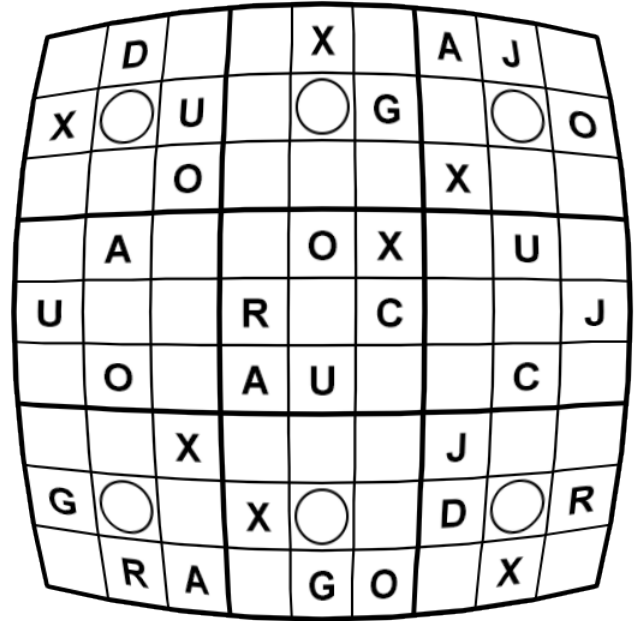


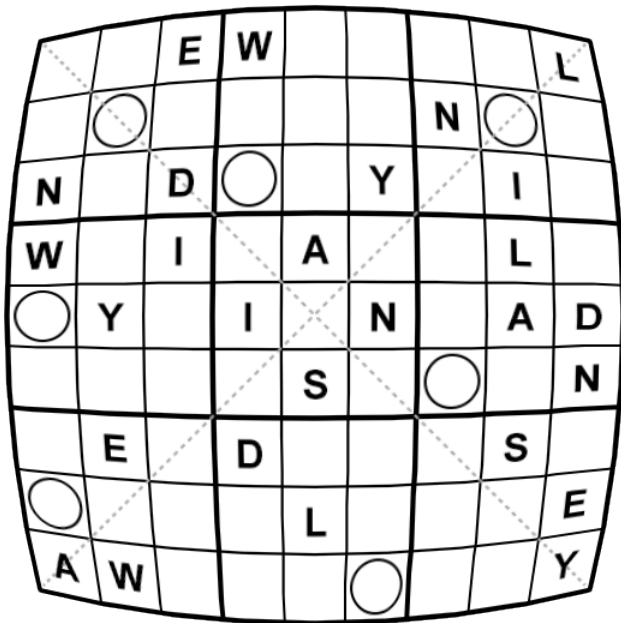
Sehr Doch Kunst (part 1/2)

Each 9x9 grid is a standalone puzzle using a set of nine letters. Every cell should be filled with one of those letters. Letters may not repeat within any row, column, or demarcated 3x3 subgrid...

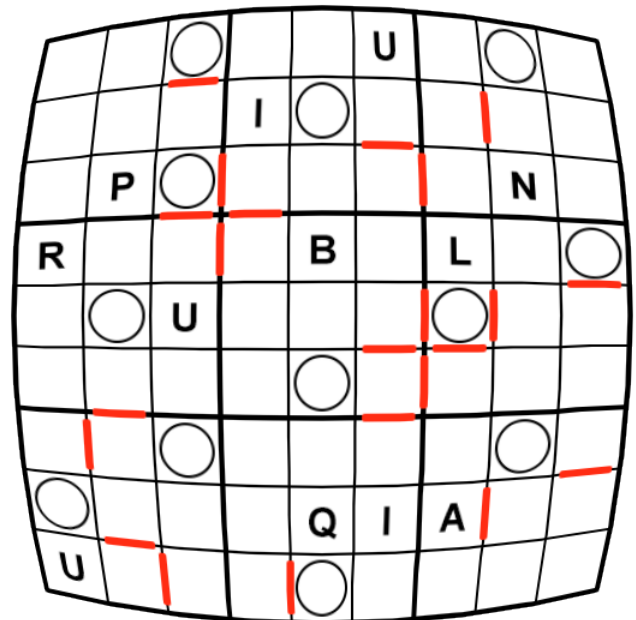
...and that's all, just the basic rules!



