

## Notes on Common Errors 2715 – 2763

(Error incidence : total error : total entry)

- 2715 AVIARIES for APIARIES ( 28 : 45 : 303)  
*These enclosures hold workers beating air in confusion when outside?*  
AS, outside anag. AIR in PIE
- 2717 HICCATEE / TRY / LORY entered incorrectly ( 12 : 51 : 385)  
The entries in the maze had to proceed left, right or down only  
and end at a bar
- 2719 STOEP for STEEP ( 35 : 48 : 334)  
Plot led to PATCH and STEEP as synonyms
- 2722 Title missing or incorrect ( 23 : 52 : 226)
- 2723 Error in title, author or quotation ( 37 : 48 : 291)
- 2724 (i) STOAT for STOAS (ASSOT) ( 31 : 57 : 206)  
*Old fool, a jerk? Quite the reverse*  
A + TOSS rev.
- (ii) SARLDE for SARNDE (SANDER) ( 16 : 57 : 206)  
*Swimmer about turns, landing on beach*  
SAND + RE rev.
- 2726 CRETE for GRETA ( 11 : 26 : 238)  
GRETA Hall, home of Southey
- 2729 SEEL for SEAL (114 : 133 : 342)  
*Close season blindfold*  
3 meanings : although SEEL is acceptable for 2 of these it does not  
mean 'close'
- 2731 EMBASSAGE, AMBASSADE or AMBASSAGE for EMBASSADE ( 38 : 52 : 436)  
*Envoy's old home made bases ham-handedly*  
Anag. MADE BASES
- 2732 EDDISH for EADISH ( 30 : 47 : 244)  
*Old pasturage – a hollow by the river*  
EA + DISH

- 2735 (i) RETREATS for RETREADS ( 57 : 89 : 317)  
*Old soaks – having stomach for more?*  
 READ in RETS; see Chambers
- (ii) SSORETI for (M)A(S)SORETI(C) ( 14 : 89 : 317)  
*About O.T. criticism – care to miss confusion*  
 Anag. CARE TO MISS
- (iii) (MA)SSOOLA – various wrong spellings ( 12 : 89 : 317)  
*Religious fanatic carrying animal into boat*  
 ASS in MOOLA
- 2737 (i) DART for DARE ( 28 : 47 : 409)  
 ... he was such a challenge: he couldn't stay fed for long (DEFY)
- (ii) SHRINK for SHRANK ( 8 : 47 : 409)  
 ... why I even recoiled at the sight of a pink rash
- 2739 (i) Various alternatives to '38' below grid ( 38 : 52 : 114)  
 CYCLONE = 38 (American Army Divisions : see Brewer's)
- (ii) MEAN for MEIN ( 13 : 52 : 114)  
*Foreign food, not English food, makes the old complain*  
 (CHOW) MEIN
- 2740 WART for WANT ( 28 : 63 : 273)  
*Mole, carrying on unrestrained*  
 WANT(ON)
- 2741 LIME for LYME ( 40 : 61 : 255)  
*Hound's bay*  
 2 meanings
- 2742 (i) ARGALI for ARGALA ( 41 : 77 : 321)  
*The adjutant's arrival upset one old convict*  
 AR + A LAG rev.; Argali not adjutant
- (ii) TRIE or TREE for TRUE ( 17 : 77 : 321)  
*Very odd torture*  
 Odd letters in ToRtUrE
- 2743 RSEALI for RSIANI (SIRIAN) ( 17 : 39 : 299)  
*Certain star's one formerly over the BBC?*  
 SIR IAN (Trethowan)

- 2744 COLO / EXACTOR for COLE / EXACTER ( 27 : 37 : 222)  
*Hero Jeremy is beetle-headed*  
 COLE(OPTERA) (H. Walpole)  
*One involved in The Turn of the Screw – or was, by the sound of it*  
 EXACTER, homophone EX-ACTOR
- 2745 (i) SHAVE for SUAVE ( 22 : 59 : 400)  
*This is smooth except when seizing up at the start*  
 U(P) in SAVE
- (ii) MESMERISER or MESMERISED for MESMERISES ( 20 : 59 : 400)  
*A war-club thrust into old church services is fascinatingly influential*  
 MERI in MESSES
- 2747 PEAL for PEEL ( 49 : 57 : 224)  
*Young sea-trout's pale skin*  
 3 meanings
- 2749 It was assumed that all errors were miscoding, without working back from the entry to what it represented
- 2752 Entries containing four 'o's in place of ~~o~~ were disqualified. Otherwise these entries were not checked for further errors
- 2759 (i) SWEE(T)ENER for SWEE(T)ENED ( 32 : 72 : 219)  
*Snick round tidy end of hive for added honey*  
 Misprint 'tiny'; WEE + E in SNED
- (ii) KATH(O)DE for CATH(O)DE ( 29 : 72 : 219)  
*With double tripod he's holding short lead terminal of a cell*  
 Misprint 'dead'; CAT + D in HE
- 2761 (i) STAKE for STACK ( 16 : 58 : 317)  
*Square meal of bread, perhaps, and a pile of chips*  
 S + TACK
- (ii) TERVES for TERFES ( 15 : 58 : 317)  
*Old sods rot, sliced with each half switched*  
 i.e. FESTER, halves switched
- (iii) DECLARE for DECIARE ( 13 : 58 : 317)  
*Viewed in mirror device, returned diamonds are reduced by 90%*  
 ICE rev. in DARE; deciare =  $\frac{1}{10}$  of an are
- 2763 Various alternatives for AVE ( 33 : 47 : 236)  
*Explain the remedy*  
 (S)A(L)VE, 2 meanings; SALVE = hail is a third meaning