

ANUBIS SOLUTION – A MATTER OF A PINION

The examples shown weighed against FEATHER demonstrate how the weighting works: each letter in an answer weighs one unit, and the arrow tips to the heavier side by the difference between the two totals.

The examples also demonstrate what words should be balanced against each other. Each contains a hidden word (KIDDIE TAX, STAR VEHICLE, COLLEGE STUDENTS, M-WAVE HIGH SPEED RINK) that is the opposite of a word hidden in FEATHER.

Among the list of puzzle answers, WINDOW FASTENERS also contains an opposite to EAT. Weighing it against FEATHER tips the needle to 8 on the WINDOW FASTENERS side, indicating the A from that answer. Next, add PLUM BLOSSOMS to the left, as it is the opposite of WINDOW FASTENERS; the total weight on both sides now causes the needle to tip to 4 on the left, indicating the M.

Continue chaining pairs of opposites and using the needle position to index into them, as shown below, to spell out the answer phrase A MATTER OF A PINION.

TOTAL		BALANCE				TOTAL	INDEXED	OPPOSITE PAIR
7	7	FEATHER						
			8>	WINDOW FASTENERS	15	15	A	EAT / FAST
19	12	PLUM BLOSSOMS	<4				M	LOSS / WIN
			10>	CLEANING LADIES	14	29	A	PLUMB / LEANING
35	16	SEVENTH DIMENSION	<6				T	MEN / LADIES
			5>	PLAY THROUGH	11	40	T	EVEN / ROUGH
45	10	DONKEY WORK	<5				E	WORK / PLAY
			6>	CLOCK RADIOS	11	51	R	KEY / LOCK
56	11	HELL ON EARTH	<5				O	HELLO / ADIOS
			8>	CHICKEN FARMER	13	64	F	NEAR / FAR
66	10	PASSED AWAY	<2				A	PASSE / CHIC
			9>	TAKE-HOME PAY	11	75	P	AWAY / HOME
77	11	GIVEN THE NOD	<2				I	GIVE / TAKE
			8>	DRIVEN SNOW	10	85	N	THEN / NOW
88	11	BRIGHT SPARK	<3				I	PARK / DRIVE
			7>	WRONGDOERS	10	95	O	RIGHT / WRONG
99	11	PAINT BUCKET	<4				N	BUCK / DOE