

## Here's What You Need to Know About Working The World's 1<sup>st</sup> Talking Puzzles

**Your packet includes 16 sheets: 1 instruction sheet plus 3 sheets for each of the 5 puzzles – a puzzle grid, a clues sheet and an answer key. All of the 5 Answer keys will be at the end of the packet, and you can print off individual pages as you choose and don't necessarily need to print the entire packet.**

**You have never worked puzzles like these before, so please read all of the instructions on this page.**

Our TALKING puzzles generally contain 50 – 116 words/clues which may be single words or phrases, usually in the form of a story or narrative. It is our 'rule of thumb' to fill 98-100% of the 324 spaces in our 18 x 18" puzzles (with words from the clues sheet), and we usually squeeze between 360-380 characters into those 324 spaces.

This is not an easy task to design, and many hours are put into each puzzle to create as much fun, interesting, educational and challenging content as possible. In some of the puzzles there may be a few "extra" words in the clue list that may not pertain to the theme, and you can choose to do that portion of the puzzle, or not.

### **THE SCRAMBLED WORD FEATURE**

Our unique and challenging Puzzles are not only word searches and narratives but most of them also contain hidden words to be unscrambled. You'll see that most of our puzzle grids have 7, 8 or 9 'empty' spaces. As you progress, these spaces will fill in, and when you have all the missing letters, you can unscramble them to form a 7, 8 or 9 letter word that is related to the theme of the puzzle in some way.

In a few puzzles, which we call 'Outside the Box' puzzles (labeled OB puzzles), one or even all of the missing letters are not part of the puzzle grid, but are actually located outside the grid. I.E. a word like 'house' may be missing either the 'h' or the 'e' because that letter is invisible, outside the box. The OB puzzles are more difficult, so depending on your age, ability, and desire, you can choose to solve this part of the puzzle, or not.

### **Instructions: USING OUR UNIQUE ANSWER KEYS / COORDINATED GRIDS**

Because these word-search puzzles contain so many correct clues, it can be very confusing to try to circle all of them in an answer key, so we have designed a special key. You'll notice that all of our puzzle grids have numbers down the left side and across the top (co-ordinates). On your Clue sheet, however, you will see there are no co-ordinates, as that would give away the location (answers). The Answer sheets, however, have all the same clues listed with their co-ordinates (answers) so you can find the correct word or clue on the puzzle. The 'row' numbers go down the left side of the puzzle, while the 'column' numbers go across the top from west to east. The first number listed will always be the row #. The second number will always be the column # ( i.e. 3-14 indicates row 3, column 14). That coordinate is where you will find the first letter of the clue, followed by the direction the clue goes – i.e., E, W, N, S, NW, NE, SE, and SW. Example: If a clue on the answer sheet says "Goat 5-9 NE" it means on row 5 (down the side), in column 9 (across the top), is the letter "G" and the remaining letters, 'oat' will go toward the North-East. So, like co-ordinates on a map, the first letter of your clue will be found where the Row # intersects with the Column #.

*Here are a few helpful tips:*

**TIP # 1:** We strongly suggest you read through the whole puzzle narrative before starting the puzzle as it will make solving the puzzle a lot easier (you'll see what we mean).

**TIP # 2:** Some puzzlers find it helpful to write the navigational directions NW, N, NE, E, SE, etc. on the edges of the grid before starting the puzzle.

**TIP # 3:** Many letters on the grid are used multiple times (possibly even up to 8 times) so it can get very messy and difficult to find additional words. Thus, if you write the answers on the clue sheet, you eliminate the need to circle or highlight words (and save money on highlighters).

**TIP # 4:** There may be duplicates of some words, such as 'the,' or 'when' in any puzzle. Any one of the duplicates are acceptable answers, and you may need several of the same word (with different coordinates) to complete a puzzle. This is part of what makes these puzzles more challenging. BEWARE, however, of 'words' or 'phrases' on the puzzle that APPEAR to be the same, but are not. I.E., one clue might be 'the house,' another might be 'by the house,' while still another might be 'house' or 'houses'. Be sure you have the ENTIRE clue before writing the coordinates on the clue sheet. Always write the ROW number first, then the COLUMN number, plus the DIRECTION.

