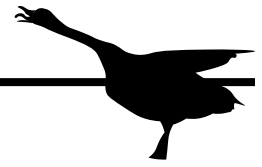


Orseman - Solution



Each word on the left is a synonym for a word, which when you add a letter to the front, gives a synonym of a word from the right. Here are the pairs in the order they appear in the puzzle:

Left column	Paired with	Answer
Ointment	Yell	(S)cream
Parasitic egg	One	(U)nit
Outstanding	Bickering	(R)owing
Raw mineral	Auxillary	(M)ore
Ellipse, for example	Recognisable	(I)conic
Conversationalist	Hunter	(S)talker
Assignment	Discharge	(E)mission
Angry	Theif	(P)irate
Natural selection	Uprising	(R)evolution
Judge	Talk	(O)rate
Fur	Leader	(C)hair
A symbol	Consume	(E)at
Gesture	Feeling	(E)motion
Vessel	Breeze	(D)raft

The letters the added letters in order read out SURMISE PROCEED. Using the same mechanism once more gives (P)resume. The answer could feasibly be either RESUME or PRESUME, but the dashes at the bottom of the puzzle indicate the answer is 7 letters, giving **PRESUME**.

Note: One could argue that the final clue should have come out in the opposite order (PROCEED SURMISE instead of what actually was there). During testing, the puzzle was rewritten and we unfortunately missed this detail in the re-testing process. Sorry about that, I hope we can still be friends.

Author's note:

Because of constraints from the meta puzzle, the answer to the 13th puzzle had to be PRESUME. The fact that this word was RESUME with a P at the beginning meant that the puzzle wrote itself. And of course, when writing puzzles, if you're out of ideas, just iterate the same idea!

I originally had "escape" and "bound" cluing (E)lope, but one of the testers objected to elope being a synonym for escape. I disagree.

