

# America The Beautiful

I finished my tour of all the U.S. states and territories in 2009. So the following year, I began a new tour of some amazing national sites. I was so pleased that I made donations and never wanted any of my *quarters* back; *America is Beautiful*.

*Hint:* Yellowstone National Park → 2010 → 1 (= 2010 – 2009) → A

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Gettysburg National Military Park → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_

Mount Hood National Forest → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_

Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_

Mount Rushmore National Memorial → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_

Shenandoah National Park → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_

Mount Hood National Forest → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_

Cumberland Gap National Historical Park → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_

Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_

Shenandoah National Park → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_

# Biomes Of The World

Find 9 biomes of the world. Then find a question and answer it.

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| W | T | G | F | R | E | S | H | W | T |
| T | R | H | R | E | R | A | E | A | E |
| R | E | W | A | A | R | S | A | T | M |
| O | S | T | H | D | S | N | A | E | P |
| P | E | E | N | B | N | S | G | R | E |
| I | D | U | I | A | L | G | I | G | R |
| C | T | E | V | A | S | T | A | E | A |
| A | A | A | N | R | T | H | T | Q | T |
| L | S | D | T | S | E | R | O | F | E |
| R | A | I | N | F | O | R | E | S | T |
| U | A | E | N | I | R | A | M | K | E |



# Down Under

*Everything's backwards here, but that shouldn't matter when things are shortened.*

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| eneulotirt =            | _____ |
| duol hgual =            | _____ |
| sliaN eniN =            | _____ |
| eot-cit =               | _____ |
| rebmun ton =            | _____ |
| retnuH retnuH =         | _____ |
| srekaL soL =            | _____ |
| gnitekram-itlum =       | _____ |
| hsiugnixe dna ecarbme = | _____ |
| kcehc cilcyc =          | _____ |
| erooM yraM =            | _____ |
| elbatroP yaIP =         | _____ |
| senoJ semaJ =           | _____ |
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# Hippocampus

I have a strange way of remembering things; I only remember when the 'obvious' thing is wrong.

