
- 98 Refined sense
- 99 Where to hang your hat, perhaps
- 100 World of wagers
- 101 Journalist Nellie
- 103 Spartans' sch.
- 104 Former Bond

DOWN

- 1 Recipe abbr.
- 2 Andy's fishin' partner
- 3 It means "many"
- 4 Whodunit first name
- 5 Popular restaurant fish
- 6 Tell's target
- 7 Agitate
- 8 Sugarloaf, for one: abbr.
- 9 Needing no Rx
- 10 Fixes, as leftovers
- 11 Laotian neighbor
- 12 Customer
- 13 Editing evidence
- 14 Second choice: abbr.
- 15 Conductor Antal
- 16 Hot
- 18 Ladies of Sp.
- 19 ___-car
- 22 Fa introducers
- 24 Course of events
- 27 Kasparov's 16
- 30 Port of Iraq
- 31 Center's opening?
- 33 Superstation letters
- 34 Calif. is on it
- 35 "What ___ bid?"
- 36 Some ads
- 37 Part of town
- 38 Like most college dorms
- 39 Colombian city
- 41 Actor Rutger
- 46 Venture: abbr.
- 47 Drive participants
- 48 Enthusiastic
- 49 Graph points
- 50 PC storage units
- 51 Betel palm
- 52 Emerald, basically
- 54 A U.S. dept.
- 55 Bumpkins
- 56 Celerity
- 57 Plant life
- 58 Intent
- 59 Dead as ___
- 60 Small change
- 65 Madame ___, Vietnam War figure
- 66 Grain beards
- 67 Converse
- 68 Sgt.'s charges
- 69 "Vive ___!"
- 75 Come to America
- 76 Kick out
- 77 Half note, to Elgar
- 78 Chooses
- 79 Pop flavor
- 84 Addams Family cousin
- 85 Helmsman's dir.
- 86 Thwack
- 87 Skimmer over frozen lakes
- 88 "... who's naughty ___"
- 89 *Siete* minus *seis*
- 91 Slender and pointed, in botany
- 92 Vampire's hideout
- 93 Guarantee
- 94 Queasiness
- 95 A mi. has 1,760
- 96 Singer Braxton
- 97 "Holy-moly!"
- 101 Beatty-Bening film
- 102 Role in *The Mod Squad*
- 105 Frankfurt's river
- 106 Junior high subj.
- 107 Pecan or walnut
- 108 Control on old color TV
- 109 In the old days
- 111 Weigh-in abbr.
- 113 Resistance unit
- 114 Notorious N-site in Pa.
- 115 Fritz Lang's lang.

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