## **EchelonForum**

Let the function () output a single letter, which, when added to a common phrase, gives the answer to the clue found between the parentheses. For example, (pay auditory attention in a shiny or wet manner) would give the letter G, as the clue would elicit the answer GLISTENUP, formed by adding G to the common phrase LISTENUP.

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a<sub>11</sub> = (a small piece of thick paper that can be borrowed from Hertz, Enterprise, etc.) RENTALCARD
  a<sub>12</sub> = (heavy, noisy steps of a rodent that has been caught) MOUSETRAMP
  a<sub>13</sub> = (a particular taste or spice given to guests at a gathering of revelry) PARTY FLAVOR
  a<sub>14</sub> = (a bird wide enough to escape Wile E. Coyote) BROADRUNNER
  a<sub>15</sub> = (a bird, about to leave political office, on fire) FLAME DUCK
  a<sub>16</sub> = (a heavy piece of artillery promoted by Harold Bloom) WESTERN CANNON
  a<sub>21</sub> = (1988 Bruce Willis movie title about intense aquatic sports) ▷ I ∨ E HARP
  a<sub>22</sub> = (an excessively inclined contraption one may climb to reach higher than normal) STEEPLADDER
  a<sub>23</sub> = (a polygraph designed to locate aliens, like the Spanish Astrobiology Institute's SOLID) LIFE PETECTOR
5 a<sub>24</sub> = (an arid, northern African pastry or other confection) SAHARA DESSERT
L a<sub>25</sub> = (unintended consequences from medicinal use of a common playground fixture) SLIVEEFFECTS.
  a<sub>26</sub> = (the dark, nocturnal time of day ideal for consuming an espresso with steamed milk) LATTENIGHT
U a31 = (an especially poor person, made of thin sheets of wood pulp, typically adjacent to a lavatory fixture) TO ILET PAUPER
L a<sub>32</sub> = (small, negligible paths from someone's eye to things seen) SLIGHTLINES
R a<sub>33</sub> = (ancient artworks formed by etching or cutting into a surface, similar to works found at Lascaux) CARVEPAINTINGS
E a34 = (a term to address a porous Pope) HOLEYFATHER
T a35 = (a very thin sheet of metal present in several distinct but highly similar shades or a color) TINT FOIL
A a<sub>36</sub> = (a pluripotent unit that releases water vapor) STEAMCELL
R a42 = (a fundraiser in which schoolchildren vend car components in order to fund a project) & RAWE SALE
L a43 = (shock waves, caused by travel above 343 meters/second, of flowers at their peak point of blossoming) Sont Bloom
Y a44 = (a painful condition in which the lower leg becomes glossy and reflective due to overuse) SHINY SPLINTS
R a45 = (a painful thread or filament from an Apis mellifera) BEESTRING
N a<sub>46</sub> = (a harmless untruth painted along the right side of the road, especially for foggy conditions) WHITELINE
N a51 = (a wall opening filled with dark glass in Natasha Romanova's wall) BLACKWINFOW
J a<sub>52</sub> = (Han Solo actor in a deep, narrow, Scandinavian inlet) HARRISON FJORV
K a<sub>53</sub> = (a wooden pier or floating platform, used for text editing, from a subsidiary of Alphabet, Inc.) 6006LE POLK
  a<sub>54</sub> = (a frowning, ill-tempered jacket or parka which first became an internet meme circa 2012) GRUMPY COAT
 a<sub>55</sub> = (a chemically-discolored piece of large cloth used to dry off after swimming in the ocean) BLEACHTOWEL
I a<sub>56</sub> = (to allege or declare a particular New England mollusk soup) CLAIM CHOWDER
  a<sub>61</sub> = (a government body granting intellectual property licenses to people receiving medical treatment) PATIENTO FEICE
  a<sub>62</sub> = (a liquid food made from green legumes typically only eaten atop a mountain) PEAK Soupe
  a<sub>63</sub> = (pain in one's gullet or esophagus causing loud, heavy breathing while sleeping) SNORETHROAT
  a<sub>64</sub> = (a subatomic particle discovered either at CERN or at the capital of Massachusetts circa 2012) HIGGS BOSTON
E a<sub>65</sub> = (exude or discharge a jolly, red-clad, gift-giving fellow seen annually in late December) SECRETESANTA
w a<sub>66</sub> = (a duel of strength of the bicep and tricep muscles, typically played in relatively hot environments) WARM WRESTLING
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