

word - from nine letters right down to a single letter. What is the original word, and what are the words that it becomes after removing one letter at a time?

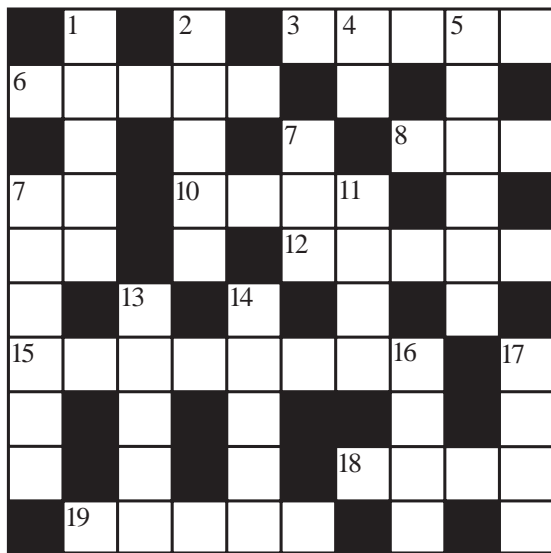
B.

1. What letter of the alphabet is an insect?
2. What letter is a part of the head?
3. What letter is a drink?
4. What letter is a body of water?

(Check below for the answers.)

Crossword: Animal crossword!

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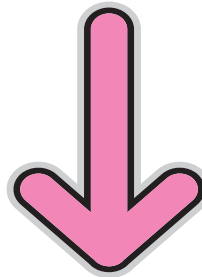
19. The "ship of the desert".

CLUES DOWN

1. African animal with one horn; short form
2. Plural of goose
4. Male of "cow"
5. Humanoid animal
7. Domestic animal that loves milk
9. Synonym of "vipers" in England
14. World's largest animal
11. The king of animals
16. Animal similar to a frog
13. Striped horse
17. Beautiful animal of forest and mountain its meat is called "venison"

References:

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Crossword: <http://linguapress.com>
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CLUES ACROSS

3. Small creatures with no legs; they live in the ground.
6. Animals which produce wool
8. Insect, hard-working, it is said.
10. Marine mammal sometimes killed for its skin.
12. Big cat with stripes.
15. Animal with a trunk.
18. Fairly similar to a rabbit, but with longer legs.

Answers to the Funny Riddles:

- A. The base word is startling, continuing to starting - staring - string - sting - sing - sin - in - I.
- B.
1. B. (bee)
 2. I. (eye)
 3. T. (tea)
 4. C. (sea)

Websites / Weblogs

One of the sections we introduced in our No. 109 issue was Website/Weblogs. Remember? We asked you to invite all English teachers of the country to visit your websites/weblogs. Now, we have the first weblog introduced by Mr. Mohammad Ahmadvand. I paid a visit and noticed that although it has recently been created, the admin is quite active and energetic! The links they have provided are specifically interesting! Here is the description:

www.egn4.blogfa.com

This weblog belongs to the English Group of District 4 of Isfahan. You can find plenty of useful materials here, including teaching tips, jokes, poems, riddles, songs, games, etc. We are proud to have a very rich list of useful links which address different people of different ages. The subjects of these links range from free teaching and learning websites, to different dictionaries for PCs and cell phones, to different test samples and lesson plans, to useful Ministry of Education websites for Iranian teachers, and different general knowledge websites for interested people: websites introducing facts about English speaking countries, weather forecasts, downloadable tools for teachers, short stories, downloadable life style books, a 3-D trip to the space, APA formatting, etc. We will be glad to be your host and read your comments.

The Head of the English Group of District 4 in Isfahan, Mr. Mohammad Ahmadvand

Jokes

Patient

A man goes to the doctor and says, "Doctor, wherever I touch, it hurts."

The doctor asks, "What do you mean?"

The man says, "When I touch my shoulder, it really hurts. If I touch my knee - OUCH! When I touch my forehead, it really, really hurts."

