

# A PUZZLING CONCLUSION

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## There's a Motto in Here Somewhere!

By following the six directions that appear below this list of words, you will reveal the official motto of a community here in the hills.

stalk camilla  
uncomplimentary  
dynamic  
sketchbook  
plank facetious  
historic  
over future  
melancthon  
trudge  
leggatt charm

Delete any words or names that:

1

have four consonants in a row

2

have all five vowels in alphabetical order or reverse alphabetical order

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become different, regular English words when the first letter is moved to the end or when the final letter is moved to the beginning

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have a doubled consonant from the first half of the alphabet

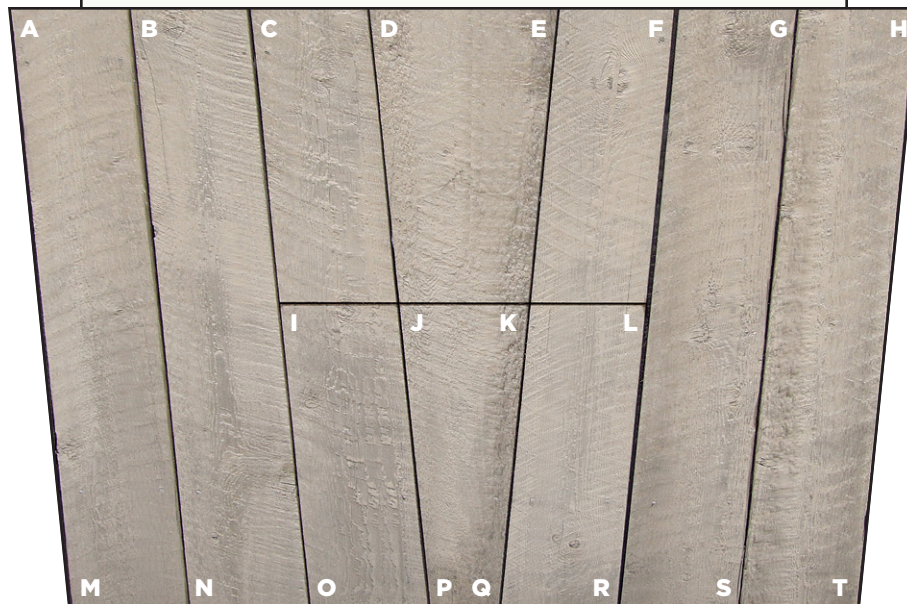
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can be another word for "lumber"

There should be four words remaining. Rearrange them to get the motto.

## Up in the Attic at S.S. #15

A member of the crew fixing a leak in the roof of S.S. #15 in Alton discovered that by lying across the joists and looking up at the rafters, she could see a pattern of trapezoids and parallelograms that looked like this.



During a lunch break she challenged her fellow workers to look at this pattern in the rafters and count the number of trapezoids. (One of them wanted to know what a trapezoid is and she told him it's a four sided figure with only two parallel sides.)

How many trapezoids are there in the pattern?

## From Terra Cotta to Terra Nova

Near the finish line of the Terra Cotta to Terra Nova marathon Tiffany finally overtook the last runner.

What position is she now in?



## How Ginny Fooled Jack

On the day before the Apple Fest in Inglewood, Ginny and Jack were observed exchanging apples. Ginny had McIntoshes in her basket while Jack's basket held Spartans. Jack had agreed that Ginny was in charge and that he would go along with whatever she asked in the exchange, provided there would be a maximum of three exchanges. Ginny organized the first exchange by asking Jack to dip in to his basket and give her as many apples as she had in her basket. Which he did because for the second exchange, Ginny promised she would then give him back the same number he had left.

Ginny kept that promise and then said, "Okay, now the third exchange. You give me back, the same number I have left."

When Jack did that, he found his bushel basket was completely empty while Ginny's contained 80 apples.

How many apples did each of Jack and Ginny have before the exchanges?

## At a Coffee Shop in Grand Valley

Enzo watched a mute person approach the cashier at a coffee shop in Grand Valley and buy a medium coffee to go, black – no milk or sugar – with two lids, all accomplished by pointing at signs and making various motions with her hands.

This customer was followed by a blind person whose order was almost exactly the same (except he wanted sugar).

How did the second customer indicate what he wanted?



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## Way Over the Top?

The two investigators were just minutes away from their office in Caledon East when Pete finally burst out with the questions he'd suppressed since leaving Toronto. "Why did you kiss her hand, for heaven's sake? Like some twelfth-century Lochinvar. What was that all about? And what's

it going to look like if this case goes to court and that comes out?"

Wally looked at his partner and frowned ever so slightly. "We're investigators and I was investigating," he said. "Three months after the accident her claim was for five million. Seven months later it's gone to ten million. She says she's been pushing herself around in that wheelchair all this time and is never going to get out. Supposedly she's now got an orthopedic surgeon and a neurologist who will back that up."

"Yeah, and a physiotherapist," Pete said, "and the massage therapist she sees every second day. But ..."

"And," Wally continued like a patient elementary teacher, "our clients need to know if it's worth putting up the big bucks to get their own experts into the picture or whether they should just try to settle, or even ..."

"Yeah, yeah, but her hand!" Pete almost shouted. "Why did you kiss her hand?"

Why indeed?