

Holmes

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Dead	L A T E	Early
Twitch	S T A R T	Stop
Evil	G O O D	Product
Delirium	H I G H	Low
Endangerer	S A F E	Vault
	SHORT	
	LONG	
	YEARN	
Plunder	E M P T Y	Full
Command	H E A D	Tail
Survive	L A S T	First
Poor	R I C H	Fatty
Topple	D O W N	Up

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Moriarty

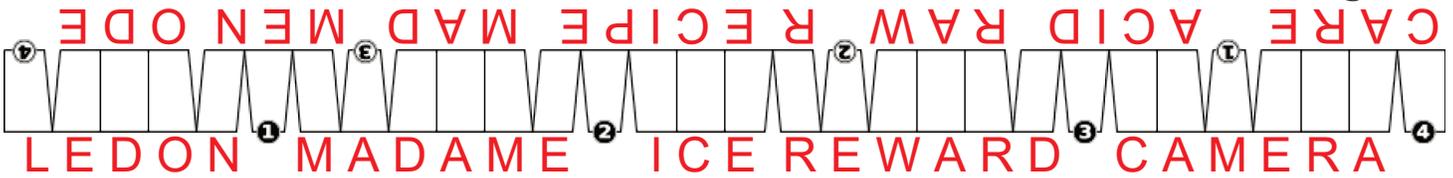
Oprah

You and your partner across the table agree about which letters go where, albeit some might be upside-down.

④ ③ ② ① ④ ③ ② ①
- - - - -



- Concern
- 1st letter of 2nd answer word
- Low pH liquid
- Not cooked
- 2nd letter of 2nd answer word
- How to cook something
- Harpo's "eccentric" trait
- 3rd letter of 2nd answer word
- The Marx Brothers were —
- Praiseful poem
- 4th letter of 2nd answer word



- Beguiled (2 words)
- 1st letter of 1st answer word
- How to address Oprah in Occitanie
- 2nd letter of 1st answer word
- Slang term for diamonds
- How to get back heist object
- 3rd letter of 1st answer word
- Oprah looks good on this
- 4th letter of 1st answer word

EPIC MEAL
① ② ③ ④ ① ② ③ ④



O'Reilly

Someone wrote words in Morse code but forgot the letter breaks. You and your teammate across the table can agree on where the breaks belong, but not the meanings of the resulting words. When you pull out the indicated letters, you'll end up with two bordering nations, the first one bigger than the second.

NEPAL

SAIL	Boat feature	••••• / ••••• / ••••• / •••••	Fish features	FINS
WAITS	Delays	••••• / ••••• / ••••• / •••••	Pain cause	STING
QUIT	Shut down	••••• / ••••• / ••••• / •••••	Clean up	TIDY
LOOP	Repeating sound	••••• / ••••• / ••••• / •••••	Vanishing sound	POOF
RISEN	Resurrected	••••• / ••••• / ••••• / •••••	Thor, e.g.	AESIR
SEWN	Stitched	••••• / ••••• / ••••• / •••••	Long time	AGES

INDIA

**INDIA NEPAL
(1ST BIGGER THAN SECOND)**

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Morse

Meta

What does "head to head" mean? If the "head" of a word is its beginning, then "head to head" of, for example, "never understand" could be "under-" + TO + "ne-" = UNDERTONE.

Way: D E T O U R
 (8) (1)

Exemplar: E P I T O M E
 (5) (7)

Say: I N T O N E
 (6) (2)

Place: M A N I T O B A
 (3) (4)

At the end of many historical confrontations, only one person...

R E M A I N E D
 (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8)

EPIC MEAL => EPI TO ME
 MANILA BAY => MANI TO BA
 URBAN DECAY => DE TO UR (This one is reversed from the puzzle answer)
 INDIA NEPAL => IN TO NE

Stanley

Finding some words in the grid, how hard can it be?

One letter in each found word is flipped upside down. That's the letter to extract for the final answer. Note, the upright unused letters in the grid spell out "IN EACH WORD ONE LETTER DIFFERS SOMEHOW" in one orientation, and "CONSIDER ORIENTATIONS" in the other.

FLIPPED TOPSYTURVY
 GYRATE TRANSFORM
 ROTATE TURNED
 SUPINE



I	N	E	N	C	E	N	W	O	R
V	O	R	U	T	S	P	O	T	
D	O	N	O	E	L	E	T	T	E
S	U	T	O	I	T	U	U	U	
E	O	R	I	F	F	T	E	I	
R	E	I	R	O	R	E	N	C	E
W	R	O	S	U	N	T	U		
I	G	Y	R	T	E	U	S	S	
R	S	S	O	M	E	N	E	O	W
U	T	I	L	E	C	O			

V
A
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E



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VANTAGE

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Livingstone