The doctor says, "I know what's wrong with you - you've broken your finger!"

Elephant

A: Why are you crying?

B: The elephant is dead.

A: Was he your pet?

B: No, but I'm the one who must dig his grave.

Dollar

Teacher: Why are you late?

Student: There was a man who lost a hundred dollar bill.

Teacher: That's nice. Were you helping him look for it?

Student: No. I was standing on it.

Teaching Tips: "Teach Communifectively"

It seems that communifective teaching has found some advocates! Many of you emailed me and acknowledged! Thank YOU! I'm very proud of your nice words, but it's just the beginning! For this issue, due to space limitations, Teaching Tips will be brief. We'd like to invite you all to send us Your Teaching Tips: Email us your suggestions of teaching communifectively the new English books. Your suggestions will be published under Teaching Tips section and of course under your own name! Do not hesitate! (azimi.hz@gmail.com) ☺

Funny Riddles

A. There is a common English word that is nine letters long. Each time you remove a letter from it, it still remains an English

Example:

Hannah and Jack are married and have a twelve year old daughter named Nicole. Hannah is trying to help Nicole with her English homework. Nicole doesn't care about school. She just wants to go playing soccer with her friends. Hannah becomes angry and finally lets Nicole go.

"Nicole just doesn't understand how important school is. She just wants to play," Hannah tells Jack.

- "She'll understand someday. But right now, you have to remember that **you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink**. When she wants to do better, she will ask for your help. You can't force her to learn."

- "I guess you're right, but I don't like it."

You can lead a horse to water, but you can't



Idiom

"A frog in someone's throat"

Meaning:

If you have a frog in your throat, you have a sore throat, or your throat is dry, and have difficulty speaking because you want to cough.

Examples:

1. In a speech contest last year, she suddenly got a frog in her throat and had a hard time speaking.

2. A: Why don't you sing with us in our next concert this Friday?

B: I wish I could, but I caught a cold and have a frog in the throat.



A frog in the throat

No Comment!



Any idea!? Share with us! (azimi.hz@gmail.com)

HINT: This cartoon illustrates (and of course makes fun of) excessive use of technology by today's students.

Mr. Ahmadvand sent us his comment on our cartoon published in ETFun no. 109. Remember those animals (elephant, monkey, fish, etc.) who had to climb a tree as their test!? Without further explanation, here is his comment:

"First, I want to say that sometimes "laws" or "rules" are two-sided swords; they can cut the bad things or, if used carelessly or if misused, the good things. If rules are not made carefully considering different aspects of an issue, they may change into useless tools to enforce any effect, or even they may prove harmful. Secondly, this cartoon reminds me of the fact that a teacher should consider students' different learning styles and abilities when teaching or testing; every teaching, learning, and testing situation is unique and the teacher must take care of these subtle differences."

Mohammad Ahmadvand, Isfahan, District 4

Proverb

"You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink."

Meaning:

You can give someone the opportunity to learn or to do something, but you can never force him to accept that opportunity.



English through Fun

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The Note

Hello everyone! Nowrooz is on its way! Plenty of cookies, guests, and free time! And yes: free time! Time to look back and evaluate the past year. Have we tried to make a change? Have we learned (and taught!) something new? Have I been a better person? Lucky and Happy he who replies "Yes!" I wish you all a great Nowrooz!

Quotable Quotes

"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way."

- **Frank Smith**, *Contemporary psycholinguist*

"Learn everything you can, anytime you can, from anyone you can; there will

always come a time when you will be grateful you did."

- **Sarah Caldwell** (1924-2006),
American opera conductor and impresario

"To have another language is to possess a second soul."

- **Charlemagne** (742-814), *European King*

"Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going."

- **Rita Mae Brown** (1944-), *American writer*

"Language is the archives of history."

- **Ralph Waldo Emerson** (1803-1882),
American essayist, lecturer, and poet