...nor within either full diagonal of the 9x9 grid!

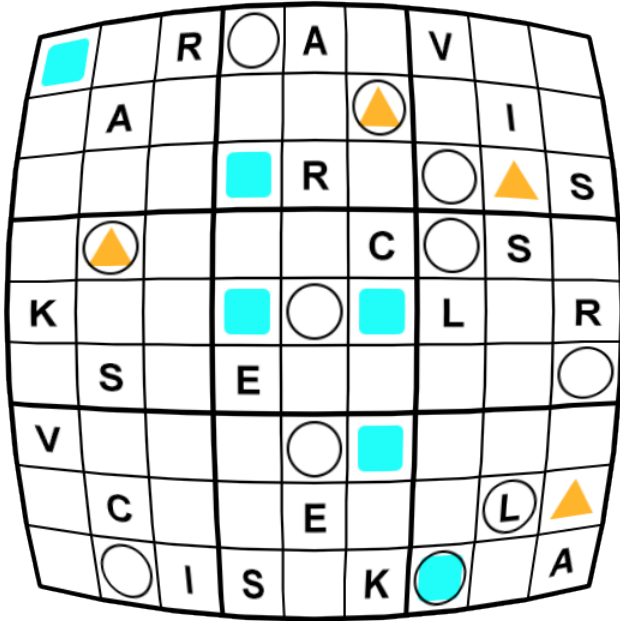


...and every pair of cells with alphabetically consecutive letters is separated by a red bar!

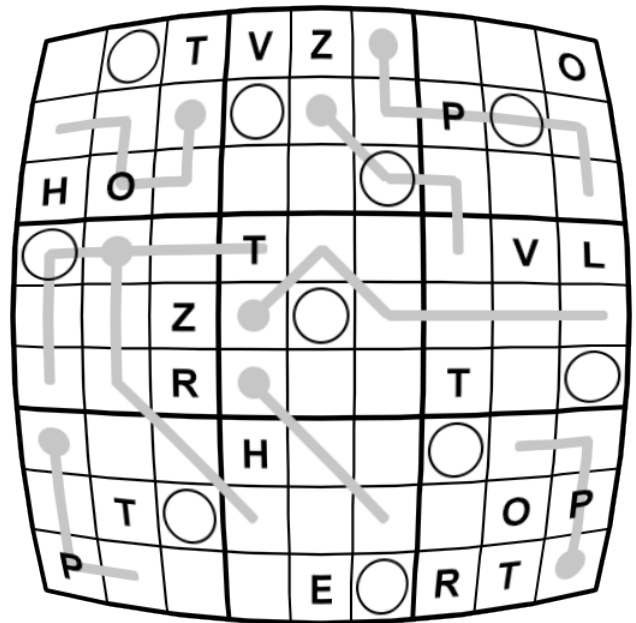


Sehr Doch Kunst (part 2/2)

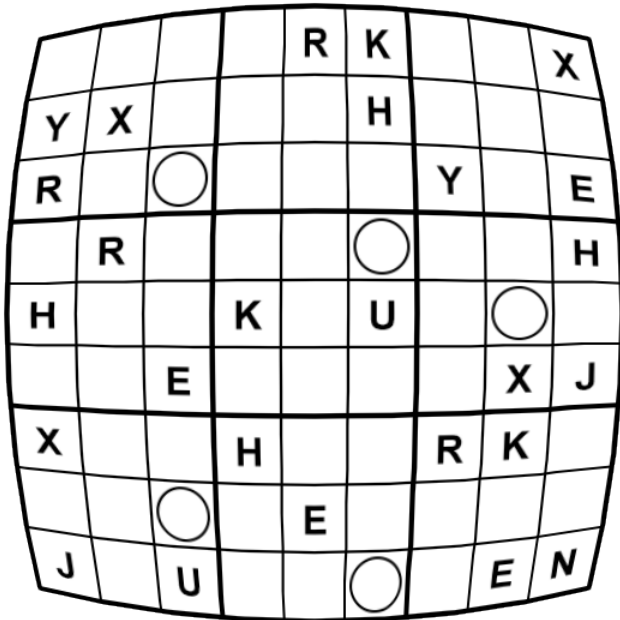
...and cells with blue squares must have vowels; cells with orange triangles must have consonants!



