

Imposters Solution

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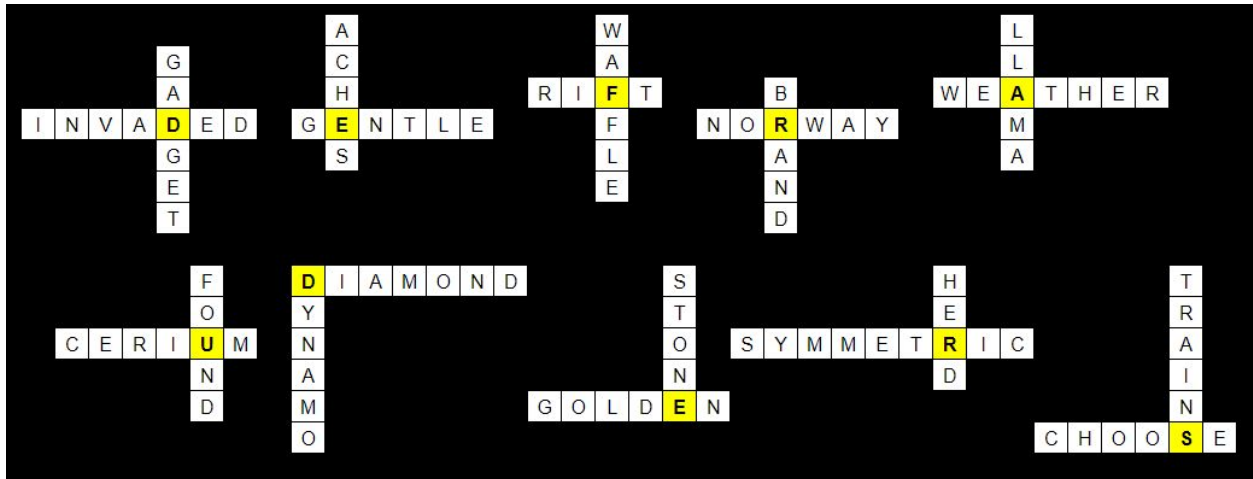
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Answer: DEFRAUDERS

The puzzle contains 20 groups of 5 words given in alphabetical order (both within each group and across all groups), and as the title suggests, the goal is to find the imposters (the odd ones out) in each group. The relations involved in each group is different, and ranges widely from word-play to general trivia. The list of imposters and explanations are given below.

ACCENT	ALMOST	BIOPSY	CHOOSE	EFFORT	CHOOSE	Letters in alphabetical order
ACHES	AXES	BASES	DOES	ELLIPSES	ACHES	Plural of two different words
ANGLE	FIELD	HAND	WAFFLE	WHALE	WAFFLE	Right-XXX
ARCHER	JUDGE	SALE	TROUT	WEATHER	WEATHER	Baseball player last names
ARROW	BOLTS	INVADED	MOUSE	QUARTERED	INVADED	[Something] and XXX
BAT	IRON	SAND	SPIDER	STONE	STONE	XXXman
BAY	CONSTITUTION	GOLDEN	GRANITE	OCEAN	GOLDEN	East coast state nicknames
BILLION	CHIPS	FOUND	LIFT	TROLLEY	FOUND	Different meaning in A.E. and B.E.
BLUNT	COTTON	DIAMOND	FLAKE	ROUNDS	DIAMOND	US senators
BRAND	LION	RAZOR	TINY	WEAVER	BRAND	DOTA characters
CENT	GADGET	MAFIA	PAC	SAVAGE	GADGET	[Number] XXX as a rapper name
CERIUM	ERBIUM	TERBIUM	YTTERBIUM	YTTRIUM	CERIUM	Elements named after Ytterby
CHAD	CHINA	GUINEA	NORWAY	TURKEY	NORWAY	(People's) Republic of XXX, or words that have other meanings
CHARM	DYNAMO	PILAR	RIPAL	YAM	DYNAMO	Anagrams to a month
CLEAVE	DUST	OVERLOOK	PERUSE	RIFT	RIFT	Auto-antonym
COG	HERD	JUNK	MONITOR	MOTH	HERD	Types of ships
CONCORD	GENTLE	NESTLE	NICE	POLISH	GENTLE	Means something else when capitalized
EPICOTYL	INCENTIVE	OMICRON	SYMMETRIC	VERMILLION	SYMMETRIC	Contains a metric prefix
LLAMA	MEERKAT	QUETZAL	SALAMANDER	WEREWOLF	LLAMA	Ubuntu versions
PLIERS	RICHES	SCISSORS	SHORTS	TRAINS	TRAINS	Same singular/plural form

The imposters can be used to fill in the “crosswords” as following:



Taking the letters at intersection gives the answer **DEFRAUDERS**.