

# 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.

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 =	_____
kcab eb =	_____
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# Hippocampus

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

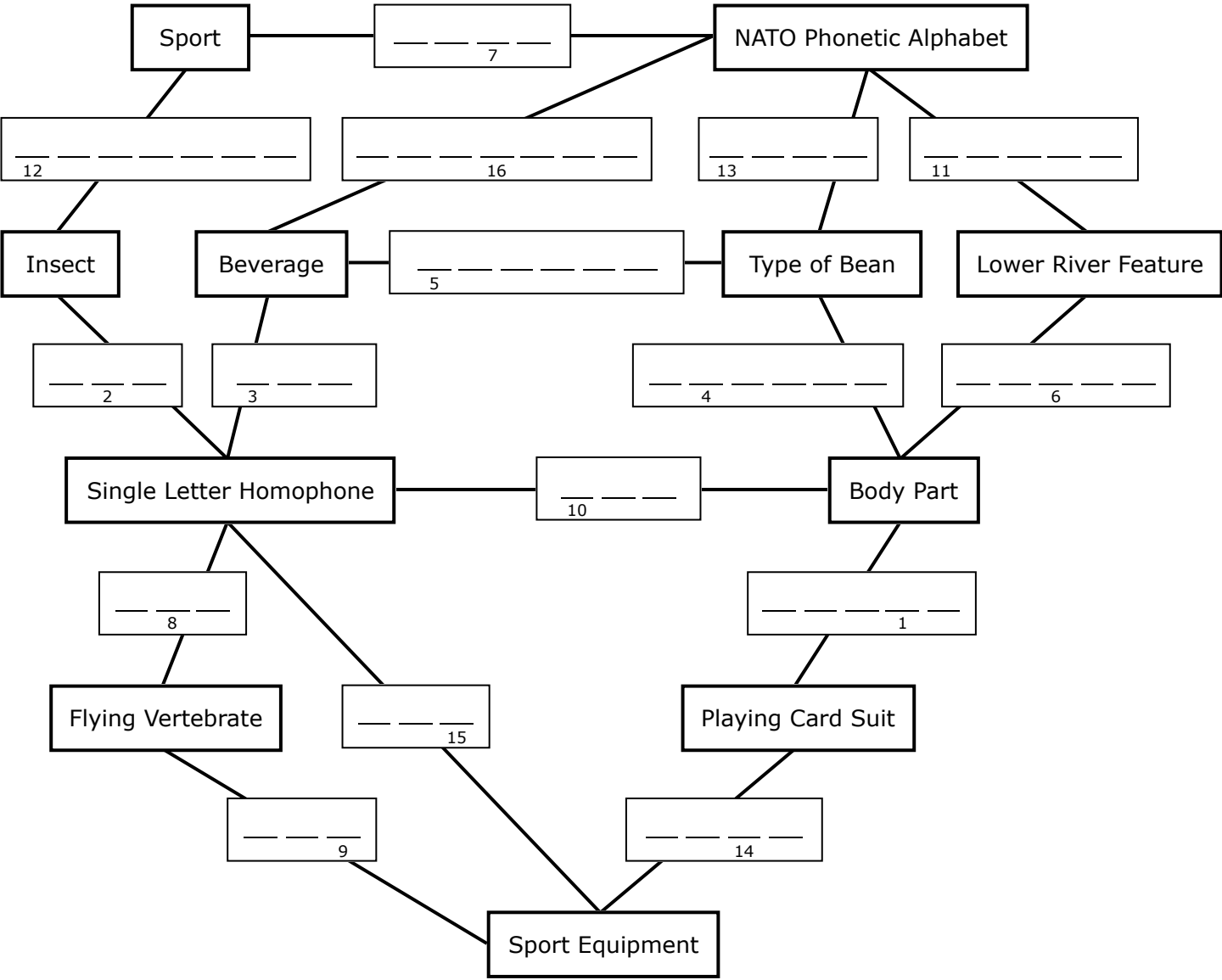
Here's the obvious answer, and why it's wrong:

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!



# Ski Resort

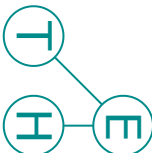
It may be summer on the Microsoft campus, but our friends in New Zealand are ready to go skiing. Let's try to map out this ski resort and figure out why.



Elevator



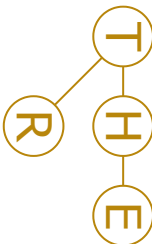
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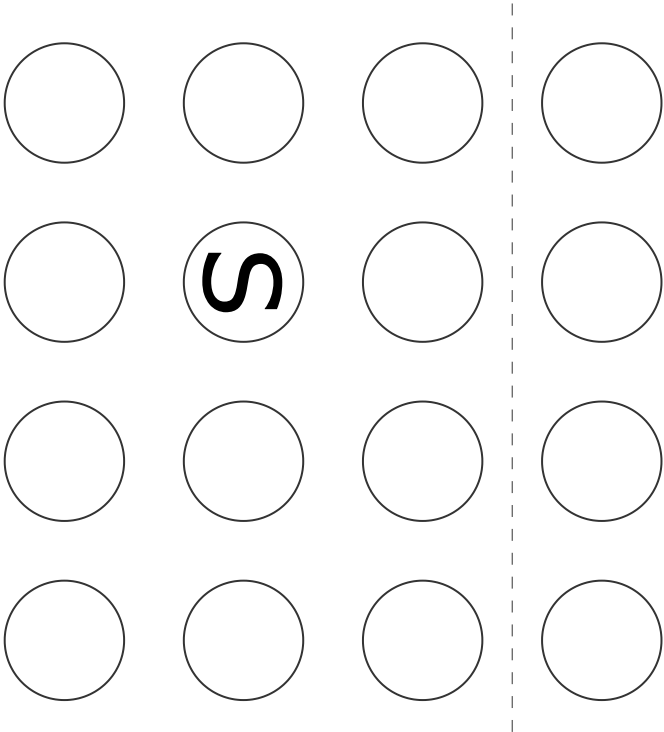
Slopes



Walkway



Cable car


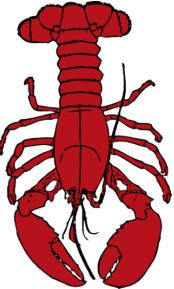




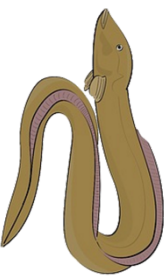
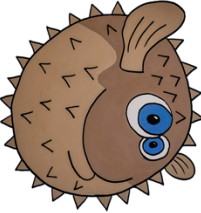

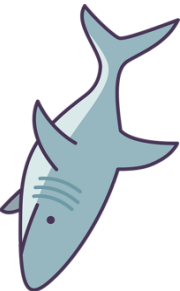




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# Up For Air

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.*

 WHALE	 LOBSTER	 CRAB
 JELLYFISH	 SEAL	 OCTOPUS
 ELECTRIC EEL	 PUFFER	 RAY
 SHARK	 DOLPHIN	 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: \_\_\_\_\_