

The nine-letter answers are to be entered in the correspondingly-numbered first column of the grid. From each, take one letter and place it in the adjoining shaded column; the remaining letters can be anagrammed to get an eight-letter answer (clued in random order, lettered for convenience only). Repeat the process to get a seven-letter answer (again clued in random order). When properly completed, the shaded columns represent a well-known phrase. Each clue contains a superfluous word; the first letters of these, in clue order, provide a place where the phrase might be heard.

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9-letter answers

- 1 Most tasty iridescent fruit is found at top of tree
- 2 Bury large headless dude with his musical composition
- 3 Rocky Ford eventually gains composure
- 4 De-emphasize snarling of lad's pet wolf (*hyph*)
- 5 Rajah's wife, young at heart, wearing ornate jewels and flowers
- 6 Garden shrub talk rarely came up (2 wds)
- 7 Sentimental lover's list can go awry

8-letter answers

- a Rewrite duets in a score for film script
- b Finding old cat covered in fish scales
- c Per Rev. Spooner, artificially inflate fees for exotic pond creatures
- d Cast frames one reviewer's column
- e Perhaps stop Reagan inaccurately describing retreating soldier's lawyer (2 wds)
- f Libeling male escort enters, extremely intense
- g Again got together to discourage holding one Southern Greek character back

7-letter answers

- a Ardent supporter of manners maven Emily filling one's drink
- b Limits fountain drinks after reversing charge
- c Expresses sadness about professors discussing associates
- d Rue odd diet, Dotty learned
- e Carol hugs, kisses crewman on the rise
- f Each sprocket has a metal covering
- g Pitcher left in; runner tries and gets to third