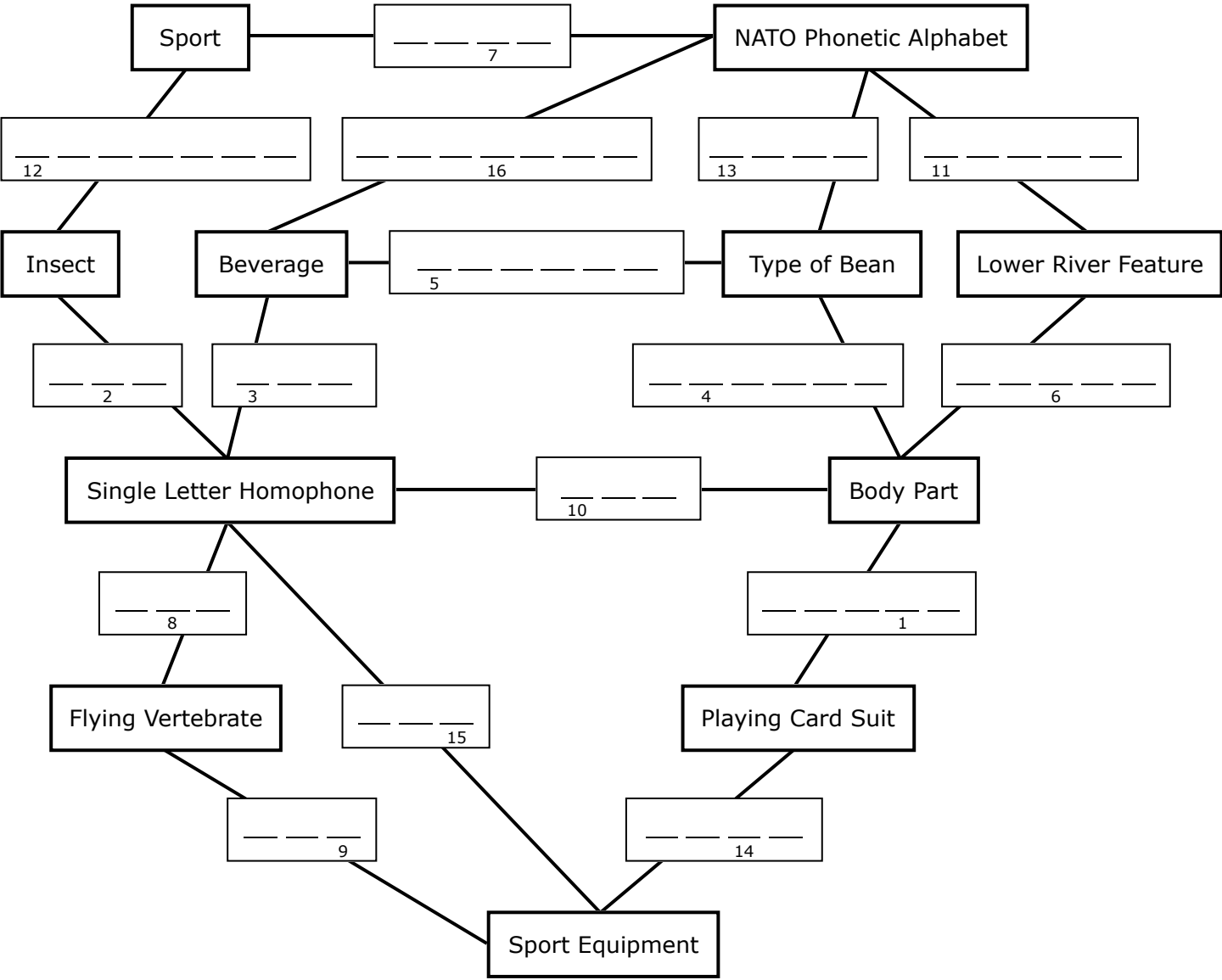
Here's the obvious answer, and why it's wrong:

A B C D E F

- Exactly one letter is in the right place already – the other five are in the wrong place.
- If I write down the number of 'ends' in each letter, then this should be symmetric from left to right (at the moment, it's 2-0-2-0-3-3).
- If I ignore the first letter in the true answer, the same is true for the 'holes' in the other five (at the moment, it's [1]-2-0-1-0-0).
- Two letters are rotated by 90 degrees, in opposite directions.
- The resulting 6-letter string is actually only a rough homophone of the real 7-letter answer – you'll have to change the 'F' to a 'TH'.

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# Networked Hints



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16



Posters

I was so excited when I got the POSTERS back from the printers. Imagine my disappointment when I spread them out at the REST STOP. Look how jumbled they got! They even added a letter to each!



Leased Grave  
NATIONAL PARK



Bland Sand  
NATIONAL PARK



KALE REACTOR  
National Park, OR



WOOLY NETTLES  
NATIONAL PARK



VLAD'S CRAB  
RANCHES  
NATIONAL PARK



REACHES  
NATIONAL PARK



DREAM VERSE  
NATIONAL PARK



RAIN TROUT MINE  
NATIONAL PARK



JERK FINDS OAR  
NATIONAL PARK - AK



TEAHOUSE JAR NATIONAL PARK  
FOUNDED 1991



SUSTAINED GARDEN NATIONAL PARK CO  
ESTABLISHED 2004



ALLERGIC  
NATIONAL PARK

# Ski Resort

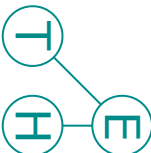
It may be summer on the Microsoft campus, but our friends in New Zealand are ready to go skiing. Let's try to map out this ski resort and figure out why.