**TIP # 5:** If you peek at the answer sheet before starting the puzzle you will immediately see the 'hidden word,' and lose the challenge of solving that portion of the puzzle.

## Clues for "GROWING OLDER"

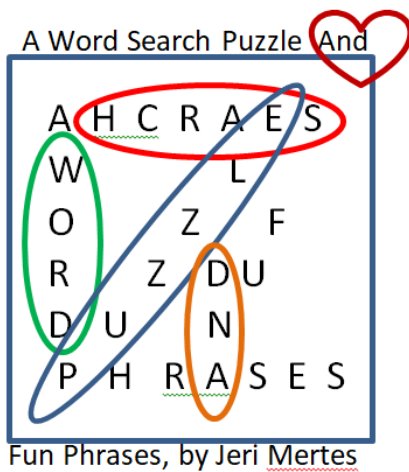
(Hidden Search Scramble)

Hidden Word: \_\_\_\_\_

1 I've noticed 2 peoples' 3 possessions 4 progress from 5 the collections 6 of fun 7 gadgets 8 and 9 useless trinkets 10 found 11 in homes 12 of 13 young couples 14 to 15 conveniences 16 that 17 make 18 life easier 19 and more 20 comfortable	21 in 22 the 23 homes of 24 middle 25 aged 26 couples. 27 Now, 28 enter the 29 home 30 of an elderly 31 couple 32 and immediately 33 you'll 34 notice 35 their 36 home	37 is 38 filled 39 with 40 necessities like 41 railings, 42 ramps, 43 walkers, pills 44 and supplements, 45 emergency 46 numbers 47 and 48 a lot 49 of pillows.
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## “Growing Older”

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6	E	I	B	I	N	M	O	I	I	I	A	N	A	M	K	R	I	R
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10	R	D	N	G	U	E	E	E	I	E	D	M	H	E		L	E	F
11	E	I	S	O	F	G	V	D	N	M	E	O	L	M	S	E	V	R
12	D	A	Y		D	N	D	C	O	S	M	P	I	O	S	J	I	O
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15	N		E	S	N	O	I	T	C	E	L	L	O	C	E	H	T	H
16	A	N	D	W	A	L	K	E	R	S	P	I	L	L	S	W	O	E
17	F	D	E	G	A	S	E	L	P		O	C	G	N	U	O	Y	I
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# Clues for "Mom Said"

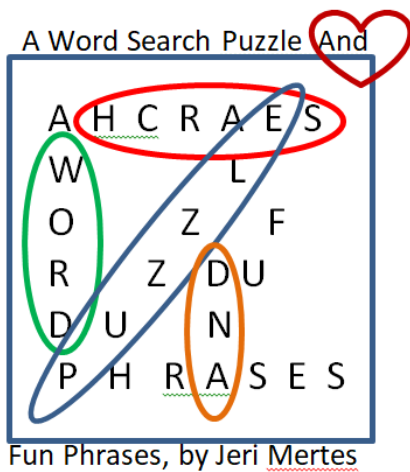
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Hidden Word: \_\_\_\_\_

1 I think we all have 2 our moms 3 talking to 4 us in our 5 heads. 6 As we 7 grow 8 older, 9 whoever 10 thought 11 that 12 we would end up 13 by 14 saying 15 the same 16 things 17 she said 18 like, 19 "I have 20 eyes 21 in the 22 back 23 of my head",	24 or "Wait 25 'til your 26 father 27 gets 28 home". 29 And 30 what 31 about 32 "I'm not 33 asking, 34 I'm telling 35 you", 36 and "I 37 don't 38 have to 39 give 40 you 41 a reason." 42 Another one	43 is "When I 44 was 45 your age." 46 And 47 A favorite 48 of 49 mine 50 is 51 "Because 52 I said 53 so." 54 But the best one of 55 all 56 is "One 57 day you'll thank me."

