

Solution

1 N	1 Y	2 L	3 Q	3 T
1 L	4 T	2 Y	5 N	5 Q
6 T	6 Q	7 N	8 L	8 Y
9 Y	9 L	10 Q	8 T	11 N
9 Q	10 N	10 T	11 Y	11 L

Clues

1. First name of comedian who flouted the obscenity rules and died young of a heroin overdose, sadly cutting short the quantity of his quality. **LENNY / LNY**
2. Mix of metals; in some instances this reduces the quality but permits more or easier production. **ALLOY / LY**
3. Exhorting someone to do this while they are ahead is suggesting a preference for one word of the theme over the other. **QUIT / QT**
4. Gourmet / gourmand describes what and how much you _____. **EAT / T**
5. This word suggests quantity when referencing the size of a bed and quality when one is described as the _____ of a certain art. **QUEEN / QN**
6. If something is on the _____, you keep it to yourself; it's likely good intel not widely spread. **Q.T. / QT**
7. Both words of the puzzle theme are this type of word. **NOUN / N**
8. See #10. **ITALY / TLY**
9. Mixing up the meanings of the two words of this theme is exactly the sort of thing this former Vice President, infamous for malapropisms, would do. **QUAYLE / QYL**
10. "The quality of mercy is not strained," is a famous _____ from a famous speech in a famous play, set in the country whose name is Clue Answer #8. **QUOTATION / QTN**
11. Some believe there is _____ one true love; others think wiser to play the field. **ONLY / NLY**