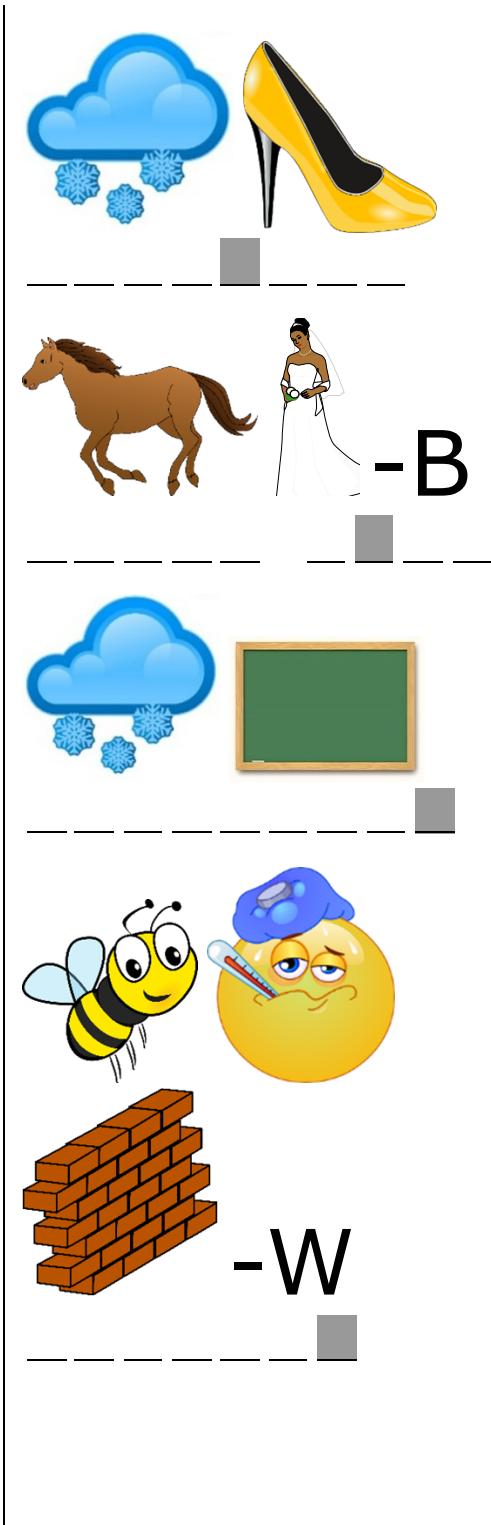
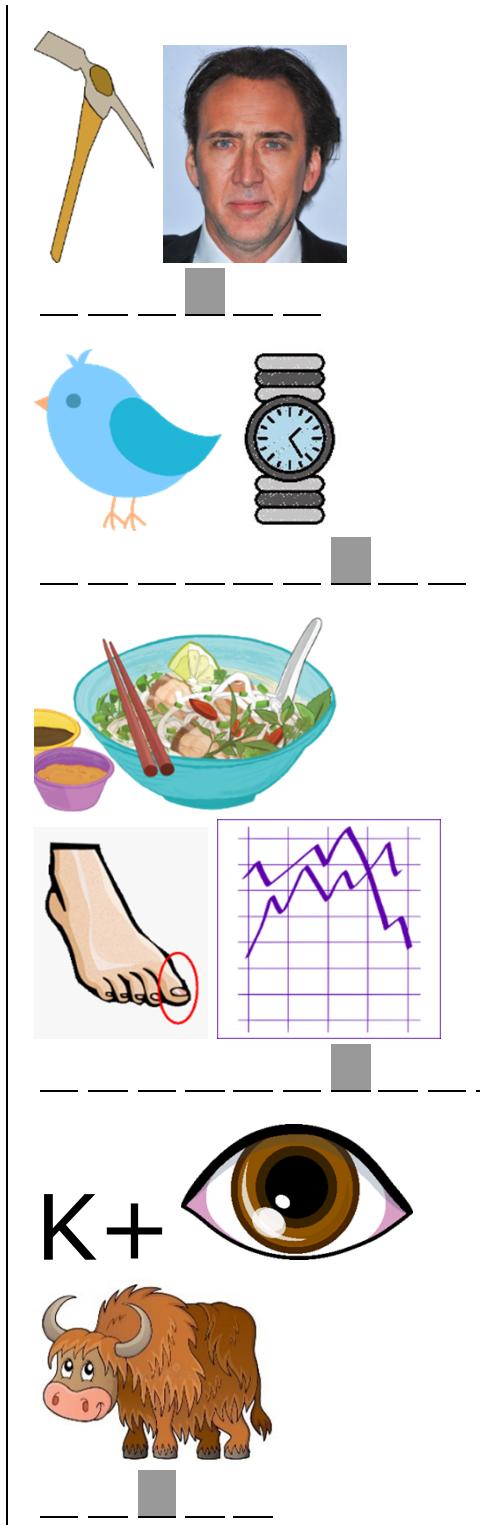
