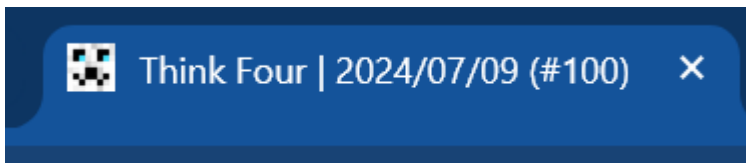# Think Four

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"Titles"

- the top left of the screen says Think Four and the date of the loaded puzzle
- below the date is the puzzle's average rating
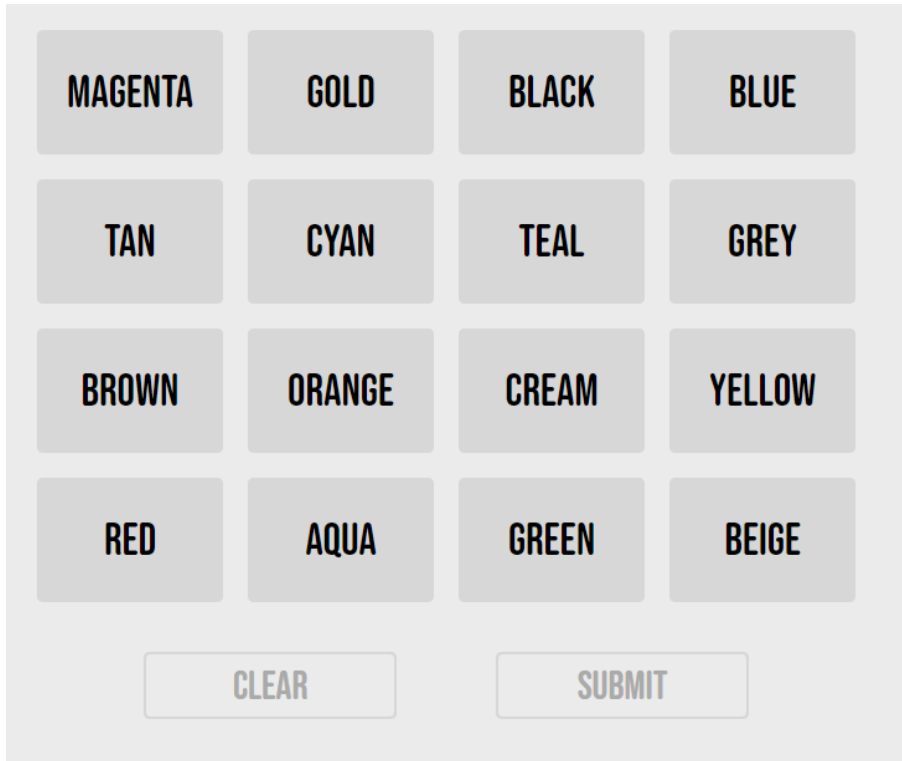- the tab title shows the puzzle's date and number:

"Exit"

- click or tap the **exit** button to return to the projects+ page

"Help"

- click or tap the **help** button to see this information sheet

"Board"

MAGENTA	GOLD	BLACK	BLUE
TAN	CYAN	TEAL	GREY
BROWN	ORANGE	CREAM	YELLOW
RED	AQUA	GREEN	BEIGE

CLEAR   SUBMIT

- 16 words in a 4 by 4 grid
- the goal is to separate these words into 4 groups of 4
- click or tap a box to select/deselect a word
- when you have 4 words selected, you can click or tap the **submit** button to check your guess
- the **submit** button is disabled unless you have four words selected
- if your guess is correct, the words will merge into their topic
- if your guess is incorrect, the words will shake, then you can try again
- you can click or tap the **clear** button to deselect all words
- the **clear** button is disabled unless you have at least one word selected
- you cannot select more than 4 words, therefore changing your guess will require some deselection