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## Clues for "OLD ADAGES"

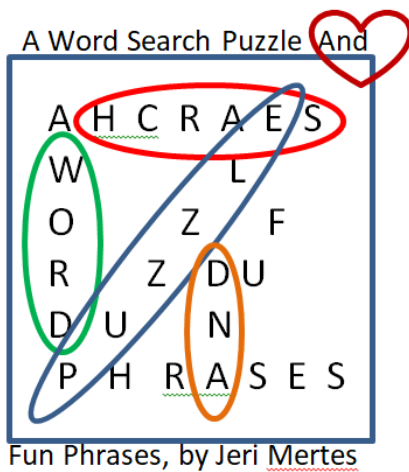
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Hidden Word: \_\_\_\_\_

<p>1 The journey of a 2 thousand miles 3 begins with a broken 4 water pump 5 and a flat tire. 6 Never test the depth 7 of the water 8 with both feet. 9 The grass 10 is always greener 11 if 12 you 13 get 14 someone else 15 to mow it. 16 Some things are 17 easier said 18 than 19 followed up on. 20 When 21 you grasp at straws, 22 good 23 luck!</p>	<p>24 The road to 25 success is 26 always 27 under 28 construction. 29 Letting 30 the cat 31 out 32 of 33 the 34 bag 35 is a 36 whole 37 lot 38 easier 39 than 40 putting 41 it 42 back 43 in.</p>	<p>44 Happy is 45 the 46 bride 47 who 48 got 49 a lot 50 of 51 good 52 gifts. 53 The 54 old 55 devil made me do 56 it.</p>
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3	U	V	N	O	I	T	C	U	R	T	S	N	O	C	T	O	S	I
4	G	L	S	L	E	E		O	E	M	O	S	F	A	H	D	A	D
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6	A	T	R	E	T	A	W	E	H	T	F	O	S	R	R	H	W	V
7	S	E	G	N	I	T	T	E	L	W		E	E	A	O	E	A	I
8	P	S	N	I	R	E	I		A	E	L	D	L	S	A		Y	L
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## Clues to “Old Age”

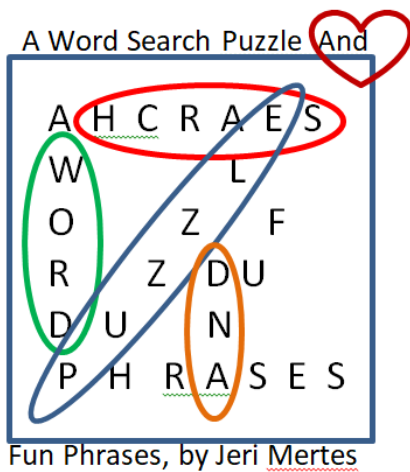
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1 I'm Having a Senior	22 The	42 I always
2 Moment	23 Power	43 Wanted
3 If I had it	24 Of an old	44 To be
4 To do over	25 Codger	45 A Procrastinator
5 Again	26 We all have	46 But I
6 I'd get up	27 Photographic	47 Never Got
7 Pretty early	28 Memories	48 Around
8 In the morning	29 But some	49 To It
9 And count	30 Of us	50 The
10 My	31 Are just	51 Brave
11 Chickens	32 Out of Film	52 Age
12 Before	33 Once	53 Old
13 They	34 You	54 Man
14 Hatched	35 Get	55 Just Kicked
15 If I knew then	36 Over	56 The
16 What I	37 The hill	57 Bucket
17 Know Now I'd be	38 You begin	
18 Forty Years	39 To	
19 Younger	40 Pick up	
20 Never	41 Speed	
21 Underestimate		