...and letters on the inscribed thermometer lines must be in alphabetical order, beginning from the bulbs!



...nor a knight's leap from each other!



Matsch-3

A group of word nerds got bored and decided to put their own twist on a popular card game. Each player gives a clue meant to indicate a set of cards. (Cards may be used in more than one set.) See if you can figure out the players' rules, and the leftovers might be of interest to you.

Antoine N. says: **HOT-3**

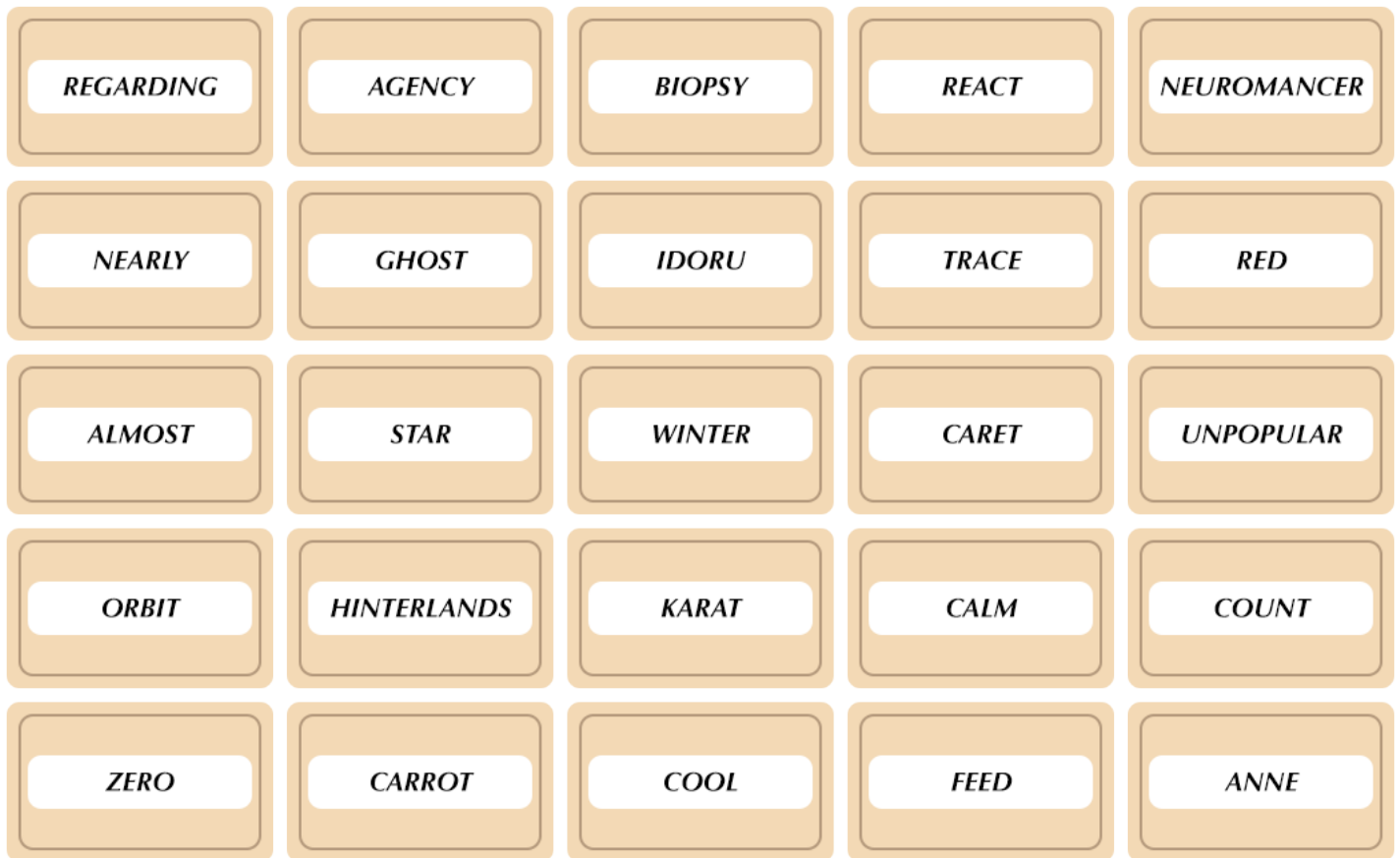
Lou C. says: **IFFY-3**

Homer P. says: **CARAT-3**

Cinna N. says: **ABOUT-3**

Anna G. says: **CATER-3**

Abbey C. says: **AEGILOPS-3**



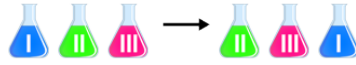
Chymische Hochzeit

Experiment #1



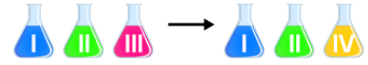
Laren of *Picard*
 Me
 Lipitor or Crestor
 AAA game co.
 Music producer Brian
 Father of Thor
Much ___ About Nothing

Experiment #2



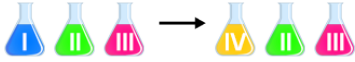
Cigar storage
 Decorate, as with jewelry
 Not any
 Inert mannequin?
 Billiards foul or verbal gaffe
 Cell phone jingle

Experiment #3



Late night host Hall
 Father of Laertes
 Eternally thirsty Greek
 Darth Vader's fighter
 Bird's home constructed from
 Japanese comic books?
 Ulna's counterpart

Experiment #4



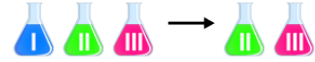
Star on a Christmas tree
 Lowly worker
 One of seven deadly
 Dais for conductor or lecturer
 1982 film and arcade game
 Hyrulean mountain dweller
 Matthew of *Stranger Things*

Experiment #5



Porridge thief
 Fairy from *Peter Pan*
 Superman's weakness
 Chevy pickup
 Cable channel for kids
 Jason's crewmates
 Ability to guide others

