

Bass-O-Matic






SNL (see intro)

This is the metapuzzle for the Saturday Night Live module. To solve it, you need answers to the five puzzles in this module, which are named Celebrity Jeopardy!, Colon Blow, etc.

Step 1: Solve the five encoded clues below. You don't need any module puzzle answers for this step. If you're not familiar with this puzzle type, see page 2.

Celebrity Jeopardy!	BANCETHASEPERFORMECELASSECHRISTMARE	(5 words)
Colon Blow	AKEMOFCLOKHANGWAKHSLEEVES	(5 words)
Jon Bovi	COTFIINSORTFIPATFIPERMOTFINEY	(4 words)
The Californians	PREUPIDENTCLEUPELANDSFIRUPTNAMUP	(4 words)
Tom Brokaw Pre-Tapes	OBJECVYTHAVYKEEPVYVYBOAVYIVYPLACVY	(7 words)

Step 2: Now, you *do* need answers to this module's puzzles. Put them in the blanks below, using the information from step 1 to tell you which answer goes in which row.

	_____
	A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6 A7 A8 A9
	_____
	C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8 C9
	_____
	G1 G2 G3 G4 G5 G6 G7 G8 G9
	_____
	S1 S2 S3 S4 S5 S6 S7 S8 S9
	_____
	W1 W2 W3 W4 W5 W6 W7 W8 W9

Step 3: Blend together the five answers from step 2 by copying their letters here:

_____ (4 words)

W4 C9 A1 W5 S7 C4 W2 G8 S8 C5 G7 W8 A6 S5 G5 C2 S6 A7 G3 C7 A3 S4

_____ (5 words)

G4 C1 A2 G6 C6 W1 G9 A5 W9 S3 W3 A4 W6 S2 S9 A9 C3 S1 C8 G1

Step 4: Solve the two encoded clues you built in step 3 to get the answer to the following question. The two clues use two different word-transformation rules.

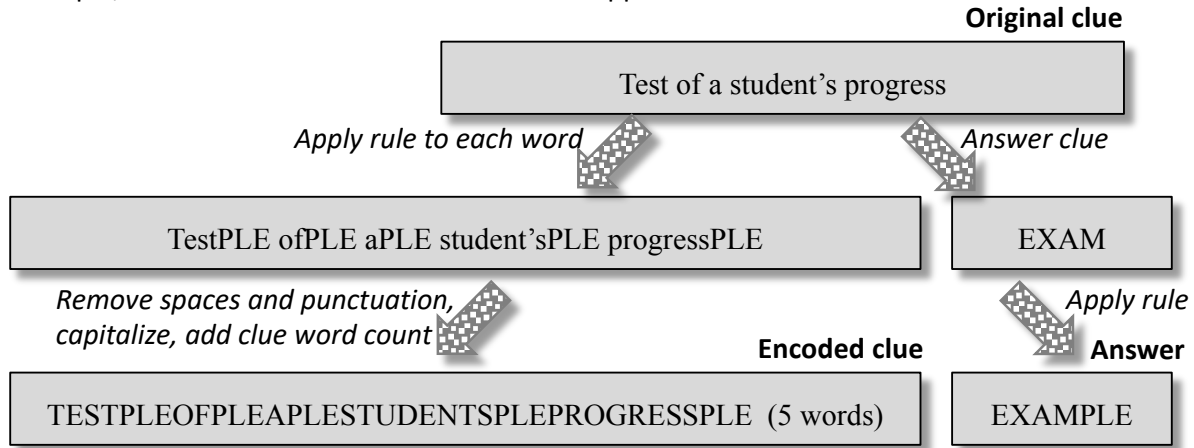
What can you make with a Bass-O-Matic? _____

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If you're already familiar with this type of puzzle, you can safely ignore this entire page.

From each encoded clue, work backward to derive the original clue and the word-transformation rule applied to the clue. Then, answer the clue and apply the rule to get the final answer.

For example, here the word-transformation rule is “append PLE to end”:



Note that you have to derive the rule by reasoning *in reverse*. After all, you're given the encoded clue, where the rule has already been applied to each word.

It can be helpful, when solving, to look for repeating patterns, then use them to pencil-in slashes where you think the likely word breaks are. For example:

TESTPLE/~~OF~~PLE/~~AP~~LE/~~ST~~UDENTSPLE/~~PRO~~GRESSPLE (5 words)

Rules can involve all sorts of transformations. Here are some examples of rules and what they do to the word ORIGINAL:

Replace the last letter with Z	ORIGINAZ
Move the first two letters to the end	IGINALOR
Shift the third letter forward two spaces in the alphabet	ORKGINAL
Swap the first and last letters	LRIGINAO
Reverse all but the first letter	OLANIGIR
Delete all vowels except the first	ORGNL
Change each I to AT	ORATGATNAL

A rule can involve two or more transformations, like:

Replace the first letter with A and the last letter with Z	ARIGINAZ
Delete each I, then move the first letter to the end	RGNALO
Delete the third letter, add an M to the front, and replace each A with EN	MORGINENL