

Puzzle #9: Words That Win 🕒

Below are twelve groups of words. A perceptive player will figure out the correct way to complete each group using one of the words from the list at the bottom of the page (i.e. a different word from the list will complete each group). After that, a secret message may be extracted. Submitting the answer to that message will earn your team 1000 Points. The first team to solve the puzzle will earn an extra 100 Points, the second team 50 Points, and the third team 25 additional Points.

Group 1: excellent, galaxy, orange, Georgia, betwixt, unto, ciphertext, _____ (8)

Group 2: oligarchy, taxiing, sphinx, eggnog, _____ (5)

Group 3: Middlesex, ambidexterity, orgy, Alexander, annexed, Wyoming, caribou, _____ (2)

Group 4: admixture, portmanteau, hypersexual, bicarbonate, sparrows, multiplexes, _____ (7)

Group 5: exulting, California, Texas, multiplexes, Pluto, _____ (4)

Group 6: axis, two, epsilon, radix, _____ (9)

Group 7: four, phalanx, orchestra, remixed, _____ (8)

Group 8: directrices, Xanadu, crowbars, disembowel, elixirs, _____ (1)

Group 9: Tinkertoy, asphyxiated, golf, bauxite, _____ (1)

Group 10: X-men, Joker, hexed, vertex, carrot, _____ (7)

Group 11: apex, relaxant, whom, inhibition, _____ (8)

Group 12: quincunx, oiliness, relaxant, vacation, _____ (5)

Word List

factory
pretexts
antihelix
chromium
Portland
hedgerow
antihero
x-raying
Mexicans
excitement
crucifixes
index