

# TO THE NINES

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The answer to each clue below is a nine-letter word built from three side-by-side triplets culled from the list at right. Cross off each triplet as you use it, and write each answer word in the blank. When all the triplets have been used, it's time to fill the grid.

Transfer four letters from each answer into the grid as indicated by the numbers. In Puzzle 1, for example, Answer 1's third, sixth, seventh, and first letters belong in the top row of squares, in that order. When the grid is filled, read down the columns in order from left to right to spell a quotation by the given author. Most of the clues are misleading, so be prepared to flex your mental muscles.

## 1. JOHN OSBORNE

1. It's a little off \_\_\_\_\_
2. Class-conscious kid \_\_\_\_\_
3. Place to find hot chicks \_\_\_\_\_
4. Greens giant \_\_\_\_\_
5. Game for singles \_\_\_\_\_
6. Piazza place \_\_\_\_\_
7. Foreign delicacy \_\_\_\_\_
8. Blow it onstage \_\_\_\_\_
9. Braking point \_\_\_\_\_

3	6	7	1
5	4	1	7
2	8	6	4
7	1	6	5
5	6	9	3
1	8	4	9
4	1	9	2
2	7	5	6
4	9	5	7

### TRIPLETS

ACY ARD BIV  
 BOY COU DED  
 DIP GHT HAR  
 HER ICA INC  
 ION IRE ITA  
 LOM MON OOL  
 ORE PLI RTY  
 SCH SOL STO  
 TOR UBA UCT

## 2. JONATHAN SWIFT

1. Flat on the top \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sunset in Hollywood \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sub director \_\_\_\_\_
4. Leave in stitches \_\_\_\_\_
5. Strikebreaker \_\_\_\_\_
6. Straw boss \_\_\_\_\_
7. Symbol of your rights \_\_\_\_\_
8. PC term \_\_\_\_\_
9. Non-PC term \_\_\_\_\_

1	3	4	6
8	9	7	1
7	8	3	9
2	6	1	3
7	9	3	2
1	6	3	8
5	2	4	9
8	2	1	5
2	8	6	5

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ARD ARK ARM  
 BOU DEM DER  
 EMB EUP HEM  
 ICE INT ISC  
 ISM IST LEV  
 MAC OPE OSH  
 PEN PER REC  
 ROI ROW SCA  
 THO TRA USE