Elevator



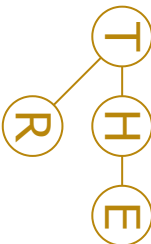
Parking lot



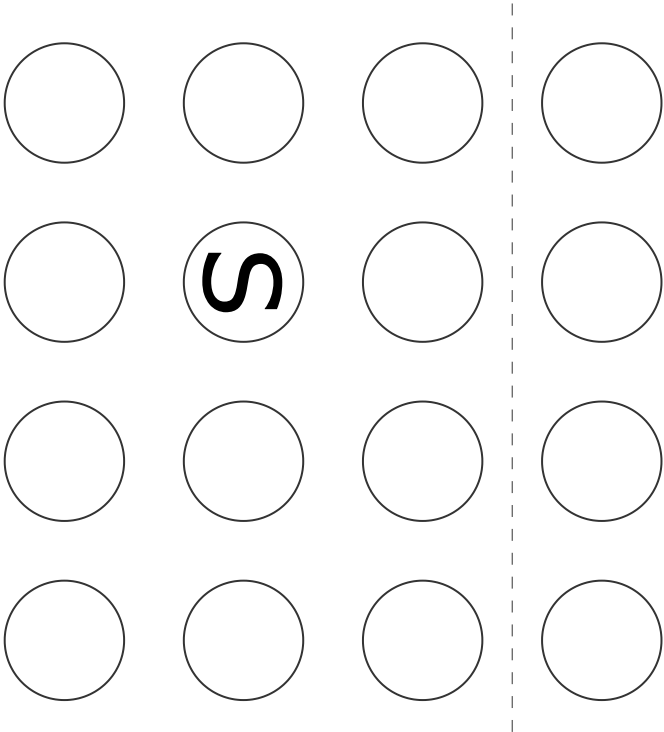
Slopes



Walkway



Cable car


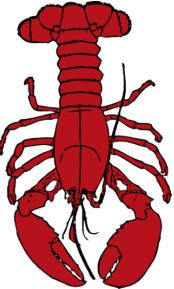




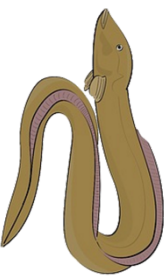
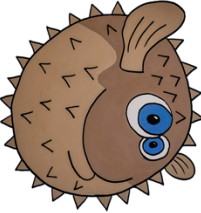

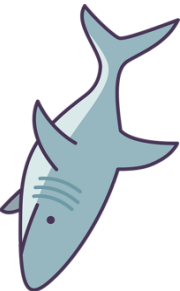




No parking  
above this  
line

# Up For Air

I went scuba diving with a marine biologist the other day. It was awesome! He managed to train a group of animals to communicate a secret password. One at a time, 10 of them contributed a letter then moved away, leaving 2 behind.

*Note: animals are neighbors if they share an edge or a corner.*

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|---|--|--|
| <br>WHALE      | <br>LOBSTER | <br>CRAB   |
| <br>JELLYFISH   | <br>SEAL      | <br>OCTOPUS |
| <br>ELECTRIC EEL | <br>PUFFER    | <br>RAY      |
| <br>SHARK        | <br>DOLPHIN   | <br>SALMON   |

| Marine Animal  | Letter |
|--|--------|
| Can be anagrammed into words meaning "pub drinks" or "transaction"   | 1st    |
| Has 3 neighbors that start with the same letter as one another   | 1st    |
| Can be split into 2 parts which anagram into a piece of portable furniture and a course  | 4th    |
| Can form a word meaning "strengthen" when you swap the positions of its first 2 consonants   | 2nd    |
| Sounds like a fish feature on a child's toy?   | 7th    |
| Has a vowel which is present in every neighbor and not present in any non-neighbor   | 2nd    |
| Can be typed with one hand on a QWERTY keyboard  | 2nd    |
| Has more syllables than the other animals  | 7th    |
| Can form new words if you replace its last letter with the first letters of any of its neighbors                                     | 1st    |
| Can form a new word when you swap its first letter for the one to the right on a QWERTY keyboard and move that new letter to the end | 4th    |

Final answer: \_\_\_\_\_