## Kenword Puzzle by Thomas Snyder

This puzzle requires solving crossword clues to give five letter words. Answers are in alphabetical order. Treating letters as numbers ( $A=1, B=2, \ldots, Z=26$ ) lets the words be entered into the $5 \times 5$ "KenWord" grids at the arrowed positions so that the mathematical groups are satisfied. Doing so will leave a few cells unspecified, but noting from the flavor-text that "no numbers repeat", using 25 unique letters will complete each grid. The unused letters spell out the answer, SPLICE.

| BELOW | Not above |
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| BOGUS | Adjective in second Bill \& Ted film's title |
| BOXER | Pugilist |
| BRUIN | UCLA athlete |
| CROAK | Sound from a frog |
| DEMON | One member of a Dan Brown title group |
| DOZEN | Baker's |
| FETCH | Command for Fido |
| FOAMY | Like the top of a latte |
| GRACE | Prayer before a meal |
| HERTZ | Unit of frequency |
| JACOB | Biblical figure who dreamt of a ladder |
| POUND | Poet Ezra |
| QUILT | A patchwork of squares |
| REALM | Dominion |
| SIXTH | Amendment guaranteeing a speedy trial |
| SMOCK | Painter's protection |
| SNACK | Treat for Scooby |
| STUMP | Type of political speech |
| THUMB | First digit? |
| VITAL | Essential |
| WALTZ | A dance, typically in $3 / 4$ time |
| WHIRL | Tilt-a- |
| WIPER | Device to clean a windshield |