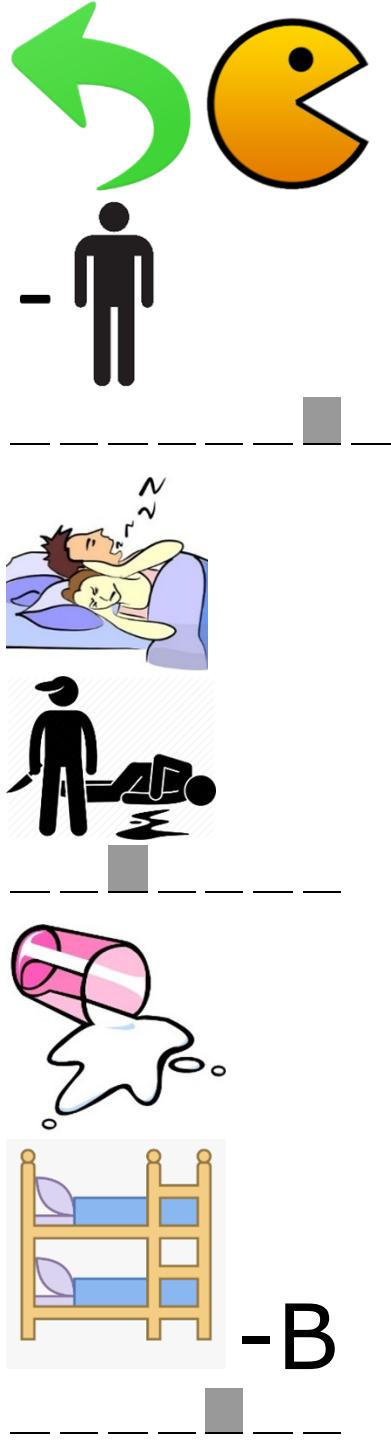


