

Puzzle 353 – Before-And-Aftergrams (Hardest Version)

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Below you will find twenty sets of three words each, split into two on the left and one on the right. Each of these split-up sets of three words are anagrams of two other words, but with a twist: one of the words on the right is the end of one word and the start of another, and the two given words are anagrams of the remaining letters of the two words. To best illustrate how to solve the puzzle, I'll explain how I formed each set of three words from the word pairs – your object as a solver is to match the given word pairs on the left to a word on the right and restore each original word pair. The word **ADO** ends the word **AVOCADO** and starts the word **ADORABLE**. I blended the word pair together to make **AVOC(ADO)RABLE**. The letters outside the parentheses, **AVOCRABLE**, can be rearranged into the words **VOCAL BEAR**. So, you would be given **VOCAL BEAR** on the left, and you as the solver would find that the word **ADO** somewhere in the right column goes with **VOCAL BEAR** to form **AVOCADO** and **ADORABLE**. Restore each of the twenty original pairs of words by matching each of these sets together and anagramming the result; **note that the words on the right are not necessarily in the same row as their associated phrases!** As a slight hint, the "common" word does not form a compound word with either of the two other words. For example, if **HOUSE** were the word on the right, the words formed could not be "townhouse" or "housebroken".

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| 1. CLEAR PROS | _____ | ANTIC |
| 2. REAL SPUR | _____ | ASSES |
| 3. GAIN MOSS | _____ | AVER |
| 4. ILL GRANITE | _____ | BOUT |
| 5. SHY TAMER | _____ | DISH |
| 6. SEEMLY GENT | _____ | FLED |
| 7. SAILOR SPIT | _____ | HOOT |
| 8. LUNGING FUR | _____ | LATE |
| 9. TETANUS LOON | _____ | MATE |
| 10. UNIQUE ART | _____ | MINES |
| 11. MINTY MICA | _____ | OVERT |
| 12. TOE DIVES | _____ | PAGE |
| 13. NEXT RAKE | _____ | PENT |
| 14. COY EPITAPHS | _____ | PORT |
| 15. SODA BROOK | _____ | REIGN |
| 16. NOSE RING | _____ | ROCK |
| 17. TINIER LIQUORS | _____ | SING |
| 18. STONY TRAP | _____ | SOLE |
| 19. HEAT TRANSITION | _____ | TORE |
| 20. CANNERY PANS | _____ | VENT |