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**Cryptic crossword:**

A cryptic crossword is a crossword puzzle in which each clue is a word puzzle in and of itself. Example:

“Somewhere to go and watch endlessly(3)”

Answer: Loo (bathroom, watch = look, loo = look without the end)

**XYZs:**

6 words, all of which have a set of 3 letters - "XYZ" - in common, but at different positions.

When you figure out the words you'll find XYZ. Example:

XYZ _ _ _ _ _	- ORAL PROSTHETIC
_ XYZ _ _ _ _	- RECOGNIZE
_ _ XYZ _ _ _	- APPENDIX
_ _ _ XYZ _ _	- LADY LIKE
_ _ _ _ XYZ _	- CHEEKY
_ _ _ _ _ XYZ	- ENCOURAGE

Answers : **D**entures, **i**dentify, **add**endum, **maiden**ly, **impudent**, **embolden**

**Rotagrams:**

A puzzle where the columns are rotated independently. The first and last column are fixed and each row gives one full word. Example:

C	O	E	H	O	A	I	C
F	A	R	Q	U	L	N	T
M	R	T	T	G	E	G	E

Answers: catholic, frequent, mortgage

**Russian Dolls:**

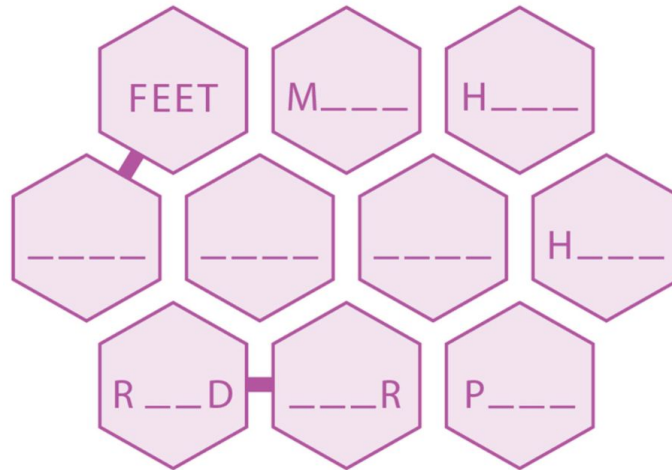
Russian doll puzzles resemble the famous russian dolls that fit within each other. Here, a word is placed inside another word to form a third word. The clue is read as "Place the first word within the second word to create the third". Example:

average > arrive = evaluate

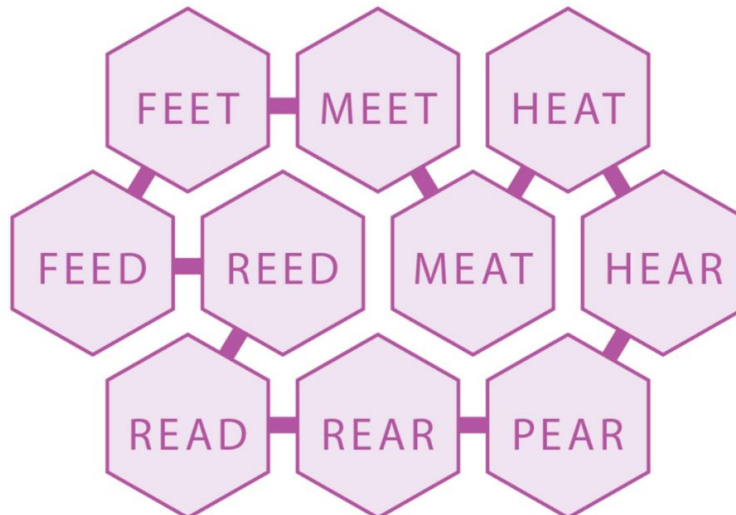
Answer: compare ("par" is within the word "come")

**Word worms:**

From wherever you start (hint: it's probably easiest to start at the top left), join the hexagons by creating a new word that is only one letter different from where you started. Each hexagon must connect to exactly two adjacent hexagons. Example:



Answer:

**Addagrams :**

Addagrams are a puzzle, a paragraph with blanks, in which the smallest blank is filled first and then a letter is added to that word and when jumbled, gives another word and so on.

Example:

I'm trying to \_\_\_\_ (5) how addagrams work. The \_\_\_\_ (4) in  
Chennai might make it hard to concentrate but this is important if  
you want to solve and win \_\_\_\_ (3) competition

Answer: the, heat, teach

**Midwords:**

Pair of words in which first one's last N number of letters and second's first N number of letters are the same. Example:

CU\_\_\_\_\_SOME(6)

Answer: cumber ( cucumber, cumbbersome)

**Ditloids :**

A ditloid is a type of word puzzle, in which a phrase, quotation, date, or fact must be deduced from the numbers and abbreviated letters in the clue. Example:

2 P in a P

Answer: two peas in a pod

**Tom Swifties:**

A Tom Swifty is a phrase in which a quoted sentence is linked by a pun to the manner in which it is attributed. Example:

"Pass me another chip" said Tom \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: crisply