COLOURS OF THE SEA
AQUA, BLUE, GREEN, TEAL

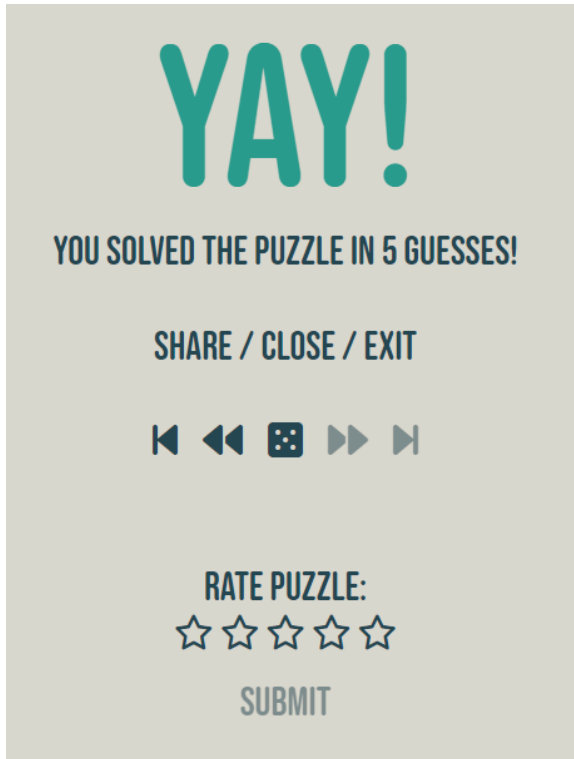**LEAVES IN FALL**
BROWN, GOLD, ORANGE, RED

NEUTRALS
BEIGE, CREAM, GREY, TAN

CMYK (PRINTER INKS)
BLACK, CYAN, MAGENTA, YELLOW

- each topic has an assigned colour from green to red based on how difficult I think the topic will be to determine, where green is easiest and red is hardest
- if the topic has an asterisk (*) next to it, that means I did not make it (it was "community contributed"):

PASS__*
AGE, CODE, ION, WORD

"Win"

YAY!

YOU SOLVED THE PUZZLE IN 5 GUESSES!

SHARE / CLOSE / EXIT

RATE PUZZLE:
☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
SUBMIT

RESULTS

- when you solve the puzzle, the win screen will appear
- this screen tells you how many guesses it took you to solve the puzzle
- 4 guesses is perfect (mistake-free), fewer than 8 is optimal (if you take more than 8 guesses to solve the puzzle, the guess count is red)
- you have the option to **share** (copy your results to the clipboard), **close** (hide the win screen), and **exit** (return to pinniped.page)
- if you close the win screen, you can return to it with the **results** button
- you also have the option to—from left to right—go to the **first puzzle**, **previous puzzle**, **random puzzle**, **next puzzle**, and **latest puzzle**
- the **first puzzle** and **previous puzzle** buttons are disabled if you're already on the first puzzle
- the **next puzzle** and **latest puzzle** buttons are disabled if you're already on the latest puzzle
- I would also appreciate it if you rate the puzzles by selecting the highest star you think the puzzle deserves, the pressing **submit**

"Loading"

- the loading screen provides the game's version
- if the game is not loading for some reason, and that reason is definitely NOT your internet connection, please click or tap **internet-unrelated loading issue?** to inform me that there is a major issue with the page

KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS & ACCESSIBILITY
- **tab** and **enter** will allow you to do everything but select words without a mouse
- the board also lets you use **arrow keys** to move between words, **space** to select/deselect, **backspace** to **clear**, and **enter** to **submit**
- once you've solved the puzzle, you can use **escape** to open/close the results view

SHARE!
- pressing the **share** button copies something like this to the clipboard:

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https://pinniped.page/think-four?puzzle=2024/05/24

- the puzzle's date and number are shown, as well as your number of guesses
- the coloured square emojis represent your guesses
- the URL goes to the same puzzle

ADDITIONAL NOTES & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
- Think Four uses the font Bebas Neue Rounded from Adobe Fonts
- previous puzzles are loaded from the URL in the format ?puzzle=year/month/day
- if you can figure out how, it is possible to see answers and even ~~future puzzles~~
- sometimes the puzzle might be really hard or too easy, but I'm trying my best

ALTERNATE NAMES
- before the name "Think Four" was decided on, there were several possible names for this game:

NAME IDEAS:

- **wordagories** (opposite of scattergories; contains the word 'categories')
- **synapse** "Refers to the connections between neurons in the brain." (because you have to think, and, because it's a word game, also connections between words)
- **fourword** "This name is a clever twist on "forward" and suggests moving forward by making connections." (it's also a play on 'four'; I suppose there are multiple combinations of 'four/for' and 'forward/word')
- **unscrambled** "Hints at the challenge of finding the hidden connections. / Creates a sense of needing to decipher the hidden connections."
- **Think Four** "A play on the classic game but emphasizes thinking." (I also like that it sounds like THINK FAST)
- **Word Association: The Game**
- **wavelengths** [things that are similar are often referred to as being on the same wavelength] (you have to be on the same wavelength as the puzzle creator)
- **Neuron Activation** (some braining required)

descriptions in quotes by Gemini