



Jumble Speed Cheat Sheet

15 tricks, prefix and suffix patterns, and letter pairs to solve jumble puzzles fast

Keep it by your puzzle

15 Tricks to Solve Faster

1 Split vowels and consonants

Write them in two rows. Likely pairings jump out faster.

2 Find the ending first

Spot -ING, -ED, -ER, -EST or -LY and set those letters aside.

3 Look for a prefix

RE-, UN-, DIS-, PRE- or MIS- can lock the start of the word.

4 Hunt for digraphs

TH, CH, SH, PH, WH, CK and NG usually stay together.

5 Pair Q with U

If you see a Q, put a U right after it and solve the rest.

6 Respect double letters

Two E's or two L's both belong in the answer. Never drop one.

7 Treat Y as a vowel

Words like SLYLY, TRYST or NYMPH hide vowels you don't notice.

8 Change your starting letter

Build from the third or last letter instead of the first.

9 Write letters in a circle

A circle breaks the scrambled order your eyes keep seeing.

10 Say it out loud

A word is often easier to hear than to spot.

11 Try another word form

The answer may be a verb or adjective, not the noun you expect.

12 Lean on common letters

E, T, A, O, I, N and R show up most, but they're a hint, not a rule.

13 Solve the easy words first

Confirmed answers give you circled letters and context.

14 Read the cartoon

The final answer is usually a pun on the drawing and caption.

15 Check the circled letters

If the final letters make nonsense, recheck an earlier answer.

Common Prefixes

RE- UN- DIS- PRE- MIS- OUT-
OVER- SUB- IN- EX-

Pull these to the front, then unscramble what's left.

Common Suffixes

-ING -ED -ER -EST -LY -ION
-ISH -FUL -NESS -MENT -ABLE
-IGHT

Example: REDAT → TRADE or TREAD

Same letters, two answers. Let the clue decide.

Digraphs and Blends

TH CH SH PH WH CK NG
QU GH
ST TR BR CR GR PL SL
SP STR

Letter pairs that usually stick together in English words.

Final Answer Routine

1. Solve each scrambled word on its own.
2. Copy only the circled letters.
3. Count the blanks in the answer (for example 4 + 5).
4. Read the cartoon and caption for the pun.
5. Rearrange the circled letters to fit.