

# GENE SPLICING **(answer)**

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To solve this puzzle, you must splice words together by removing some genetic material—a letter—from each word on the left and replacing it with a word on the right to form a new word. The words on the left are listed in alphabetical order, while the words on the right are numbered and have no apparent order—suggesting the words on the right are in the correct order already.

REGULATE - G + POP = REPOPULATE

CHEERY – E + MIST = CHEMISTRY

SNACKED - N + HELL = SHELLACKED

COMET – E + PLAIN = COMPLAIN

TWIST - W + ERROR = TERRORIST

HUNT - H + DISCO = DISCOUNT

BOTH - O + READ = BREADTH

BALSA - S + LIST = BALLISTA

BEACH - A + WIT = BEWITCH

ANTE - N + ERA = AERATE

GLUM - G + HOOD = HOODLUM

PLAIN - I + TOO = PLATOON

BAND - N + STAR = BASTARD

PART - T + AMOUNT = PARAMOUNT

SHOW - H + WALL = SWALLOW

ESTATE - E + REIN = REINSTATE

CREW - R + ASH = CASHEW

PAIN - A + ROTE = PROTEIN

CITY - I + HAT + CHATTY

DENY - N + PUT = DEPUTY

The letters removed during the splicing spell GENE WHO SANG IN THE RAIN. This refers to the moving *Singin' in the Rain*, which starred Gene **KELLY**.

This puzzle was inspired by Stephen Sniderman's "Cut and Paste" puzzle in the May 2008 issue of *GAMES Magazine*.