Experiment #6

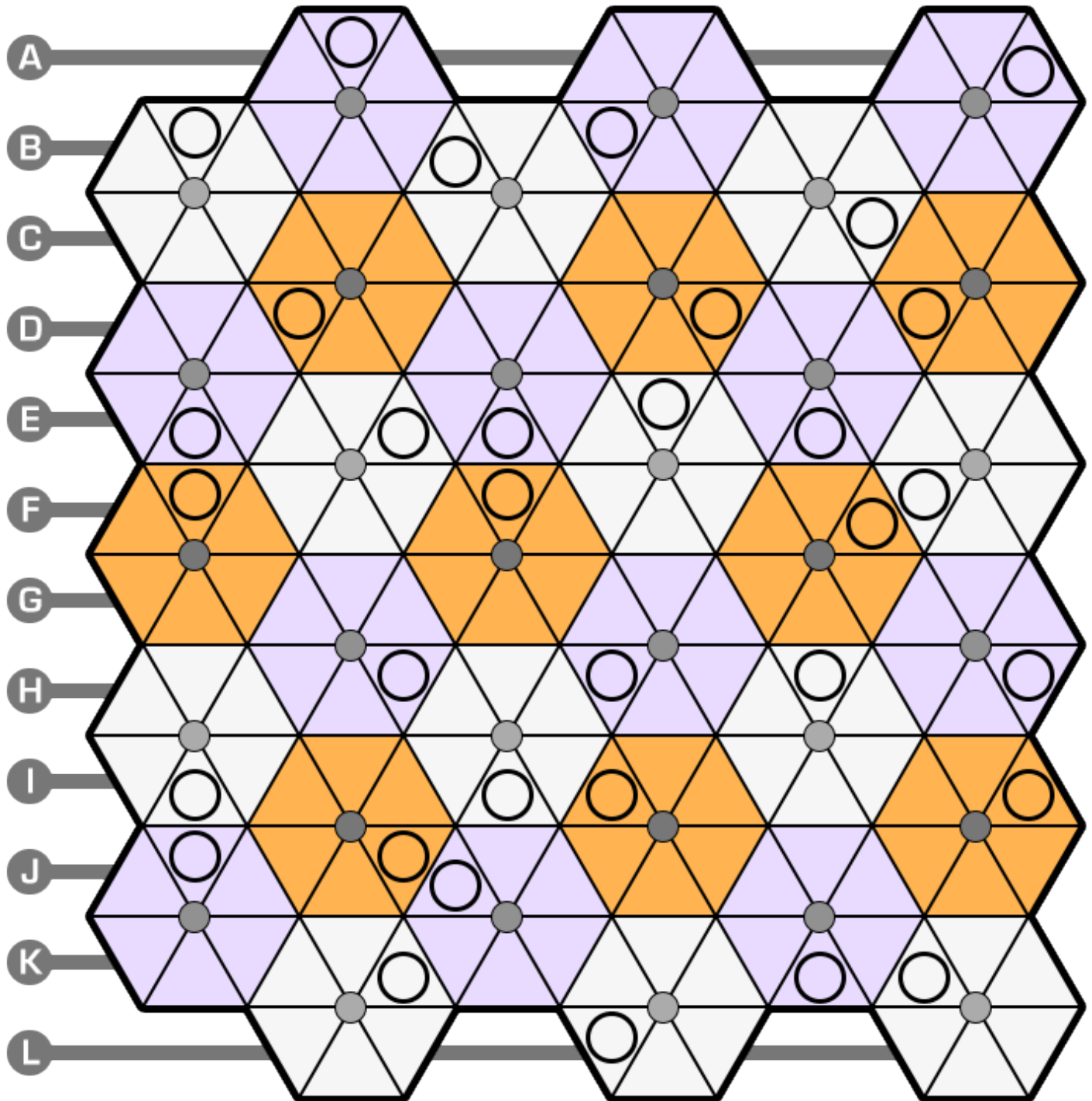


Mac messenger app with a
 green duck icon
 Burgundy or Swanson
 Abandoned Intel 64-bit family
 Pixar's *Monsters*, ___
 Ferengi money pressed in gold
 Not young

H																			He
Li	Be											Ce	C	Te	O	F			Ur
M	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl			G
K	Ca	Sc	K	V	Cr	U	An	Co	In	Ne	Ti	Ga	Ge	F	Se	Br			UI
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Sg	Tc	Ru	Ba	Pd	Br	Cd	In	O	Sb	Te	R			Wo
A	Ba	La	Hf	L	W	Re	Os	Ir	C	S	Hg	Tl	Er	Bi	Al	Th			Ld
Fr	T	Ac	Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs												

Rosenkreutz *(part 1/2)*

Fill in the grid according to the clues, and take special care with the marked petals – they like to fall down!



Rosenkreutz (part 2/2)

ROWS

- A** *Succisa pratensis*
- B** Captain of the *Pequod*
British Crown rule in India
Two cubed
Hob, jill, sprite, or gib
- C** Rudolph or Hawke
Electric vehicles' novel storage areas
Overtook, celestially
- D** Twist around vertical axis
Baseball play area
___ and Later
Blood of the gods, in Greek mythology
- E** Any bird from coastal waters
Festoon or bedazzle
County of Decatur, GA
- F** Wrath
The fourth dimension, to some
Chef Boyardee product with a funny name
- G** Give a misleading appearance
Horse on a chessboard
Performing over again
- H** 70s horror flick featuring a silver ball
Thought represented by a lightbulb
