

Second-Letter y

The Try This activity in this issue explains how to use lip syncs for language practice. The *sync* in *lip sync* comes from the word *synchronization*. Words with *y* as the second letter are not common in English. In the puzzle below, each answer is a word with *y* as the second letter. For example, “_ Y _ _ _ _ = a huge storm” could lead to the answer *typhoon*.

Read the clues and write your answers in the blanks. If you get stuck, the first letters of the words are provided below. If you’re still stuck, the third letters (which come right after *y*) are given, too—but please note that they are not given in the order in which they appear.

1. _ Y = beside
2. _ Y _ _ = what you see with
3. _ Y _ _ _ = a verb that means “not telling the truth”
4. _ Y _ _ = what you can do on a computer keyboard
5. _ Y _ _ _ _ _ = a person who rides a bicycle
6. _ Y _ _ _ _ _ _ = a musical instrument
7. _ Y _ _ _ _ _ _ = an indoor Olympic sport
8. _ Y _ _ _ _ = a big snake
9. _ Y _ _ _ _ = the words in songs
10. _ Y _ _ _ _ _ = the opposite of the word *antonym*
11. _ Y _ _ _ _ = the punctuation mark in the middle of *well-known*
12. _ Y _ _ _ _ _ = a geometric shape with sides that are triangles
13. _ Y _ _ _ _ _ = a geometric shape with a round base
14. _ Y _ _ _ _ _ _ = this word has three of them
15. _ Y _ _ _ _ _ = something that needs to be solved (sometimes by a detective)

FIRST LETTERS (These are in the same order as they appear above.)

B, E, L, T, C, X, G, P, L, S, H, P, C, S, M

THIRD LETTERS (These are *not* in the same order as they appear above!)

C, E, I, L, L, L, M, N, P, P, R, R, S, T (One answer has only two letters.)

Answers to *THE LIGHTER SIDE*

SECOND-LETTER Y

1. by
2. eyes
3. lying
4. type
5. cyclist
6. xylophone
7. gymnastics
8. python
9. lyrics
10. synonym
11. hyphen
12. pyramid
13. cylinder
14. syllables
15. mystery