

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, ..., Z=26) lets the words be entered into the 5x5 "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.

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| BELOW | Not above |
| 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 |

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| → | ⁵⁻ V | ⁵⁰⁺ I | ^{20x} T | A | L |
| | Q | P | Y | ^{7÷} C | U |
| → | ¹⁻ D | E | ^{2÷} M | ¹⁻ O | N |
| | ^{3÷} F | R | Z | ^{16x} B | H |

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| → | ³⁻ W | ⁴³⁺ H | ^{2÷} I | R | L |
| | Z | U | N | ^{3÷} A | ^{2÷} V |
| → | ²⁵⁺ S | ^{26x} M | ²⁻ O | C | K |
| | F | B | Q | ^{5÷} E | Y |

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| | ⁴⁻ Y | U | ^{10x} J | ^{60x} T | I |
| → | ⁴⁻ S | ¹⁰⁻ N | A | C | ^{2÷} K |
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| 20x | 3- | 4÷ | 90x | 6- |
| J | H | C | F | Q |
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| 5- | 7- | | 24x | |
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| | 50+ | 3÷ | 3- | |
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| 48x | | 36+ | 7- | |
| X | B | J | R | K |
| 4÷ | 30+ | | 19+ | |
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| P | G | H | A | F |
| 5- | 30+ | | 25+ | 5- |
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| 2÷ | 10+ | | 6- | |
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| | 3- | | 40+ | |
| B | R | U | I | N |
| 45+ | 15x | 2÷ | 4- | |
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| W | A | L | T | Z |
| 1- | | 2÷ | | |
| J | K | P | H | Y |