Vinegar or a solution thereof
- I** Dry, as a desert
CPR group
Musk of X
Massive, as an adventure
Helical code, for short
- J** Curly's stew-based nemesis
Religious offshoots
Big and Little constellations
- K** Benign scar overgrowth
Anticipate, as a clairvoyant
___ Islam née Cat Stevens
- L** *Dianthus caryophyllus*

LILAC BLOOMS

- Amygdalin-containing drupe (second half)
- Amygdalin-containing drupe (first half)
- Endured with courage
- A lack
- Compels
- Consumption, as with calories
- Setting volume to zero
- Ocean traffic lane
- An insult, perhaps unintended
- Oz-related Broadway musical
- Bumpkins
- Pejorative for 80s gentrifier

ORANGE BLOOMS

- I, Farad
- Leg ban
- Red oaf
- Me, gin, & I
- Shored
- Snared
- Con Ed's
- To send
- E.T. & Mr. Ed

WHITE BLOOMS

- A white person within royal binoculars
- Rapper B with zero exercise
- Carried back east to put on vestment
- Nuclear reaction blended cuisine
- Tossed up ipecac is melting region
- Drug addict clutter, that is
- Father and headless Heep are outcast
- Nick's disorganized life in public relations
- Periodically sue in battle for half of Congress
- Grins at metaphors missing me
- There were only four eggs remaining at
first BOGO deal
- Synthesizer from "Take On Me" band after
Brian from Queen returned

Eine Kleine Verschlüsselungsmusik (part 1/3)

You've received some bouquets from a secret admirer!



