

ITEMS

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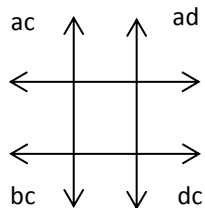
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[1] say: there is n_____ to say but
this: [TELEX] (antiquated)

[2] people still work there like drilling holes in Emmental
ch eese

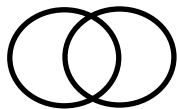
[3] plot your mental state on this grid



[4] a. eat more rice
b. *eat more rice*

[5] Ron Silliman is following you on Twitter

[6] SUN and MOON in the sky together
double space this for greater impact



[7] the blend of old/new vocab. is effective here, e.g. *how she slappeth my face for calling her Susan*

[8] that summer in the marmalade factory
even now the bitter tang of peel

[9] ideogram: *eerie portent*



[10] I was in this but later abstracted, retained as watermark

[11] Dear Mr. Jenks

I am afraid there are no plans for sex shops and/or owl sanctuaries in your area.

[12] [oo]

[13] NOTATION

used as in meteor shower:



[14] ticker:

[BREAKING]

[15] flaw is lack of CENTRAL UNIFYING THEME™
Metanarrative, e.g. progress [a > b]

[16] could be apples

● ● ●

[17] sample from the billowing cloak of Tobias Smollet

●

[18] YOU HAVE MISSED VITAL PLOT INFORMATION

[19] sample from the enraged armpit of Tobias Smollet

●

[20] at those bars they've got those bowls of peanuts
polished teeth of mythical beasts

[21] cutting her toenails at the traffic lights

scissors disguised as tuning fork

o ● o

[22] c. they gave a dog mescaline

d. they put a bird in a bowl in a cat's bedroom

[23] NO TOOLS LEFT IN THIS VEHICLE OVERNIGHT

[24] in the royal forest I would have expired if not for the
succour of a murder of crows

>x< >x<

[25] self-expression is dead



[26] e. frank.bmp

f. frank.jpg

g. frank.tif

[27] monkey » man » machine

monkey » monkey » monkey

[28] always better when oppositional, e.g. Dame Shirley
Williams on a rowing machine

[29] a belief in science does not necessarily entail a belief in
rationalism

[30] we are working outside a recognised tradition but this
in itself becomes a tradition

[31] the night the depot burned down he was unconcerned,
eating smoked cheese and liver sausage

[32] the curious flight patterns of Arctic birds:

b b

b

[33] somewhere they are ransacking cities and replicating
them in balsa wood

[34] instinctive scribble ©



[35] the reference points are inexplicable

as many as too numerous stars



[36] possible titles:

Exhausted by Vehemence and Vociferation

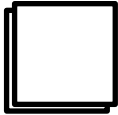
[37] she said: *get undressed while I fix us some noodles*

some men wait their lives in vain for this

[38] phum (def.?)

[39] I have long since smoked too much tobacco
[...] and the polished box is not yet empty

[40] sandwich of the day



[41] so to bed and screaming of mandrakes, as lulltide in the
secret bay

[42] the galaxa swirl through the belly

I could eat 4 or 5 of these:



[43] h. the

i. *the*

j. the

k. ~~the~~

[44] nuances: ending: [FADE]

[45] sketch towards the invention of a wine glass:



- [46]** possible titles:
The Indubitable Significance of Pickled Herring
- [47]** alone (in)
- [48]** affiliations:
- | | |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Muggletonians | (1651 – 1654) |
| Paris Communards | (1871 – 1872) |
| Tesco Club Card | (1996 – 2002; 2003 -) |
- [49]** possible titles:
Whelks (1 – 19)
- [50]** the clear steady light of a unifying idea
> o <
- [51]** data collection benchmarks:
- 0%
 - 100%
- [52]** what exactly is this *about*?
- [53]** s ound could [?]
- [54]** there is nothing wrong with “entertainment”

[55] *Pollock*

- i. it is not going well for Jackson Pollock
- ii. it is all going well for Jackson Pollock
- iii. it is all going too much well for Jackson Pollock
- iv. it is not going well for Jackson Pollock
- v. Jackson Pollock is dead