Active Lifestyle

We're visiting national parks from all over the world and have scheduled a wide range of activities. After all is done, what else will we have seen?



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

Gettysburg National Military Park → _____ → _____ → _____

Mount Hood National Forest → _____ → _____ → _____

Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site → _____ → _____ → _____

Mount Rushmore National Memorial → _____ → _____ → _____

Shenandoah National Park → _____ → _____ → _____

Mount Hood National Forest → _____ → _____ → _____

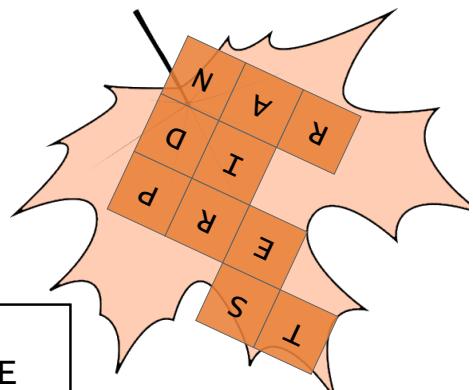
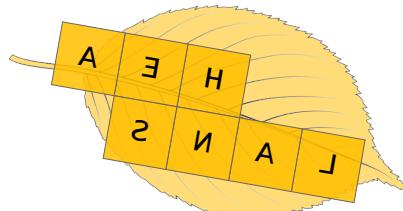
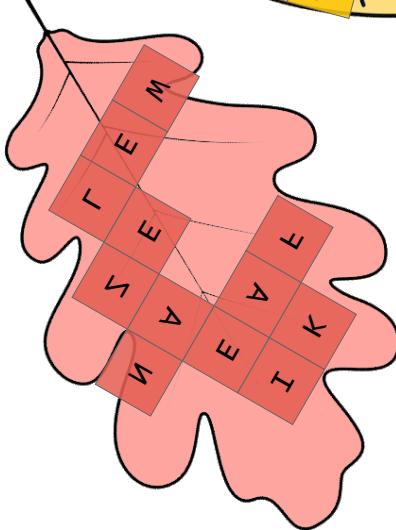
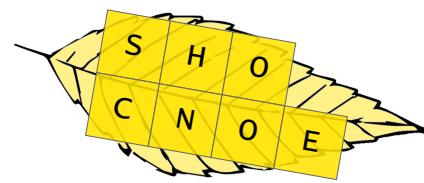
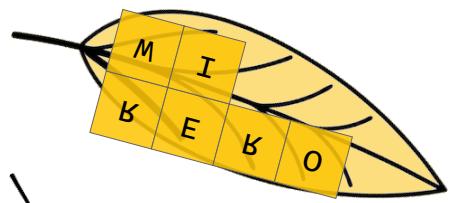
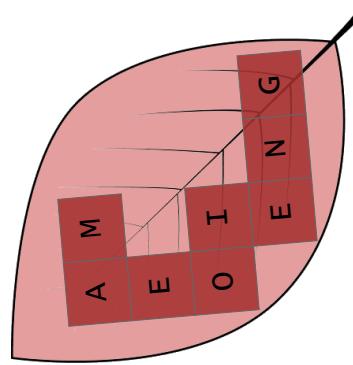
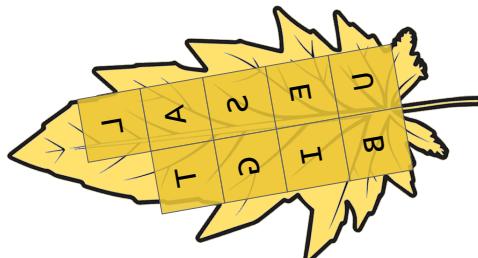
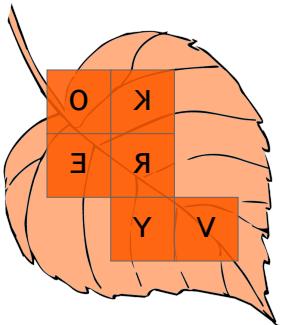
Cumberland Gap National Historical Park → _____ → _____ → _____

Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site → _____ → _____ → _____

Shenandoah National Park → _____ → _____ → _____

Autumn

The parks in Longview are gorgeous in autumn. One by one, the leaves come down, drifting gently in the wind, rotating, flipping, then covering part of the ground below.



P	U	M	W	E
P	K	I	N	C
R	V	B	O	M
C	E	M	N	G
O	G	B	E	R

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
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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



Disney and the Great Outdoors

In my tour of Disney World, I saw so many familiar characters from nature. They were identified in coded text, and I guess the person who wrote their names was so lazy that they forgot exactly one letter for each word in each character's name....