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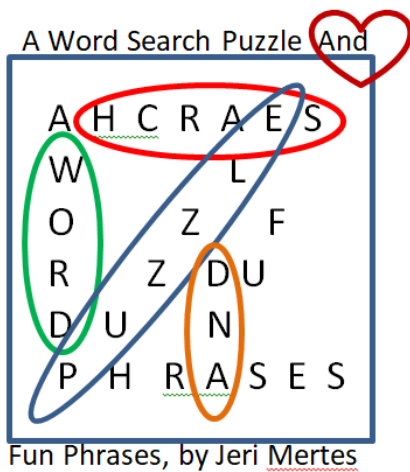
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3	R	E	W	A	N	T	E	D	B	A	R	O	O	O	P	N	R	H
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6	A	M	O	U	O		O	D	O	O	R	E	G	N	U	O	Y	I
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13	C	D	O	C		R	E	J	U	S	T	O	U	O	F	A	K	I
14	O	N	K	Y	L	R	A	E	Y	T	T	E	R	P	F	V	C	O
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16	P	N	E	V	E	R	G	O	T	H	E	H	I	L	L		H	T
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## **“She’s Getting Old”**

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7	E	W	F	N	S	A	W	I	P	U	R	H	C	Y	T	O	L	H
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18	A	G	O	T	C	H	A	E		A	H	U	P	O	T	H	E	R

# Clues for “She’s Getting Old”

(Hidden Search Scramble) Hidden Word: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Have you heard about	26 coming fiftieth.	51 your
2 the	27 He	52 wife
3 man	28 said	53 both
4 who	29 he	54 look like
5 took	30 would	55 the
6 his wife	31 take	56 passport photos
7 on a	32 another trip	57 you
8 trip	33 to	58 probably
9 to Japan	34 Japan because,	59 need
10 for their	35 “Now	60 the
11 twenty-fifth	36 I have	61 trip.
12 anniversary?	37 to pick	62 But
13 So	38 her	63 on
14 twenty-five	39 up”.	64 the
15 years later	40 I used	65 other
16 the old	41 to	66 hand
17 man	42 wake	67 you
18 was	43 up	68 have
19 asked	44 grumpy but now	69 different fingers.
20 what	45 I	70 Gotcha!
21 he planned to	46 let	
22 do for	47 her	
23 their	48 sleep in. I	
24 up	49 guess if you	
25 and	50 and	

## Answer Key for "Mom Said"

(Hidden Search Scramble)

Hidden Word: B E C A U S E

1 I think we all have 1-17 W	24 or "Wait 16-6 E	43 is "When I 18-16 W
2 our moms 5-9 SE	25 'til your 18-9 W	44 was 10-11 S
3 talking to 2-8 SE	26 father 11-7 S	45 your age." 7-7 NW
4 us in our 2-18 W	27 gets 5-14 NE	46 And 13-16 S
5 heads. 1-6 S	28 home". 2-3 E	47 A favorite 12-6 NE
6 As we 5-1 E	29 And 3-3 E	48 of 7-5 E
7 grow 8-16 S	30 what 11-16 SW	49 mine 15-8 N
8 older 4-8 W	31 about 16-16 W	50 is 2-1 NE
9 whoever 6-8 SE	32 "I'm not 17-5 W	51 "Because 18-17 N
10 thought 10-18 SW	33 asking, 9-10 S	52 I said 10-15 SW
11 that 7-17 S	34 I'm telling 7-3 S	53 so." 3-1 E
12 we would end up 18-2 N	35 you", 16-18 S	54 But the best one of
13 by 4-2 E	36 and "I 6-5 W	1-18 S
14 saying 5-7 S	37 don't 7-15 NE	55 all 5-12 NE
15 the same 3-13 N	38 have to 9-5 S	56 is "One 13-4 S
16 things 8-9 W	39 give 11-9 S	57 day you'll thank me."
17 she said 12-11 NE	40 you 2-9 E	4-1 S
18 like 6-11 E	41 a reason." 12-4 N	
19 "I have 10-6 S	42 Another one 17-8 E	
20 eyes 6-14 NE		
21 in the 8-7 NE		
22 back 8-11 SW		
23 of my head" 15-9 E		

## Answer Key for "OLD ADAGES"

(Hidden Search Scramble)

