

Palindrome Wannabes by Eric Berlin

The eighteen words and phrases clued below have decided they want to be palindromes. In order to achieve this goal, each word or phrase has cast out three, four, or five of its letters. (But never two letters consecutively.) Can you figure out what each letter string used to be, using the clues to assist you?

AERBREA CNEUENC EAEBEAE
EDEBEDE EONTNOE ETRVRTE
HOLCLOH LEAAAEL NERSREN
ODOYODO OTYPYTO RAEHEAR
REAWAER REPPPER ROTATOR
SAESEAS TAEOEAT YURTRUY

Colorful material used in decorating rooms for parties (2 words)

Comedy group with a "Contractual Obligation Album" (2 words)

Enthusiastic one (2 words)

Geometry class need

Greeting upon being introduced to somebody (4 words)

Hang in there, barely (2 words)

Historical drama of 1995

Inconsequential accident (2 words)

Letter sign off (2 words)

One who might operate on your brain

Outgoing

Perfectly understandable, as a sound (4 words)

Pivotal to one's success or failure (3 words)

Result; repercussion

The very best (3 words)

Treat seriously, as advice (3 words)

Villainous creatures in *Lady and the Tramp* (2 words)

What some made-up things are made out of (2 words)