

# THE THREE HORSEMEN Solutions: LOQUATS, SUAVELY, NEBBISHES

Each letter string must be parsed as a clue by inserting spaces as needed and determining the transformation(s) applied to the clue. Applying that same transformation to the clue answer will yield, in each case, a new word or words that might follow some subset of "white", "red", and "black" in phrase usage (the exact subset is indicated by the color combination assigned to the clue). Each of these 24 answers has had two letters replaced by Y or N -- thus the 48 questions alluded to in the flavor text -- though in some cases it's a Y or N that has been "replaced". For each color, each of the 26 letters of the alphabet is assigned either a Y(es) or N(o), with the number of Yesses matching the enumeration in parentheses for that color. The answer word for each color is the only word that can be made from those letters and no others (in the case of Black, repeating those letters as necessary).

SUFFUSED WITH THE TASTE OF THE FUNGUS THAT CAUSES LOAVES TO RISE = YEASTY    S --> N    YEANTY    BEAUTY

IN A WAY THAT'S KIND, POLITE, GENIAL, REFINED, CORDIAL OR DELICATE = NICELY    I --> LOOD    NLOODCELY    BLOOD CELL

STYLE OF PIPE APPROPRIATE FOR FROSTY THE SNOWMAN = CORNCOB    3rd-last letter deleted; + LLY before R    COLLYRNOB    COLLAR JOB

TRACK ELEVEN ON AVRIL LAVIGNE'S *GOODBYE LULLABYE* ALBUM = DARLIN'    3rd letter shifted seven places    DAYLIN    DAHLIA

JOURNALIST SAWYER OR PHOTOGRAPHER ARBUS = DIANE    last letter --> O; 2nd-last letter added twice to end    DIANONN    DIAMOND

MARY CHASE PLAY IN WHICH ELWOOD HAS A CHUM WHO'S A GHOSTLY HARE = HARVEY    H --> DN    DNARVEY    DWARVES

EIGHT LETTER NAME FOR VARIOUS VEGETATION, ESPECIALLY GENUS LOLIUM SPECIES PERENNE = RYEGRASS    first letter --> E; S-->Y    EYEGRAYY    EYE GRAY

*STAR TREK* HUMANOID WITH A RIDGED FOREHEAD SUCH AS LIEUTENANT WORF = KLINGON    first letter --> F; +N in third position; + F before O    FLNINGFON  
FLYING FOX

COOK BEANS AS IN MEXICAN CUISINE = REFRY    first letter --> P; place after 3rd letter in sequence of presidents    GRAPEFRYNT    GRAPEFRUIT

THREE STOOGES LAUGH SYLLABLE = NYUK    last letter --> first; insert reversed UK nation before last    NYUSELAWN    HOUSE LAWN

CAPTURING AND TIEING LIVESTOCK USING A LASSO OR LARIAT = ROPING    prepend N; reverse; G --> U; O --> Y    NUNIPYR    JUNIPER

TYPICAL FINAL INNING OR BEETHOVEN'S CHORAL SYMPHONY = NINTH    double first letter; reverse last two    NNINHT    KNIGHT

PASSENGER SHIP OR RECORD ALBUM INSERT = LINER    triple second bigram    LINENENER    LINE FEVER

ELEMENT BETWEEN OXYGEN AND NEON IN THE PERIODIC TABLE = FLUORINE    delete first letter; + IN after second    LINUORINE    LIQUORICE

COLLOQUIALLY, LIKE SUPERSTANTIAL MEGAMERICAN ABE PER COLBERT = LINCOLNISH    COL --> ARD    LINARDNISH    LIZARDEFISH

ROSEANNE BARR'S SITCOM CHARACTER'S SURNAME = CONNER    reverse first bigram; + B before E    OCNNBER    OCTOBER

INK AND OINKERS GO IN ONE = PEN    double    PENPEN    PEPPER

FAMILIAR ALTERNATE TERM FOR CONJUNCTIVITIS = PINKEYE    insert "swamp" word + C before last letter    PINKEYFENCE    PICKET FENCE

ECHIDNAS ARE SOMETIMES CALLED THIS KIND OF ANTEATER = SPINY    append CN    SPINYCN    SPINACH

INSTRUMENT-INSPIRED PLAYSTATION 2 FRANCHISE'S SECOND INSTALLMENT = GUITAR HERO II    delete first trigram; I --> Y    TARHEROYY    TAR HEROIN

SURNAME OF JUSTICE THAT REPLACED SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR ON THE SUPREME COURT = ALITO    reverse; delete O; +NYU after T    TNYUILA    TEQUILA

RABBIT MATERIAL IN A MARGERY WILLIAMS BOOK = VELVETEEN    2nd-last letter --> last letter; + IS    VELVETENNIS    VELVET ELVIS

PEJORATIVE TERM REFFERING TO AN UNBELIEVER ESPECIALLY TO A MOSLEM = INFIDEL    4th letter --> AN; prepend N    NINFANDEL  
ZINFANDEL