

# 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 + Al                          |
| 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.