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Anagrams

Anagrams are the transposition of the letters of a word, phrase, or short sentence, so as to form a new word or sentence. The best anagrams are such as have, in the new order of letters, some signification appropriate to the word from which they are formed.

What term is signified by each phrase? The first is done for you.

1. No more stars. *astronomers*

- 2. There we sat.
- 3. Mind his map.
- 4. Best in prayer.
- 5. Nay, I repent it.
- 6. Partial men.

An easy way to play the game of anagrams, is to have several sets of the alphabet, each letter written on a small card, or purchase the cards with printed letters. Put the letters in

separate boxes, that is, the *A*s in one box, *B*s in another, etc. Then, after giving to each player a word selected from the letters, the player forms a sentence appropriate to that word, as shown above.

Try to create an anagram for each of the following terms. Take your time, as these are quite challenging.

- 7. prime minister
- 8. student teacher
- 9. encyclopedia
- 10. birthday gift
- 11. environmentalism
- 12. totalitarianism
- 13. incandescent
- 14. mediocrity