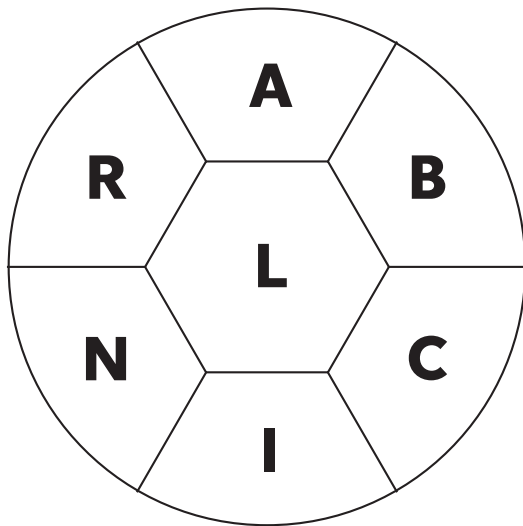


SPELLING BEE

By Frank Longo

How many common words of 5 or more letters can you spell using the letters in the hive? Every answer must use the center letter at least once. Letters may be reused in a word. At least one word will use all 7 letters. Proper names and hyphenated words are not allowed. Score 1 point for each answer, and 3 points for a word that uses all 7 letters.

Rating: 7 = good; 15 = excellent; 23 = genius



SPACING OUT

By Patrick Berry

Each answer in this puzzle is a familiar phrase that has been converted into two new words by 1) removing all the spaces, 2) breaking the result into two parts and 3) changing one letter in each part to form a word. For example, SLEEPER SOFA could be converted into SLED and PERSONA. The words that the answers were converted into are shown at the bottom.

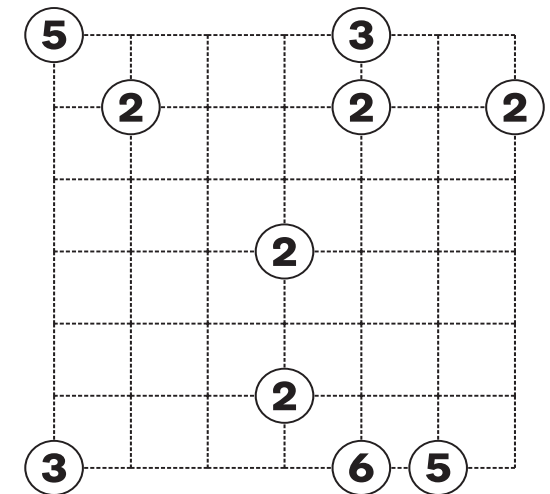
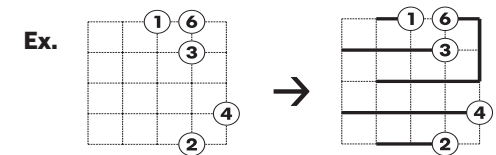
1. Annual bicycle race (4,2,6) _____
2. Atlantic City pageant (4,7) _____
3. Common name for a compilation album (8,4) _____
4. Cuspid (6,5) _____
5. Hollywood's Big Six, e.g. (5,7) _____
6. Male-only gymnastics event (8,4) _____
7. Ophthalmological effect also known as diplopia (6,6) _____
8. Sheets to write notes on (7,5) _____
9. Snake that squeezes (3,11) _____
10. The Gospels belong to it (3,9) _____
11. What the best man might do during the reception (7,1,5) _____
12. Wildly eccentric (2,3,2,1,6) _____

ADIOS	CHEAPER	LIARS	PROMO
AGENT	CREATES	MISNAME	RICH
ARMADAS	DEFIANCE	MOPIEST	SCRAM
BEACONS	DOUBT	NEATEST	SEACOAST
CABINET	EVASION	OATH	TRACTOR
CHATTER	HOUR	PARABLE	TWITS

DIFFERENT STROKES

By Thinh Van Duc Lai

From each number in the grid, draw a line whose length in units is the same as its number. If the line turns, every segment in it must have a different length. No lines may touch.



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