EHSQ



KLSK



EQOZE HXF



XPCIAGP XL



PSQ



AXFPN SQHP



JAOAP DI BQQ



ASKL

Down Under

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

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Hippocampus

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

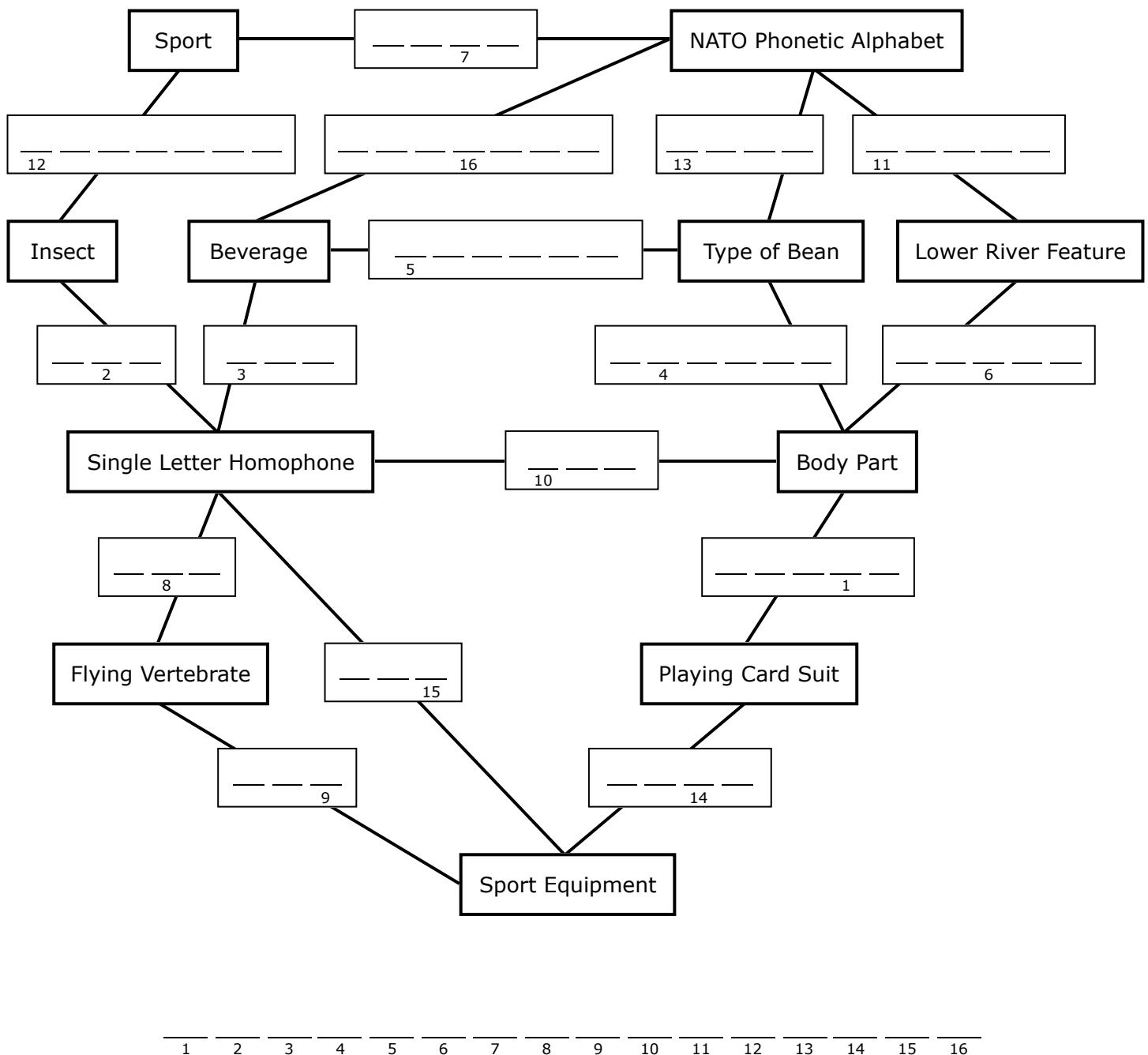
Here's the obvious answer, and why it's wrong:

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'.

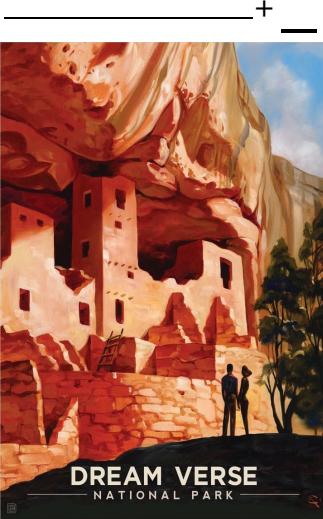
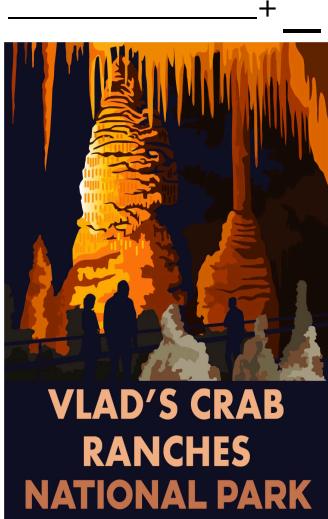
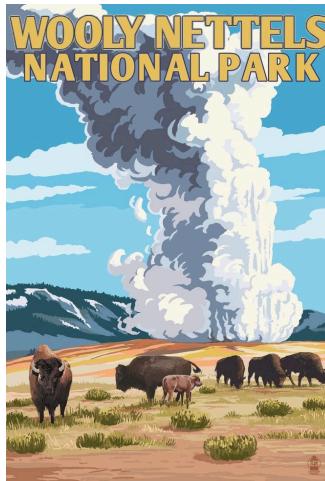
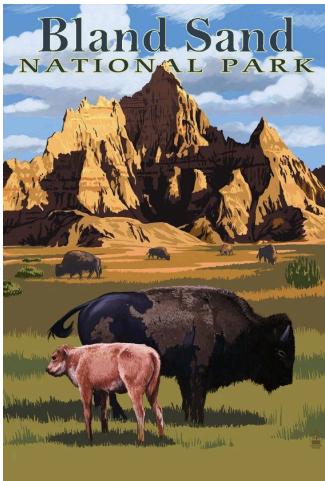
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Networked Hints



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!



