



Meta: A Pit into a Park

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“Ann, you beautiful tropical fish, help me out. I know how to fill in the boxes on the left, but what about the ones on the right? It seems like they correspond to completely different words. I’m awful at puzzles.”

“Don’t be so hard on yourself, Leslie. You turned a **PIT** into a **PARK**! I’m sure you can handle this.”

lines connect identical letters

- 1) Place answers in boxes on left to form clues.
- 2) Solve clues, enter answers on blanks.

CRUEL : BITING

BARKING : HOWLING

- 3) Convert IT→ARK in each answer to get a new word.

SEND MONEY : REMIT

REMARK : COMMENT

- 4) Fill in clues for those words.

POCKET BREAD : PITA

PARKA : WINTER COAT

- 5) Read numbered boxes:

LEAVE THEIR JOBS : QUIT

QUARK : ATOM PART

boxes: "IT WAS A SHOT IN THE PIT."

- 6) Convert IT→ARK one more time.

“Wow, that was a great hint, Ann! How did you know that would work?”

“Honestly?”

“ IT WAS A SHOT IN THE PARK ”