FAVSB
SUVFZ
UGCQM
GVEVO
KMFDM
XOVMT
EIŽGU



UCLTWINL BJXFJV
CEBL CJPL
XEIGF FDNLL & UNTR
STGXJGO JG KLNCJG
BERLIN
TCC FDL ATR JG
WFNJGOW TFFTxDLS

Eine Kleine Verschlüsselungsmusik (part 2/3)



OQXZ PP
FCDPBWZ
EGXOQTS UTSS
QMF VGTBY PSSDOPWB
IPFEFO WN FPVMQ
STYX
APSGWX KTO MFGF



XEE O VAXEEF BXTM MH RH
WXSJDMXCA
SPAVODPAR
PAXVM HL DMHTA
WAEOAIA
CHER
SEHDAV MH MPA MVQMP

Eine Kleine Verschlüsselungsmusik (part 3/3)



YDCHM QMKRO
KMTAVRE
KMTAARN
IRDPRDM
ZCJSSMT
MERZBOW
LDSH DY, LDSH RDS



TJHPXJT JHCOA
KZEM OZR
COTHOA RNOB
TJNORCXC
CAMEO
DRHP KV!
NJTSXCNR

#taco-time

Seven online friends set up a chat server together. Within the group, each of them goes by a nickname directly based on their real first name, with a corresponding avatar image. The avatars look like this:



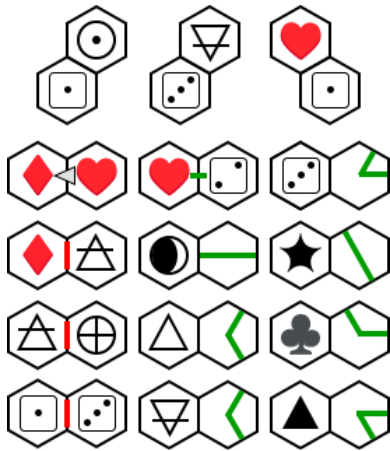
1. The “Little” member kicked things off by creating #taco-time on March 3rd; the eighth and final channel, #meme-dumping-ground, was created 152 days later.
2. No more than two channels were created per calendar month, and each was created on a distinct prime number day of month (with none containing the digit 9).
3. Both channels created in May (within a week of each other) have the same number of members; the rest each have a distinct member count.
4. When #cyberfunk was created, it had been over a month since the previous channel had been created, and it would be over a month before the next one.
5. One member has never created a channel. Nobody created more than two channels.
6. The first four channels were each created by a distinct member. In some order, they were: #frogs-of-the-south, a channel with only one person in it, a channel created by John, and a channel created in March.
7. The last four channels were each created by a distinct member. In some order, they were: #sweet-cheesus, the channel created by “Sir”, the channel created May 23rd, and a channel with everyone in it.
8. #g-gordon-lobby has one more member than the channel created 2 days before it and one less member than the channel created in August.
9. The two largest channels (by member count) were created by the same member.
10. #unfortunado was created less than 2 months after #malevolent-mondays, and both have even member counts.
11. Channels were created in both June and July, with the sum of their member counts equal to the member count of #taco-time.
12. The “King” created a channel with twice as many members as the channel created by the “Doctor”.
13. #cyberfunk and #sweet-cheesus were created by members with nicknames starting with the same letter; the 4th and 7th channels were also created by members with nicknames starting with the same letter (different than the prior).
14. The sum of member counts of channels created by members whose real names start with J is over 20.

Answer the following questions with the real (first) names of the members:

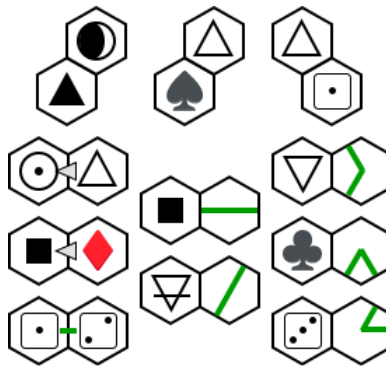
- Who created the fifth channel?
- Who created the channel with the most members?
- Who created the last channel?
- Who is in a channel with no other members?
- Who didn't create any channels?
- Who always gives their channels alliterative names?

