

Vowels

The first step to this clue is to realize that each of the clues actually answers to 2 separate words. For example, one of the easier ones to get is "Levy on 007 formal wear". A levy is a TAX, and 007 formal wear is a TUX. When you fill these words into the blanks on the right, yellow squares should always be consonants, and white squares should always be vowels. Vowels (white squares) are the only squares that change between the two words. Here are all of the answers to this part:

- * DISTRACT/DESTRUCT
- * PAROLEES/PERILOUS
- * RECASTS/RACISTS
- * TAX/TUX
- * ASTHMAS/ISTHMUS
- * HOTROD/HATRED
- * RETAIL/RITUAL
- * WHORL/WHIRL
- * ARCHON/URCHIN
- * LAGOONS/LEGIONS
- * ROBOT/REBUT
- * SYNOPSIS/SYNAPSES
- * VILLAS/VILLUS
- * COLLIES/CALLOUS
- * IMPURE/UMPIRE
- * DISCOS/DISCUS
- * SCRAM/SCRUM
- * PUREED/PERIOD
- * CONTRAST/CENTRIST
- * MOTORIST/MATUREST
- * ABSTRACT/OBSTRUCT
- * GIST/GUST
- * DAMAGED/DEMIGOD
- * FACES/FOCUS
- * BRAIN/BRUIN
- * CHIAS/CHAOS
- * DOWN/DAWN
- * BARGAINING/BURGEONING
- * SIRING/SARONG
- * FERRIES/FERROUS
- * CONTOUR/CENTAUR

Copying all of the numbered letters to the bottom, you should get:

.s. v.w.ls fr.m th. s.c.nd w.rd f.r th. n.xt b.t

Adding the vowels:

use vowels from the second word for the next bit

For the next step, take all of the vowels from the second words and convert them into binary using the order AEIOU. So a word with just A would be 10000. A word with E and I would be 01100.

- * EU -> 01001 -> 9 -> I
- * EIOU -> 01111 -> 15 -> O
- * AI -> 10100 -> 20 -> T
- * U -> 00001 -> 1 -> A
- * IU -> 00101 -> 5 -> E
- * AE -> 11000 -> 24 -> X
- * AIU -> 10101 -> 21 -> U
- * I -> 00100 -> 4 -> D
- * IU -> 00101 -> 5 -> E
- * EIO -> 01110 -> 14 -> N
- * EU -> 01001 -> 9 -> I
- * AE -> 11000 -> 24 -> X
- * IU -> 00101 -> 5 -> E
- * AOU -> 10011 -> 19 -> S
- * EIU -> 01101 -> 13 -> M
- * IU -> 00101 -> 5 -> E
- * U -> 00001 -> 1 -> A
- * EIO -> 01110 -> 14 -> N
- * EI -> 01100 -> 12 -> L
- * AEU -> 11001 -> 25 -> Y
- * OU -> 00011 -> 3 -> C
- * U -> 00001 -> 1 -> A
- * EIO -> 01110 -> 14 -> N
- * OU -> 00011 -> 3 -> C
- * IU -> 00101 -> 5 -> E
- * AO -> 10010 -> 18 -> R
- * A -> 10000 -> 16 -> P
- * EIOU -> 01111 -> 15 -> O
- * AO -> 10010 -> 18 -> R
- * EOU -> 01011 -> 11 -> K
- * AEU -> 11001 -> 25 -> Y

These are the words:

- * IOTA
- * EXUDE
- * NIXES
- * MEANLY
- * CANCER
- * PORKY

Repeating the first step, you can replace the vowels to get:

- * AUTO
- * OXIDE
- * NEXUS
- * MAINLY
- * CONCUR
- * PERKY

Repeating the second step you can get:

- * AOU -> 10011 -> 19 -> S

- * EIO -> 01110 -> 14 -> N
- * EU -> 01001 -> 9 -> I
- * AI -> 10100 -> 20 -> T
- * OU -> 00011 -> 3 -> C
- * E -> 01000 -> 8 -> H

Repeating the first step for the last time, you can go from SNITCH to SNATCH.

Answer

SNATCH