
■ No! Not Her Again!

Judy hung up the phone, beaming with delight, practically giggling. “Frank, my Aunt Hildegard is coming!”

“Hildegard...Hildegard...oh no! Not her.”

“Now Frank, I know how much you love solving Hildegard’s little puzzles.” Frank sighed. He hated her little puzzles...minor little enigmas where Hildegard would like some things and hate others, all according to a pattern.

“I don’t. They’re so banal. They’re so boring. ‘I like things that are homonyms.’” Frank squawked in his Aunt Hildegard. “Didn’t that puzzle magazine can her butt back in the 1980s?”

“Now that’s unfair Frank. Besides, she’s had plenty of time to work out new puzzles. She even sent me some, but I mixed them all up.”

Frank looked at the pile of index cards scattered on the floor. He quickly counted 25.

“Let me guess...five rules, five examples for each rule.”

“Sorry Frank. Five rules. Nine examples for each rule. The rest of the cards are here.” She held up 20 more cards.

Frank sighed. “I assume that the rule only affects one set, otherwise some of these are contradictory. Just tell me where she thinks she’s going to sleep.”

Judy smiled. “Some place she’d really appreciate.”

Aunt Hildegard prefers...

Fighting

A General to a Private
Marine Corps to Army
A Brigadier to a Colonel
A Warlord to a Warrior
A Radio Operator to a Signalman

Wealth

Generosity to Largesse
The Poor to Have Nots
Desperate to Disadvantaged
Foreclosure to Bankruptcy
A Debtor to a Chitp

Puff Puff

A Galois to a Tipparillo
A Smokestack to a Chimney
A Kool to a Pall Mall
A Cigarette to a Cigar
A Light to a Match

Animals

Elephants to a Rhinoceros
Lambs to Sheep
A Goat to an Ibex
A Kanagaroo to an Kiwi Bird
A Groundhog to an Hippo

Finance

A Mortgage to a Lien
Moolah to Dinero
Banknote to Promissary Note
A Portfolio to a Stock
A Grant to an Endowment

Disease

Influenza to Measles
Pneumonia to Mumps
Game Legs to Bum Knees
Wozy to Dizzy
Heartburn to Nausea

Evil

A Hoodlum to a Thug
Corrupted to Tainted
A Wrong to a Sin
A Crimewave to a Burglary
A Gangster to a Criminal

Learning

A Refresher to a Seminar
A Mnemonic Device to a List
A School to a University
A Guide to a Tutor
A Notebook to a Trapper Keeper

Where?

Georgia to Saskatoon
Saskatoon to Georgia
Motherland to Nativity
Wisconsin to Illinois
Illinois to Wisconsin