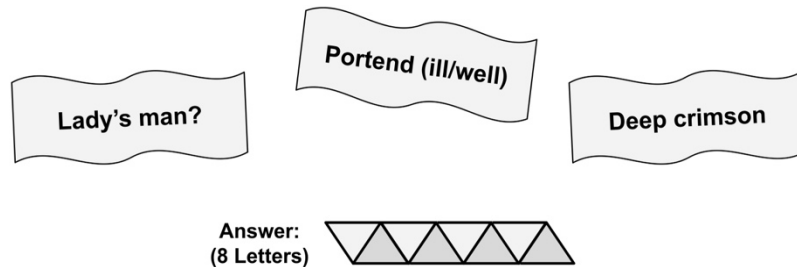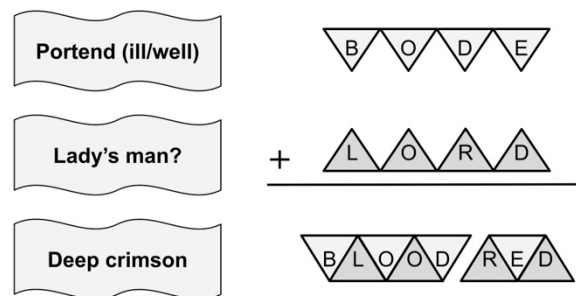# GOOF-OFFS

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The following is an original puzzle collection titled **Goof-offs.** A Goof-off is sort of like a one-dimensional crossword, without numbered clues.
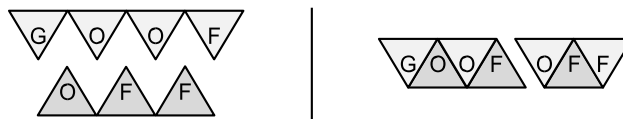

The solver is provided three clues, and the answer to the puzzle is a word or phrase. One of the clues will correspond to the final answer, and the others will correspond to words formed by taking every other letter of the final answer:

Answer: BLOOD RED

Just as in a traditional crossword, all cells in a Goof-off are "Checked" in the sense that every letter entry will be part of two answers—and this is true even though the puzzle is linear (as opposed to gridded).

Note: The phrase *Goof-off,* which gives the collection its name, exhibits a very special case of this property, where the two words that make up the phrase are the two words that make up the phrase:

The same property is also true with the plural, *Goof-offs*, as well as the similarly spelled *Good Odds* (possible clue: *Favorable probability*).

The puzzles begin on the next page—please enjoy.

Standard:

Same rules as above—one of the clues corresponds to the final answer, and the others correspond to answers formed by alternating letters in the final answer. Remember: there is *no* special ordering to the clues; any of the three clues might correspond to the final answer.
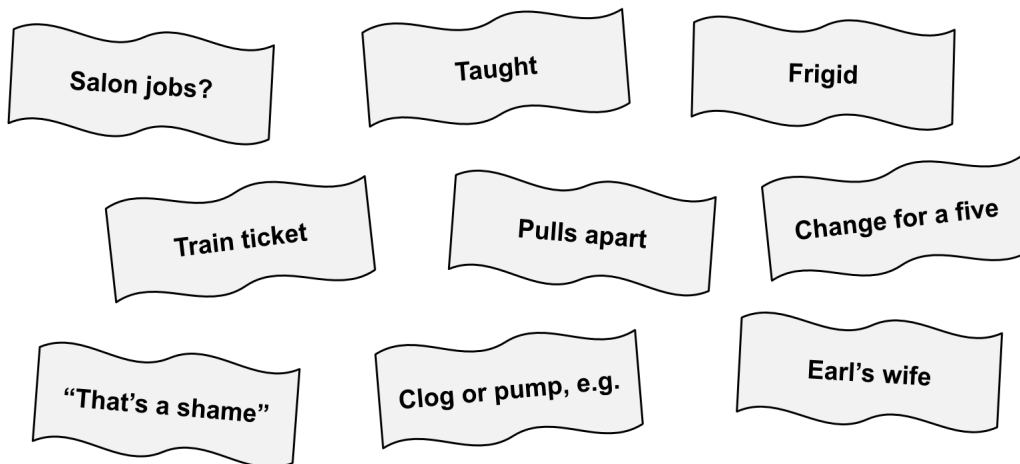
Tinted, as glass	Knotted neckwear	Beach grains

Answer:
(7 Letters)

Magic word	Lobe locale	Brute

Answer:
(9 Letters)

Party Mix:

In this variant, I've given you three Goof-offs to solve at once! There are nine clues for three eight-letter answers, but I don't show you which clues correspond to which.

Salon jobs?	Taught	Frigid
Train ticket	Pulls apart	Change for a five
"That's a shame"	Clog or pump, e.g.	Earl's wife

Answer:
(8 Letters)

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(8 Letters)

Tuplets:

In this variant, you'll have extra clues. Use the shading of the cells and the number of the clues to determine whether clues pertain to every third letter or every fourth letter of the final answer.

First name in honesty

Hit the slopes

Cleopatra killer

Court divider

Answer:
(9 Letters)

"_____ and out"

Death Valley locale

Produced

Kid a king, e.g.

Answer:
(12 Letters)

Boxing great

Pre-marathon practice

Massachusetts cape

Sack

Director Howard

Answer:
(12 Letters)

ANSWERS

Standard:

Beach grains	S A N D
Knotted neckwear	+ T I E
Tinted, as glass	S T A I N E D

Answer: STAINED

Lobe locale	B R A I N
Magic word	+ A B R A
Brute	B A R B A R I A N

Answer: BARBARIAN

Party Mix:

Pulls apart	R I P S
"That's a shame"	+ A L A S
Train ticket	R A I L P A S S

Answer: RAIL PASS

Clog or pump, e.g.	S H O E
Frigid	+ C O L D
Taught	S C H O O L E D

Answer: SCHOOLED

Salon jobs?	C U T S
Change for a five	+ O N E S
Earl's wife	C O U N T E S S

Answer: COUNTESS

Tuplets:

First name in honesty	A B E
Court divider	N E T
Hit the slopes	+ S K I
Cleopatra killer	S N A K E B I T E

Answer: SNAKE BITE

Kid a king, e.g.	J E S T
"___ and out"	O V E R
Produced	+ M A D E
Death Valley locale	M O J A V E D E S E R T

Answer: MOJAVE DESERT

Sack	B A G
Director Howard	R O N
Boxing great	A L I
Massachusetts cape	+ C O D
Pre-marathon practice	C A R B O L O A D I N G

Answer: CARBO-LOADING