

A Colorful, Lighthearted Word Game from Wiser Now



Word Game: Tom Swift Sees Red

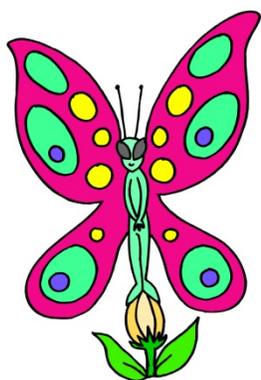
A Tom Swifty is a word game in which an adverb is added to “said,” or a verb *replaces* “said” to create a pun related to the spoken sentence. Examples: “*I love hot dogs,*” *said Tom frankly,* or “*I’m dying,*” *he croaked.* Tom Swift was the title character in many stories created by Edward L. Stratemeyer (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.

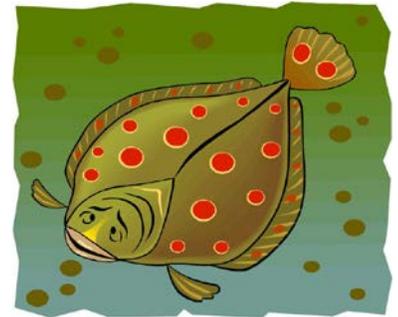
10. At the beach she stripped to her bikini and _____ her soul. "In you, darling, I believe I have found a _____ spirit."

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 | |