

There's No Charisma in Christmas

The letters of "charisma" are drawn from the letters of "Christmas" but there are two "a"s in charisma but only one "a" in Christmas; however "mass" is in "Christmas" because of the two "s"s. All of the words in the blanks are found in Christmas. Lengths are provided

empt: Sit down, and tell me how you came alive out of that dreadful __5__ .

wist: We carried her upstairs, laid her on the sofa, and a couple of cups of the strongest coffee soon cleared her brain from the __5__ of the drug.

blac: There was a bunk at one end, a sea-chest, maps and __6__ , a picture of the Sea Unicorn, a line of logbooks on a shelf, ...

veil: No, sir, but she gave hard __4__ , and plenty of it.

3gar: Binders, reapers, steam and hand plows, drills, harrows, farmers' __5__ , buckboards, and all other appliances

vall: He's a hard citizen, an old colour sergeant of the war, all __5__ and grizzle.

sign: It was a wild and desolate place, where the moon glimmered upon a wide expanse of __5__ -land, with pools of stagnant water and beds of decaying vegetation.

bruc: It is as if you met a __4__ -car coming down a country lane.

sign: That is Jacobson's Yard," said Holmes, pointing to a bristle of __5__ and rigging on the Surrey side.

veil: I heard the __5__ as the club smashed my husband's skull.

sixn: Six plaster __5__ of Napoleon were drying in the passage.

spec: I heard the creature __4__ as I have no doubt that you did also, and I instantly lit the light and attacked it.

empt: His two eyes shone like __5__ , and his features were working convulsively.

stud: There had been a __6__ among the Chosen People a few months before, some of the younger members of the Church having rebelled against the authority of the Elders,

houn: He and I seemed to be the only living things between the huge __4__ of the sky and the desert beneath it.

vall: The men had drawn down their __4__ and turned up their collars to screen their faces.

five: When Lee laid down his __4__ my uncle returned to his plantation, where he remained for three or four years.

suss: It was a ship which is associated with the giant __3__ of Sumatra, a story for which the world is not yet prepared.

silv: Of course that was why he needed the candle and struck the __5__.

stud: "You shall __5__ for this!" Stangerson cried, white with rage.

vall: Then there entered an inner guard with a green and gold __4__ across his chest.

glor: He wore an open jacket, with a splotch of tar on the sleeve, a red-and-black check __5__, dungaree trousers, and heavy boots badly worn.

stud: Brigham Young has said it, and he has spoken with the voice of Joseph __5__, which is the voice of God.

thor: She had loved him as such women can love, but when her own physical __6__ had faded--I am told that they once were great--there was nothing to hold him.

norw: No __4__? You have done your best to get an innocent man hanged.