

PUZZLING SOLUTIONS IN THE HILLS WINTER 2022

**Hanging letters**

All six letters are consonants and all but the **L** are made with three strokes. Replace **L** with **H**. (In a sans serif font **A** is also made with three strokes but is not a consonant.)

**Keep your eye on the prize**

Bluebird (for December). The number of letters in the wildlife names in the columns corresponds to the number

of letters in each of the twelve months of the year. "An eye on the prize" is a calendar hint.

**A random code**

Six and three. The exchange can begin randomly because the response is the number of letters in a previous utterance. Jen's "thirty," if correct, will provoke "six" in response, and that in turn, "three."

**Note the time limits!**

- A Mitsake is the mistake.
- B Minuscule, sacrilegious and exorbitant are misspelled.

**Thinking outside the circle**

[ 2 ] Each 4-digit number has *circles* found in 6, 8 and 9. '0' (zero) is an *oval* and unlike a circle does not have a common distance from the centre.)

E	E	P							
P			E						
H	O	L	I	S					
		E		T					
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**Overlaps**  
 peephole  
 panelist  
 gripping  
 marginal  
 polyglot