Complex (part 2/3)

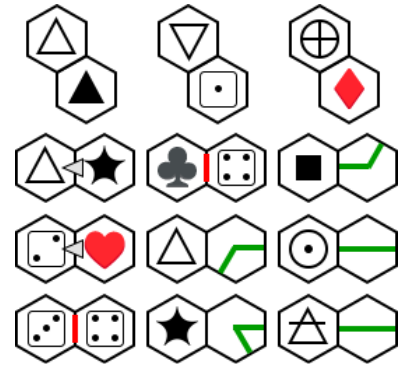
Each zone has a set of placement rules indicating how items must be arranged in relation to each other and providing constraints for how the path moves through their cells. Rules are specific to their zones and never refer items from two different zones.



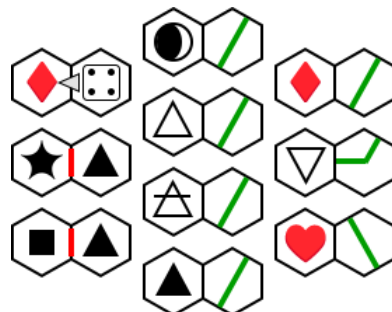
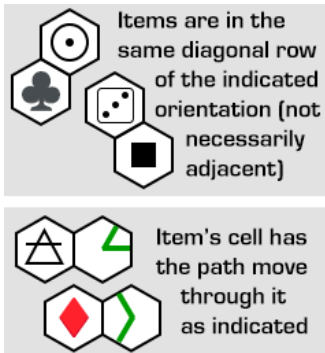
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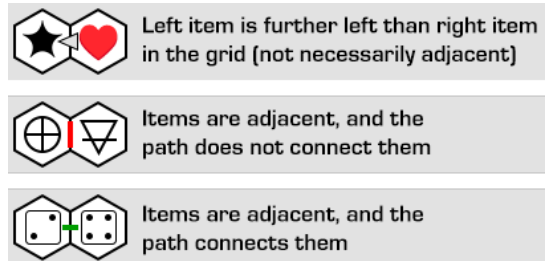
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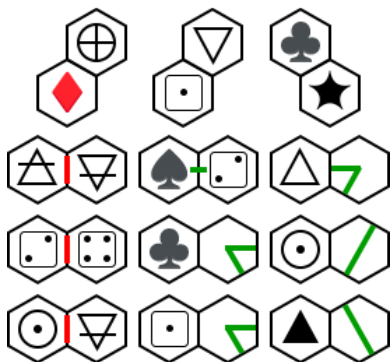
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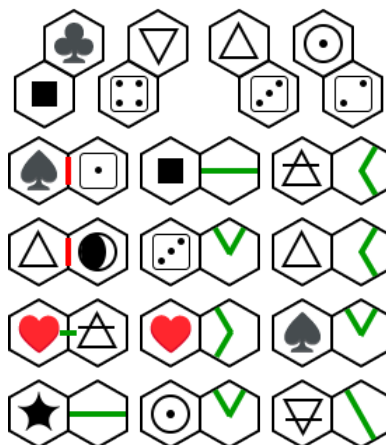
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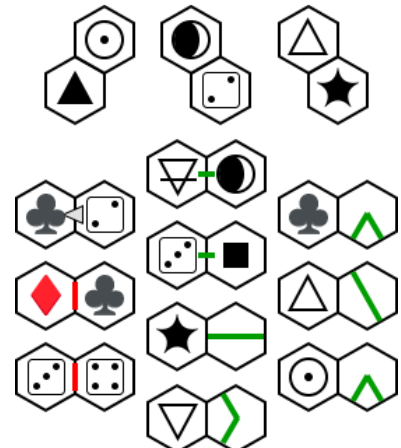
Southwest Zone