Rushmore

Many recommendations have been made to add to Mount Rushmore. But the mountain remains today with just George, Tom, Ted, Abe, and Bill, pictured here...

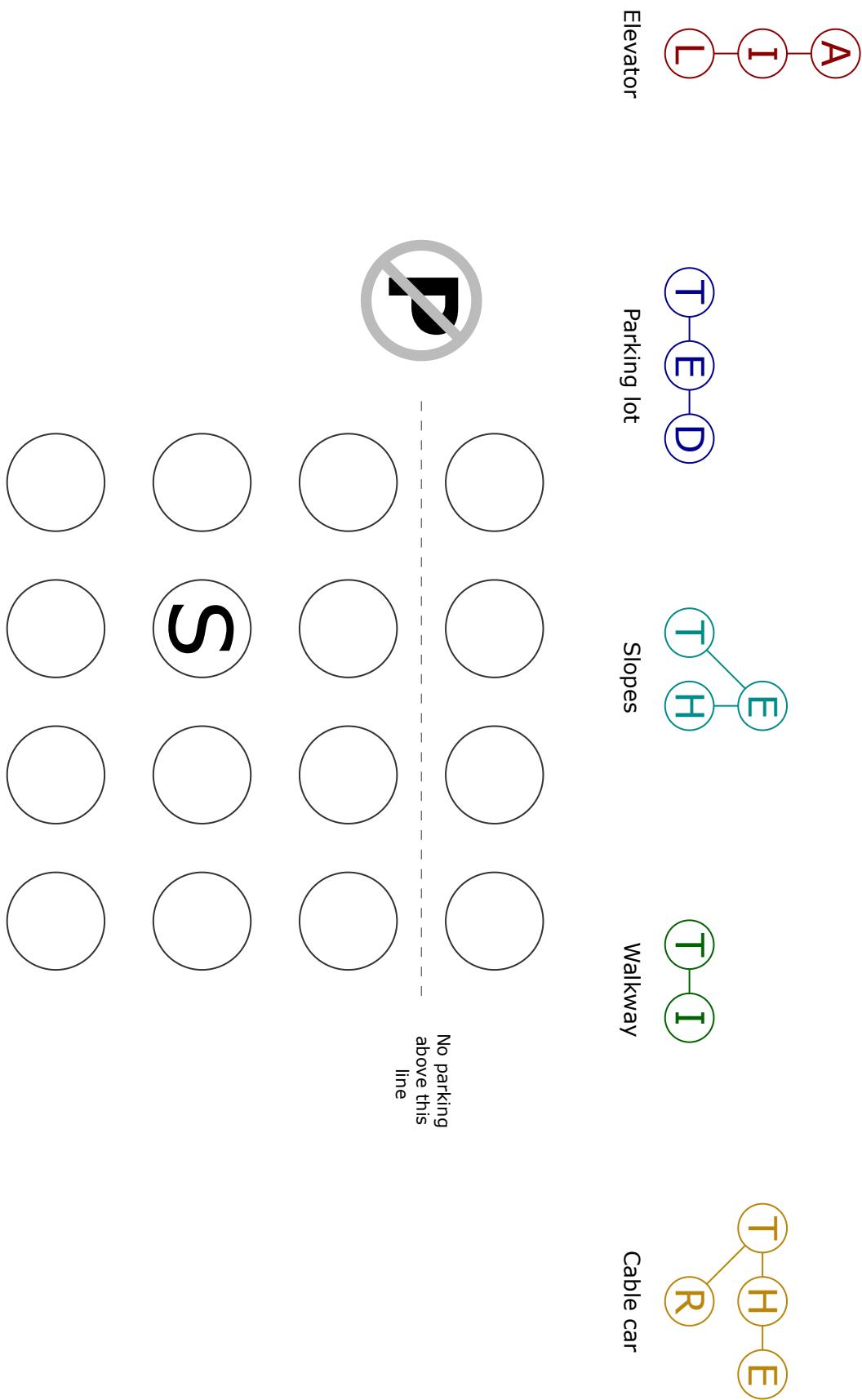


Travelling around the USA, we spotted eight other collections. And yet, something is amiss with each...