[56] possible titles:

More Light Shining in Buckinghamshire

[57] ideogram: *ruined prospects*



[58] Jan Venegor of Hesselink is following you on Twitter

[59] phum (noun)

[60] life as a collaborative project, like how they built that house with lolly sticks

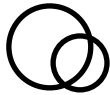


[61] if it ma ke you u feel better, imagine it *sotto voce*

[62] lack of interest without possibility of conquest
the honeyed flesh of Ian St. John

[63] inequality: cat/human/dog

[64] the clockwork mechanism of the universe



[65] sample from the minor contusions of Joe Pasquale



[66] recommend a HI NRG style

e.g. Napoleon Bonaparte at an aquafit session

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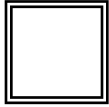
[67] alternative numbering systems:

1. 
2.  x 2

[68] days on the island:

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[69] MAGIC EYE



[70] idea: allowed to decay (classic definition)



[71] at night the beasts by the wi-fi hotspot

((|))

[72] phum-*med* (v.)

[73] spenk (archaic)

[74] missing not *act* but *aesthetic*: how the stem is held and questioned by light

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[75] Kim Jong Un is following you on Twitter

[76] Fig. – iron ore production:

<i>Million metric tons</i>					
	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Nicola	176.07	197.6	234.66	240.2	249.35
Nadine	151.5	146.45	150	167.9	186
Kimberley	117.13	112.1	120.53	128.49	142.84
Cheryl	NA	82.1	76.1	73.3	78.3
Sarah	56.76	55.59	55.66	58.38	62.49

[77] six (6) raindrops
(notation)

.....

[78] tally [Fri]
ill-judged remark about the late Terry Nutkins
penalty: - 5 points

[79] empirical sense data: *the white bread from Co-op is
always stale* [noted: 17/09; encrypted: ### [PGP]]

[80] Dear Mr. Jenks
Please be advised that you left the enclosed slippers at
the South Manchester Primal Scream Workshop
(intermediate level).

[81] North East Lincolnshire Council golf umbrella

6 tokens:

∅ | ∅ | ∅ | ∅ | ∅ | ∅

[82] best thoughts arise when mind is dis - engaged

this thought of when looking at plastic chair

this colour: SAGE [# hex]

[83] *Pharaoh*

Brian Eno gnaws the thighbone of Tutankhamen, played
by Bradley Walsh

[84] Thomas Hobbes is following you on Twitter

[85] dream in which he moved his jacket from the back on
one chair to another *for no apparent reason*

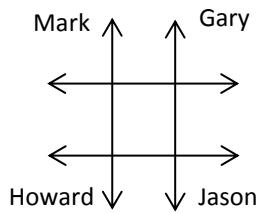
[86] tzk (n.) [neo?]

[87] the largest trauma registry in Europe



[88] Dr. Johnson is following you on Twitter

[89] plot your mental state on this grid:



[90] IMPORTANT:

please advise when the number of boxes reaches a minimum of 5

NB: is the use of *minimum* correct here?

[91] l. ~~protocol for holding open of doors~~

m. abolition of the bar stool

[92] Dear Deidre

She uses too much detergent and her noodles are damp
but I cannot tell her either of these things.

[93] he made her memorise the layout of the pelvis

[imagine this said in a *different voice*]

[94] after a certain point, there is no point saying anything

[95] theory of post-capitalist economy:

sex / housework << >> gherkins

[96]

FUNNY STORY

 [insert here]

[97] I fell asleep in the baby change and missed Barack Obama's inauguration

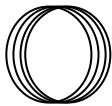
[98] (1988) tennis professional in minor novel by J.G. Ballard, one of them who *gets off on it*

[99] prizes:

- bungee jump with Anne Widdecombe
- brunch with the surviving members of Boyzone

[100] motivational images, e.g. red rose with raindrops

[101] scientists can cure colour blindness in rats
try one of these biscuits



[102] Egon Shiele is following you on Twitter

[103] not many people make the transition from political reporter to restaurant critic