Hidden Word: SAYINGS

1 The journey of a 16-2 NE	24 The road to 3-15 S	44 Happy is 18-5 E
2 thousand miles 18-1 NE	25 success is 17-8 E	45 the 17-7 W
3 begins with a broken 1-18 W	26 always 7-14 SW	46 bride 1-18 S
4 water pump 7-10 SW	27 under 10-10 NE	47 who 5-5 W
5 and a flat tire. 13-6 E	28 construction. 3-14 W	48 got 9-14 SW
6 Never test the depth 1-2 S	29 Letting 7-9 W	49 a lot 18-4 W
7 of the water 6-12 W	30 the cat 12-15 W	50 of 9-7 SW
8 with both feet. 5-5 E	31 out 10-5 W	51 good 18-15 E
9 The grass 5-16 S	32 of 3-13 S	52 gifts. 18-15 W
10 is always greener 2-17 S	33 the 14-6 E	53 The 14-16 S
11 if 12-8 NE	34 bag 15-11 E	54 old 16-18 S
12 you 15-6 W	35 is a 13-15 S	55 devil made me do 4-18 S
13 get 15-13 N	36 whole 17-1 E	56 it. 11-14 W
14 someone else 4-12 W	37 lot 11-5 W	
15 to mow it. 9-8 N	38 easier 8-10 W	
16 Some things are 17-14 N	39 than 12-10 NE	
17 easier said 2-2 E	40 putting 13-3 N	
18 than 15-10 W	41 it 12-4 NW	
19 followed up on. 16-15 W	42 back 14-12 W	
20 When 16-10 NW	43 in. 8-4 N	
21 you grasp at straws, 1-1 S		
22 good 1-16 S		
23 luck! 2-15 W		

## Answer Key for “She’s Getting Old”

(Hidden Search Scramble) Hidden Word: V A C A T I O N

<p>1 Have you heard about 4-17W</p> <p>2 the 2-9 S</p> <p>3 man 5-16 N</p> <p>4 who 2-12 S</p> <p>5 took 5-3 N</p> <p>6 his wife 4-10 SW</p> <p>7 on a 2-5 S</p> <p>8 trip 2-9 W</p> <p>9 to Japan 3-13 SW</p> <p>10 for their 9-9 NE</p> <p>11 twenty-fifth 4-1 SE</p> <p>12 anniversary? 4-5 SE</p> <p>13 So 3-4 W</p> <p>14 twenty-five 2-14 S</p> <p>15 years later 14-15 N</p> <p>16 the old 14-12 W</p> <p>17 man 1-18 SW</p> <p>18 was 7-7 W</p> <p>19 asked 13-4 N</p> <p>20 what 2-12 W</p> <p>21 he planned to 4-17 W</p> <p>22 do for 14-7 NE</p> <p>23 their 6-12 S</p> <p>24 up 18-12 E</p> <p>25 and 12- 7 S</p>	<p>26 coming fiftieth. 1-16 W</p> <p>27 He 12-14 N</p> <p>28 said 13-6 NE</p> <p>29 he 1-2 W</p> <p>30 would 14-14 NW</p> <p>31 take 4-1 NE</p> <p>32 another trip 18-1 N</p> <p>33 to 8-5 W</p> <p>34 Japan because, 15-4 E</p> <p>35 “Now 9-7 N</p> <p>36 I have 3-10 W</p> <p>37 to pick 11-13 N</p> <p>38 her 14-11 N</p> <p>39 up”. 13-12 SE</p> <p>40 I used 6-6 W</p> <p>41 to 2-14 W</p> <p>42 wake 2-1 E</p> <p>43 up 7-10 W</p> <p>44 grumpy but now 18-2 N</p> <p>45 I 11-8 W</p> <p>46 let 14-8 NE</p> <p>47 her 8-11 S</p> <p>48 sleep in. I 17-3 N</p> <p>49 guess if you 15-16 N</p> <p>50 and 8-8 S</p>	<p>51 your 9-6 S</p> <p>52 wife 9-3 N</p> <p>53 both 6-1 N</p> <p>54 look like 16-3 E</p> <p>55 the 3-17 S</p> <p>56 passport photos 16-18N</p> <p>57 you 4-13 SW</p> <p>58 probably 16-18 W</p> <p>59 need 13-7 NE</p> <p>60 the 11-13 SE</p> <p>61 trip. 11-5 S</p> <p>62 But 11-7 W</p> <p>63 on 1-17 SE</p> <p>64 the 3-13 W</p> <p>65 other 18-14 E</p> <p>66 hand 5-4 E</p> <p>67 you 6-9 NE</p> <p>68 have 18-11 W</p> <p>69 different fingers. 17-18W</p> <p>70 Gotcha! 18-2 E</p>
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## Answer Key for "GROWING OLDER"

