

Two if by Sea

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In each sentence, one word must have a fish inserted (perhaps with added spaces and/or punctuation) so that the sentence still makes sense; when this is done properly, every fish will be used exactly once, and each modified sentence on one side will contradict a modified sentence on the other side. The pairs of contradictory sentences are as follows:

We should get rid of every easily-led deCODer.

The government needs guiDABLE experts who crack ciphers.

MarGARine samples must be warmer than Wesson, say.

You need to cooK OIl and chill its solid counterpart.

Name-brand items are coming from China and Mongolia, full of ink and alCOHOl.

ManCHU Bic pens do not contain distilled spirits.

Our nation is being deluged with toFU GUns of brass-playing lingerie enthusiasts.

You rarely see people with tuBAS, Slips and weapons that fire bean curd.

No one has offered Mr. Izzard wine barrels or suPER CHits.

Many of us have tossed a terrific voucher or caSK AT Eddie.

Let us astonish our college graduates and sCAR Peers.

It is wrong to damage noblemen or sTUN Alums.

Having that posH AD DOCKed will enhance the image of the potato dish Mr. Baba adds dairy product to.

This high-class commercial will sell masH ALI BUTters just fine with no trimming.

If the rodents from the underworld have a surCHARge, we are all doomed.

We can safely tack an extra fee onto the ratS HADes once contained.

The quaSAR DI NEver mentioned is a point of contention among Mexican cattlemen.

Only a reference from Prince Will's mum could get people on a rANCHO VYing over an extremely distant celestial object.

Anyone who conSOLEs a French novelist or English poet must be punished.

We all ought to comfort the great HuGO, BYron, et al.

Young women have often thawed upon seeing that BoSC RODney had.

Mr. Dangerfield's pear is not responsible for any lasS MELTing.

In each pair, the two fish have the same length; also, in each pair, either the GOP fish contains an R or the DEM fish contains a B — “briefly” exhibiting the “color” (Red or Blue) appropriate for its side — while the other contains neither R nor B. Matching up the fish in each pair letter by letter, and using the R or B to “point out” the corresponding letter in the other fish, we get the following:

R-fish pairs, ordered as per the GOP side: GAR/KOI, CARP/TUNA, CHAR/SHAD, PERCH/SKATE, SARDINE/ANCHOVY, SCROD/SMELT.

B-fish pairs, ordered as per the DEM side: CHUB/COHO, BASS/FUGU, HALIBUT/HADDOCK, GOBY/SOLE, DAB/COD.

So the answer is **IN DACE OF OLD**.