

Wordsnakes

In the first three of the deceptively difficult puzzles below, five common 5-letter words that all start with the same letter can be found snaking through the diagram consecutively, moving in any direction from letter to adjacent letter. The traced line of words will not cross itself. In the next two puzzles, there are six 6-letter words, then seven 7-letter words, and eight 8-letter words. It's up to you to determine the shared starting letter, the words involved, and where the snake begins and ends.

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R	K	S	P	L
A	S	T	C	A
P	L	R	I	S
S	I	K	D	T
S	P	S	E	E

②

L	O	N	U	N
S	E	R	P	H
T	N	S	E	M
T	A	E	N	Y
Y	N	E	D	Y

③

E	W	S	Y	L
N	S	A	E	B
A	T	N	N	O
J	Y	N	U	S
N	I	N	D	E

④

A	U	R	B	S	T
S	B	E	N	A	O
U	E	L	E	M	U
R	I	U	T	N	E
P	T	A	U	S	D
M	U	E	D	P	U

⑤

U	O	D	D	U	F
B	Y	A	J	E	F
A	L	E	E	R	E
M	D	R	D	T	E
E	P	R	E	D	I
R	D	E	A	S	D

⑥

D	O	B	R	D	S	P
D	U	D	T	E	I	O
E	A	C	K	C	O	S
G	N	E	F	R	D	E
G	R	R	E	D	U	P
U	S	D	S	S	T	A
Y	T	A	N	Y	D	N

⑦

R	S	B	T	H	O	L	E
N	E	U	I	I	K	E	G
A	D	T	S	Y	N	S	A
U	S	L	N	H	Y	M	R
Q	R	S	E	O	P	E	E
E	I	E	K	P	A	T	S
P	E	S	T	S	D	R	S
E	L	C	H	E	K	L	E