(Hidden Search Scramble)     Hidden Word: M A T U R I T Y

<p>1 I've noticed 12-17 N 2 peoples' 2-18 W 3 possessions 2-2 E 4 progress from 2-18 S 5 the collections 15-17 W 6 of fun 6-7 SW 7 gadgets 14-3 NE 8 and 7-5 N 9 useless trinkets 17-15 N 10 found 7-8 NW 11 in homes 8-15 SW 12 of 5-10 NE 13 young couples 17-17 W 14 to 15-17 S 15 conveniences 14-4 NE 16 that 4-15 SW 17 make 13-18 W 18 life easier 13-3 NE 19 and more 8-13 SW 20 comfortable 1-16 S</p>	<p>21 in 4-6 W 22 the 13-13 E 23 homes of 8-14 SW 24 middle 9-10 SW 25 aged 17-5 W 26 couples. 14-11 E 27 Now, 18-16 N 28 enter the 18-17 W 29 home 1-1 E 30 of an elderly 18-1 N 31 couple 15-9 NE 32 and immediately 3-2 S 33 you'll 12-3 NE 34 notice 9-12 NW 35 their 14-18 S 36 home 13-14 N</p>	<p>37 is 12-13 SW 38 filled 2-1 S 39 with 7-4 N 40 necessities like 1-18 W 41 railings, 4-10 SW 42 ramps, 8-4 NE 43 walkers, pills 16-4 E 44 and supplements, 3-2 E 45 emergency 5-15 SW 46 numbers 3-3 S 47 and 16-1 E 48 a lot 6-11 NE 49 of pillows. 18-1 E</p>
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## Answer key to “Old Age”

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1 I'm Having a Senior 1-18S	22 The 17-18 NW	42 I always 17-2E
2 Moment 2-18 W	23 Power 3-15 SW	43 Wanted 3-3 E
3 If I had it 8-8 E	24 Of an old 9-15 W	44 To be 10-5 W
4 To do over 2-13 SW	25 Codger 8-6 NE	45 A Procrastinator 17-1N
5 Again 7-12 NE	26 We all have 7-16 S	46 But I 7-15 N
6 I'd get up 8-8 SE	27 Photographic 15-3E	47 Never Got 16-2 E
7 Pretty early 14-14 W	28 Memories 17-15 W	48 Around 8-3 NE
8 In the morning 12-14 W	29 But some 3-9 SW	49 To It 2-4 W
9 And count 11-9 NW	30 Of us 4-6 SW	50 The 16-18 W
10 My 5-16 E	31 Are just 13-5 E	51 Brave 7-10 E
11 Chickens 17-17 N	32 Out of Film 9-15 S	52 Age 9-5 W
12 Before 9-8 NW	33 Once 4-6 W	53 Old 9-11 W
13 They 13-11 N	34 You 10-13 E	54 Man 12-9 NW
14 Hatched 2-11 W	35 Get 12-3 NE	55 Just Kicked 18-1 E
15 If I knew then 1-18 W	36 Over 3-14 SW	56 The 18-13 W
16 What I 1-12 SW	37 The hill 16-9 E	57 Bucket 18-18 W
17 Know Now I'd be 1-15 SW	38 You begin 1-1 E	
18 Forty Years 1-17S	39 To 4-17 W	
19 Younger 6-17 W	40 Pick up 11-6 SW	
20 Never 11-10 E	41 Speed 11-7 W	
21 Underestimate 15-2 N		