

ARCTIC CHARS by Tinhorn

An Arctic Char -- also known as a Double-Double or an Unparalleled Misalignment -- is a pair of unrelated phrases and/or compound words where you can take the (rough) synonyms of both parts of one term to get the other term. Some examples will illuminate:

ARCTIC CHAR = FREEZER BURN (because ARCTIC ≈ FREEZER and CHAR ≈ BURN)

POULTRY FARMER = CHICKEN TENDER (POULTRY ≈ CHICKEN, FARMER ≈ TENDER)

BRIEFCASE = SPEEDY TRIAL (BRIEF ≈ SPEEDY, CASE ≈ TRIAL) (fine to break up BRIEFCASE into BRIEF and CASE)

UNDRESSES = OUTSKIRTS (UN- ≈ OUT, in the sense of “remove” or “extract from”), DRESSES ≈ SKIRTS (close enough)

Note that the concept of “synonyms” here is pretty broad. It’s really more like “similar in meaning or concept” or “approximately,” and the parts of speech can change (COLD ≈ FREEZER would be fine). As you can see, there is some “looseness” involved in what counts as a synonym, and separating a compound single word into its parts -- even separating prefixes or suffixes -- is allowed. Perfection is not required, though fairness is.

In this handout, I’ve defined (in a fairly straightforward way) one part of 21 Arctic Chars on Page 1, and their 21 counterparts on page 2. Match things up and put the answers to the Page 2 clues in the appropriate rows on Page 1. When you are done, your results will suggest one final Arctic Char counterpart as your 2-word final answer (one word in the final answer will involve a homophone).

PAGE 1 DEFINITIONS (with length enumerations of answers)	PAGE 1 ANSWERS (IN THE ORDER GIVEN)	MATCHING COUNTERPART ANSWERS FROM PAGE 2
<i>Example: Salmon relative native to cold Alpine lakes (6 4)</i>	ARCTIC CHAR	FREEZER BURN
Alliterative item one hopes to pocket (8 4)		(6)
Clever person, slangily (5 6)		(3)
Correspondence counterpart (3 3)		(7)
Blackpink or BTS music genre (1-3)		(2)
Cute British car (4 6)		(2)
Computer shortcut (3 3)		(9)
Dangerous airplane plunge or figure skating move (5 6)		(5)
Late-night tryst, possibly (5 4)		(2)
Type of voyage afforded by a DeLorean or a hot tub (4 6)		(5)
Typically metal or wood baked goods container (5 3)		(1)
Handheld pest eliminator (3 7)		(6)
Place to get knots out (7 6)		(8)
Leaders of the packs, often (5 5)		(2)
It’s expected to lose (8)		(4)
NyQuil, for example (4 8)		(1)
Seniors fill it out, optimistically (7 11)		(4)
She played identical cousins on her eponymous TV show (5 4)		(8)
Ron Howard film (8 8)		(5)
Sequentially drink in various places (6)		(3)
George Michael song that’s not creepy at all (6 6)		(1)
2001 Travolta/Jackman/Berry film with an edible title (9)		(8)

[Answers on this page should be transferred to the row in the rightmost column on Page 1 that corresponds to the other half of its Arctic Char counterpart. See example of FREEZER BURN.]

PAGE 2 DEFINITIONS (with length enumerations of answers)	PAGE 2 ANSWERS – MOVE THESE TO THE CORRECT ROWS ON PAGE 1
Accidental phone activation (4 4)	
<i>Animal House</i> event shouted and instigated by Bluto Blutarsky (4 5)	
Boy band singer who did not end up travelling to the ISS (5 4)	
Class clown, perhaps, especially in regard to sarcastic remarks (11)	
Hamlet spoke of shuffling it off (6 4)	
Home of the Croissan'wich (6 4)	
Example: Icy spots appearing on inadequately packaged sub-zero food (7 4)	FREEZER BURN (move to page 1)
Item that someone frantic might be told to take (5 4)	
Last basket of the game, sometimes (6 6)	
Less than ideal physique that's supposedly all the rage (3 3)	
Narrow, LGBTQ-friendly land mass off the NY coast, population < 1000 (4 6)	
NATO alphabet word that can be worn (7)	
Prayer word (4)	
Prison co-occupant (8)	
Proverbial holding facility at a loony bin (6 4)	
Sitcom to blame for spinning off George & Mandy (5 7)	
Song with "macaroni" in the lyrics (6 6)	
Summer social event where attendees can make a splash (4 5)	
Taylor Swift gig from 2023-24 (4 4)	
Track and field event (4 5)	
Type of clock (11)	
Very low frequency loudspeaker (9)	

FINAL 2-WORD ANSWER (one word involves a homophone): _____