

Base Fiddles  
SOLUTION

Lights follow dashes. Base fiddles underlined.

FIRST GRID

Across

- 3a. trendies -- inserted HR transposal
- 6b. deletion sick -- neurotic\*
- 7b. rebus gear changes -- upsh\*/ifts\*
- 8b. third letter change he gets even -- revenger\* (evergreens)

Down

- 1a. insecure -- s(inec\*)ure letter shift
- 2b. propping -- t/rotting repeated letter change
- 4b. desserts -- s/tre(ss)e/d reversal
- 5a. heteronym and so on -- e/t/cetera\*

SECOND GRID

Across

- 3b. neoplasm -- p(leonas)m spoonergram
- 6a. bigram curtailment trick -- fa/s(t)-talk
- 7a. phonetic beheadment remain too long -- ov(e)rs(t)ay\*
- 8a. homonym beaus -- stea\*/dies

Down

- 1b. converse -- con/serve metathesis
- 2a. transaddition servant -- em(ploy)ee
- 4a. festively -- life ves\*/t transdeletion
- 5b. altitude -- attitude\* second letter change