

# A Colorful, Lighthearted Word Game from Wiser Now



## Word Game: Tom Swift Sees Red

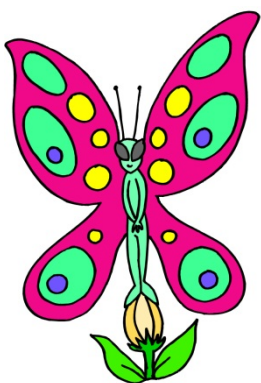
A Tom Swifty is a word game in which an adverb is added to “said,” or a verb *replaces* “said” to create a pun related to the spoken sentence. Examples: “*I love hot dogs,*” *said Tom frankly,* or “*I’m dying,*” *he croaked.* Tom Swift was the title character in many stories created by Edward L. Stratemeyer (1862-1930), and the author best known for more colorful substitutes for the staid “said.” (You can also thank him for being the originator of Nancy Drew, the Hardy Boys and the Bobbsey Twins.)

This game involves words that end with or contain the word “red.” (Not all are puns.)

Fill in the blanks below with a “red” word chosen from the list below.

allured	jeered	redeem
badgered	mirrored	slithered
bewildered	offered	staggered
endangered	predict	
floored	purred	
fluttered	recovered	

1. They met at a dance club, where like a deer on ice, he \_\_\_\_\_ when he saw her and was immediately \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. His friends \_\_\_\_\_ and like a fierce, runty animal he felt \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The pride of his species seemed temporarily \_\_\_\_\_.
4. But like a fish to a worm, Tom was \_\_\_\_\_ by her. “She’s like a butterfly,” Tom \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Determined to \_\_\_\_\_ himself, as she was leaving, Tom \_\_\_\_\_ to help her with her coat. She accepted, and as he put it around her shoulders, he knew he had \_\_\_\_\_.
6. He couldn’t \_\_\_\_\_ where this might lead, but when he saw their reflection in the glass his expression \_\_\_\_\_ hers.
7. Like a kitten she \_\_\_\_\_ at him, and like a snake, he \_\_\_\_\_ closer.
8. He was as bewitched and \_\_\_\_\_ by her animalistic instincts as she was with his.



Ready to try again?

anchored	declared	hungered	prepared
bared	disfigured	ingredients	waivered
captured	floundered	kindred	
checkered	hampered	lumbered	
credit	heredity	predisposed	

9. As she \_\_\_\_\_ across the boardwalk for her delicious date, her hat flew off in the wind, but she immediately \_\_\_\_\_ it.

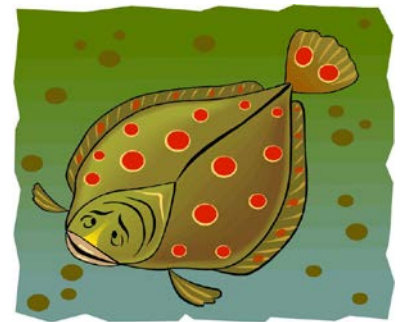
10. At the beach she stripped to her bikini and \_\_\_\_\_ her soul. "In you, darling, I believe I have found a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit."

11. She believed in giving \_\_\_\_\_ where it was due and admitted she was \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ even to be \_\_\_\_\_ by this object of her lust.



12. She started to remove the \_\_\_\_\_ from the picnic basket but was \_\_\_\_\_ by the wind.

13. She decided instead to take a swim, but she was no fish and soon \_\_\_\_\_ in the rough surf, and her resolve to put off lunch \_\_\_\_\_ .



14. She shook out the \_\_\_\_\_ tablecloth, \_\_\_\_\_ it with her sandals and \_\_\_\_\_ herself ready for an éclair. She \_\_\_\_\_ for her one true love: chocolate.

Answers:

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| 1. staggered, floored         | 9. lumbered, captured                                   |
| 2. jeered, badgered           | 10. bared, kindred                                      |
| 3. endangered                 | 11. credit, predisposed, heredity, prepared, disfigured |
| 4. allured, fluttered         | 12. ingredients, hampered                               |
| 5. redeem, offered, recovered | 13. floundered, wavered                                 |
| 6. predict, mirrored          | 14. checkered, anchored, declared, hungered             |
| 7. purred, slithered          |   |
| 8. bewildered                 |   |