

Local Wildlife Solution

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1	BAMBI + U + SUSHI + ONE – BISON – IE	BAMBIUSUSHIONE
2	CAR + R + DAY – CD	CARRDAY
3	K + T + BENZENE – KNEE + HAND – H – TEN	KTBENZENEHAND
4	C + BALLOON – CAN + AT + G – LOG	CBALLOONATG
5	PEN + GUN – N + FIN – F	PENGUNFIN
6	CRAB + LASH – L + T – BAT	CRABLASHT
7	GO + DRILL – D + A	GODRILLA
8	CROSS + I + RING – R	CROSSIRING
9	RAG – G + CHIN – C + TOE – AT	RAGCHINTOE
10	F + WOOL + DOPEY – FLY + CAKE + RR – OAR	FWOOLDOPEYCAKERR
11	TUB – B + RAKE – A + Y	TUBRAKEY
12	T + DOOR – R + W + WELL – TOWEL	TDOORWWELL
13	CUP + ELVIS – PELVIS + G + VULTURE – V + N – GUN	CUPELVISGVULTUREN
14	HEAD – A + GE + OH – O + ION – N + G	HEADGEOHIONG
15	DIE + N + DESK – INK + I + CEMENT – DIME	DINDESKICEMENT
16	S + BEACH + I + TIGER + YIELD – SHIELD + GUM + HOT – GO – EIGHT	SBEACHITIGERYIELDGUMHOT
17	N + HOSE + RED – NOSE	NHOSERED
18	T + SOX + MAID + LEAD – D – SMILE – A	TSOXMAIDLEAD
19	SHOVEL + E + DIVER – SEED + D – LID	SHOVELEDIVERD
20	LIP – P + IRON – R	LIPIRON
21	SHIP + O + POPCORN – CORN + POTASSIUM – U – SOS + X – SIX + US	SHIPOPOPCORNPOTASSIUMXUS
22	MAGNET – GE + WATERMELON – WATER – MN + PEN – N	MAGNETWATERMELONPEN
23	KNIFE – I + LA + FONT – FAN – ELF	KNIFELAFONT
24	MAZE + BRAD – MAD	MAZEBRAD
25	N + POOR + CUPID – D + NEST – NOT	NPOORCUPIDNEST
26	TWO + PAWN – TOWN + IN + DUCK – WIND – U	TWOPAWNINDUCK
27	B + PEARL + PIANO + CEMENT + H – BENCH – POE	BPEARLPIANOCEMENTH
28	T + TREE + R + DONUT – TENT – RED + T	TTREERDONUTT
29	O + CLOCK – K + BUS – B + EAST + N – OCEAN	OCLOCKBUSEASTN
30	THIGH – H + EAR + T – HAT	THIGHEART
31	B + PLATE – T + GLUE + T – BELT	BPLATEGLUET
32	WI + PRINTER – WINTER + BUCKLE + N – BUN	WIPRINTERBUCKLEN
33	M + PERIOD + W – MEOW + E	MPERIODWE
34	RAFT + ZERO – O	RAFTZERO
35	RHO + DUMBO + AT – DOT	RHODUMBOAT
36	ROOT + A + YOKE – Y + CRY + K – TACK	ROOTAYOKECRYK
37	GRAVE – G + N	GRAVEN
38	TRUNK – TR + TIN + ODD + NEWS + S + ELF – TOWEL – F	TRUNKTINODDNEWSSELF
39	BLACKWIDOW – I – BLACK + D + GOLF + E – DODGE	BLACKWIDOWDGOLFE
40	RAT + O + TILDE – I + SNAIL – OIL + O + KEG – DOG	RATOTILDESNAILOKEG

Half of the words are misspelled with extra letters. Half of the words are animals and the half are not. The non-animal words appear in alphabetical order in the puzzle.

Non-animal words

1	AMBUSH	U
2	ARRAY	
3	BAND	Z
4	BLOAT	
6	CRASH	
8	CROSSING	I
13	CULTURE	
15	DESCENT	E
17	HERD	
19	HOVER	V
23	KNOT	
26	PACK	
27	PARLIAMENT	
31	PLAGUE	
32	PRICKLE	
33	PRIDE	
34	RAFTER	Z
35	RHUMBA	O
36	ROOKERY	O
38	UNKINDNESS	D

Animals

5	PENGUIN	
7	GORILLA	
9	RHINO	E
10	WOODPECKER	
11	TURKEY	
12	OWL	D
14	HEDGEHOG	I
16	BACTERIUM	Y
18	TOAD	X
20	LION	I
21	HIPPOPOTAMUS	P
22	ANTELOPE	M
24	ZEBRA	
25	PORCUPINE	S
28	TROUT	
29	LOCUST	S
30	TIGER	
37	RAVEN	
39	WOLF	W
40	RATTLESNAKE	

The two groups of words are related. The non-animal words are the term for a group of a particular kind of animal. When pairing the two together, each pair has only one extra letter.

AMBUSH	TIGER	U
ARRAY	HEDGEHOG	I
BAND	GORILLA	Z
BLOAT	HIPPOPOTAMUS	P
CRASH	RHINO	E
CROSSING	ZEBRA	I
CULTURE	BACTERIUM	Y
DESCENT	WOODPECKER	E
HERD	ANTELOPE	M
HOVER	TROUT	V
KNOT	TOAD	X
PACK	WOLF	W
PARLIAMENT	OWL	D
PLAGUE	LOCUST	S
PRICKLE	PORCUPINE	S
PRIDE	LION	I
RAFTER	TURKEY	Z
RHUMBA	RATTLESNAKE	O
ROOKERY	PENGUIN	O
UNKINDNESS	RAVEN	D

After alphabetizing the pairs based on the animals, the extra letters reveal a message.



HERD	ANTELOPE	M
CULTURE	BACTERIUM	Y
BAND	GORILLA	Z
ARRAY	HEDGEHOG	I
BLOAT	HIPPOPOTAMUS	P
PRIDE	LION	I
PLAGUE	LOCUST	S
PARLIAMENT	OWL	D
ROOKERY	PENGUIN	O
PRICKLE	PORCUPINE	S
RHUMBA	RATTLESNAKE	O
UNKINDNESS	RAVEN	D
CRASH	RHINO	E
AMBUSH	TIGER	U
KNOT	TOAD	X
HOVER	TROUT	V
RAFTER	TURKEY	Z
PACK	WOLF	W
DESCENT	WOODPECKER	E
CROSSING	ZEBRA	I

The message reads MY ZIP IS 20252. There is only one resident in the United States ZIP code 20252, and that is **SMOKEY BEAR**.