Wordplay: Fundamentals of Scrabble Strategy

Lesson 3: What's in the bag?

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Blanks

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• 25
Example 1

Rack: ACERSY?
Example 1

1A Co(Z)Y 63
Leave: AERS
Example 1

1A RA(Z)E 42
Leave: CSY?
Example 1 Analysis

- 1A Co(Z)Y 63 leaving AERS:
  True = 63 + 18.8 = 81.8
- 1A RA(Z)E 42 leaving CSY?:
  True = 42 + 33.7 = 75.7
Example 2

Rack: HKMOTX?
Example 2

8A eX(PENDING) 57
Leave: HKMOT
Example 2

G7 M(I)XT 31
Leave: HKO?
Example 2 Analysis

- 8A eX(PENDING) 57 leaving HKMOT:
  True: $57 + (-4.8) = 52.2$
- G7 M(l)XT 31 leaving HKO?:
  True: $31 + 26.6 = 57.6$
S

- 4
- 8-10
Example 1: Spend or Save?

Rack: ADIISTX
Example 1: Spend or Save?

8G TAXI 22
Leave: DIS
Example 1: Spend or Save?

8D TAXIS 26
Leave: DI
Example 1 Analysis

- 8G TAXI 22 leaving DIS:
  True: 22 + 8.8 = 30.8

- 8D TAXIS 26 leaving DI:
  True: 26 + -1.1 = 24.9
Example 2: Setup

Rack: holding last S
Example 2: Setup

Setup play: 1L ARK 12
Example 2: Setup

Boom: O1 SHEQEL 108
Q is almost always #theworst.
I don't need U

- QI
- QAT
- QAID
- QADI
- QOPH
- QANAT
- QINTAR/QINDAR

- TRANQ
- FAQIR
- SHEQEL
- QABALA
- QWERTY
Example
Anagram challenge!

- GHINOSV
- DEEIRST
- ALLSUY?
- ADEEMT?
- AEIMPRT