

# Look Both Ways

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We are given a number of what appear to be cryptic clues, but they don't quite work. Eventually, we might realize that the wordplay half of each clue actually clues for the *opposite* of the word clued by the definition half!

Definition	Wordplay	Wordplay Explanation
ANALOG	DIGITAL	Digit + AI
ANTONYM	SYNONYM	Sin + on + YMca
CALM	WINDY	Win + DYe
CHARGED	REFUNDED	Red + (Fun + DE)
DAY	NIGHT	Knight – K
DUST	DUST	DrUmS iT
ERRATIC	REGULAR	(Glue + RAR) anagram
FAILS	ACHIEVES	(A + vice + she) anagram
HELL	HEAVEN	porscHE AVENue
HOT	COLD	C + (holds) – hs
INITIAL	TERMINAL	(Tramline) anagram
LOOSENS	TIGHTENS	(Gets + thin) anagram
MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	geMINI MUMmy
MICRO	MACRO	(Carom) anagram
MIXED	UNIFORM	Uni + form
OPTIMIST	PESSIMIST	(Misses + tip) anagram
PARTLY	ENTIRELY	(Inert + lye) anagram
RENT	RENT	childREN Toys
SELLER	PURCHASER	P + (laser – L) + URCHin
SINKS	FLOATS	(reversed haLF) + oats
SUNNY	RAINY	Reign + Y
TALL	SHORT	Sort + H
WEAK	STRONG	St + (wrong – W)
WEAK	TOUGH	(Ought) anagram
WRONG	ACCURATE	A + C + C + U(ranium) + (rates – S)
YOUTH	SENIOR	oISEN I ORdered

We may notice that the definition solutions are in alphabetical order, and that their lengths match the given enumerations. Furthermore, we notice that each wordplay solution is of equal or greater length than the definition solution. Sorting the answers by the wordplay solution, and extracting a letter from each using the enumeration this time as an index, we get the cryptic clue: RELATE TV OMG SAYER TO ROMAN GOD. A “TV OMG sayer” is Janice from *Friends*, leading to the final solution (through a homophone): **JANUS**

N.B.: Janus words are words which are their own opposites, such as dust and rent, which we used.