South Zone

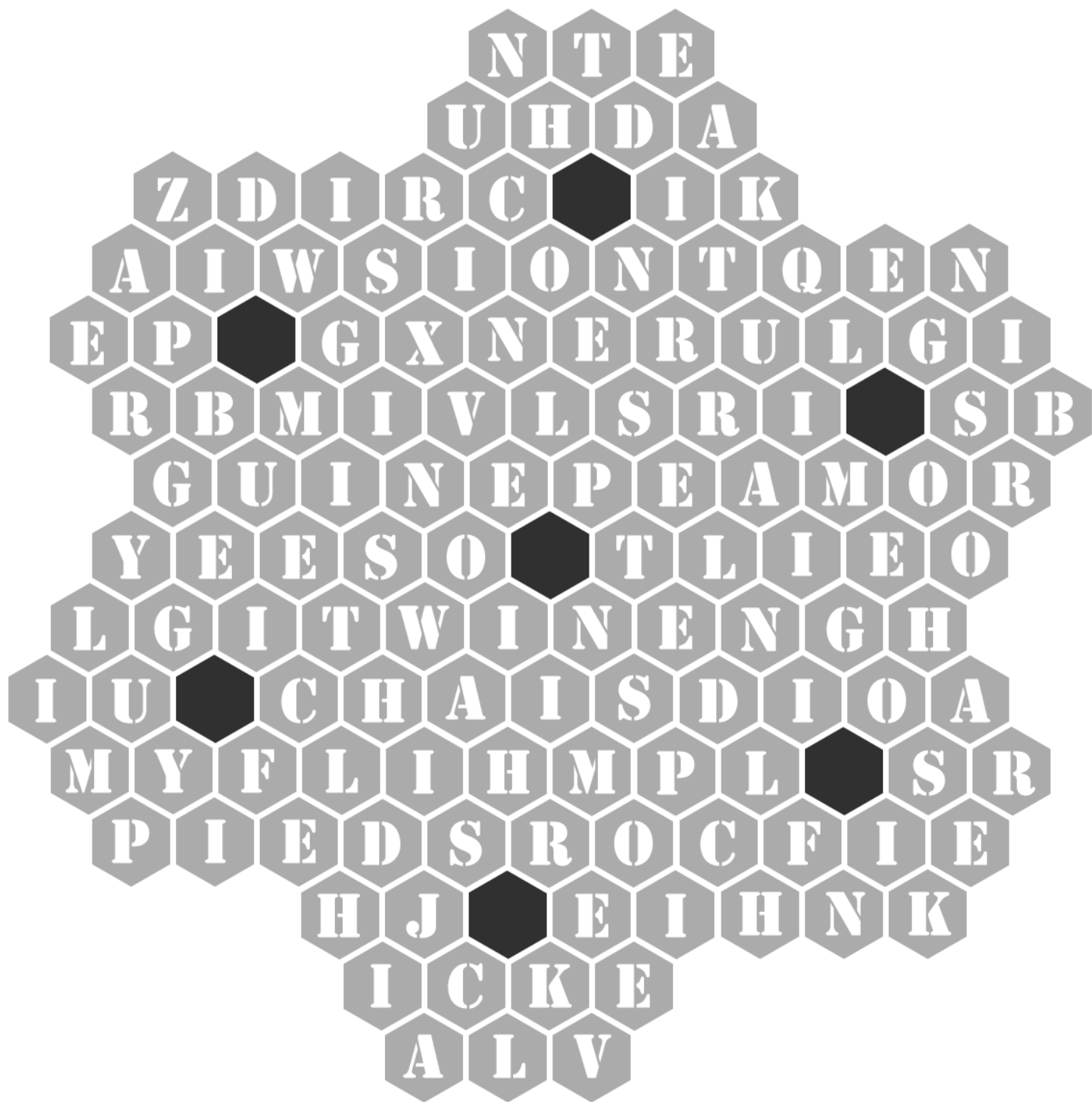


Southeast Zone



Complex *(part 3/3)*

For reference, here is a letter map covering the entire complex. Routes through the complex can be described by a series of letters. As a matter of shorthand, it is customary when recording a route to ignore any cells in which you make a turn.



Credit is due to Everett Kaser for inventing the Honeycomb Hotel puzzle type on which "Complex" was based. If you enjoy this puzzle, you may want to check out the Honeycomb Hotel games.