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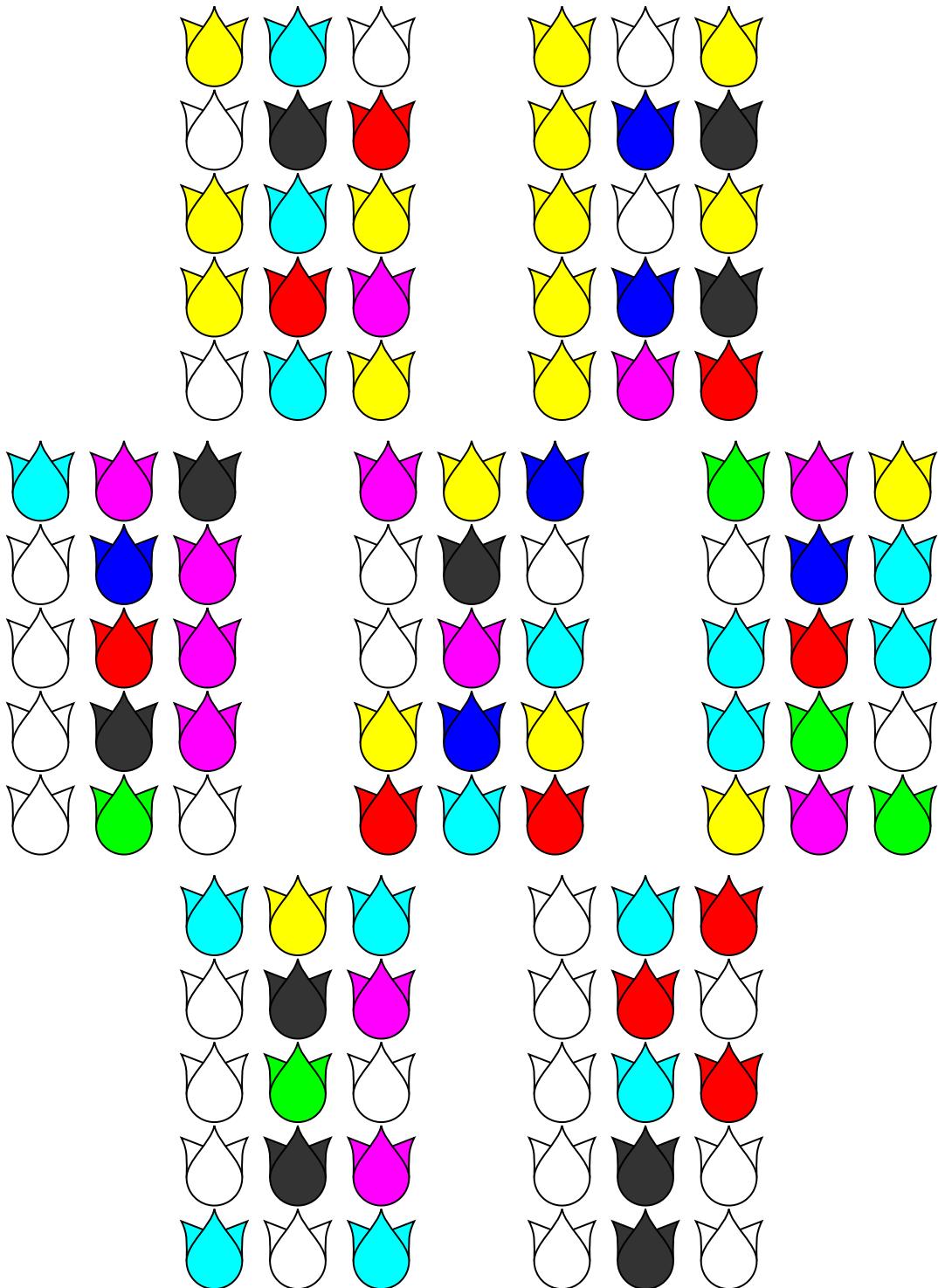
Ski Resort

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.



Spring

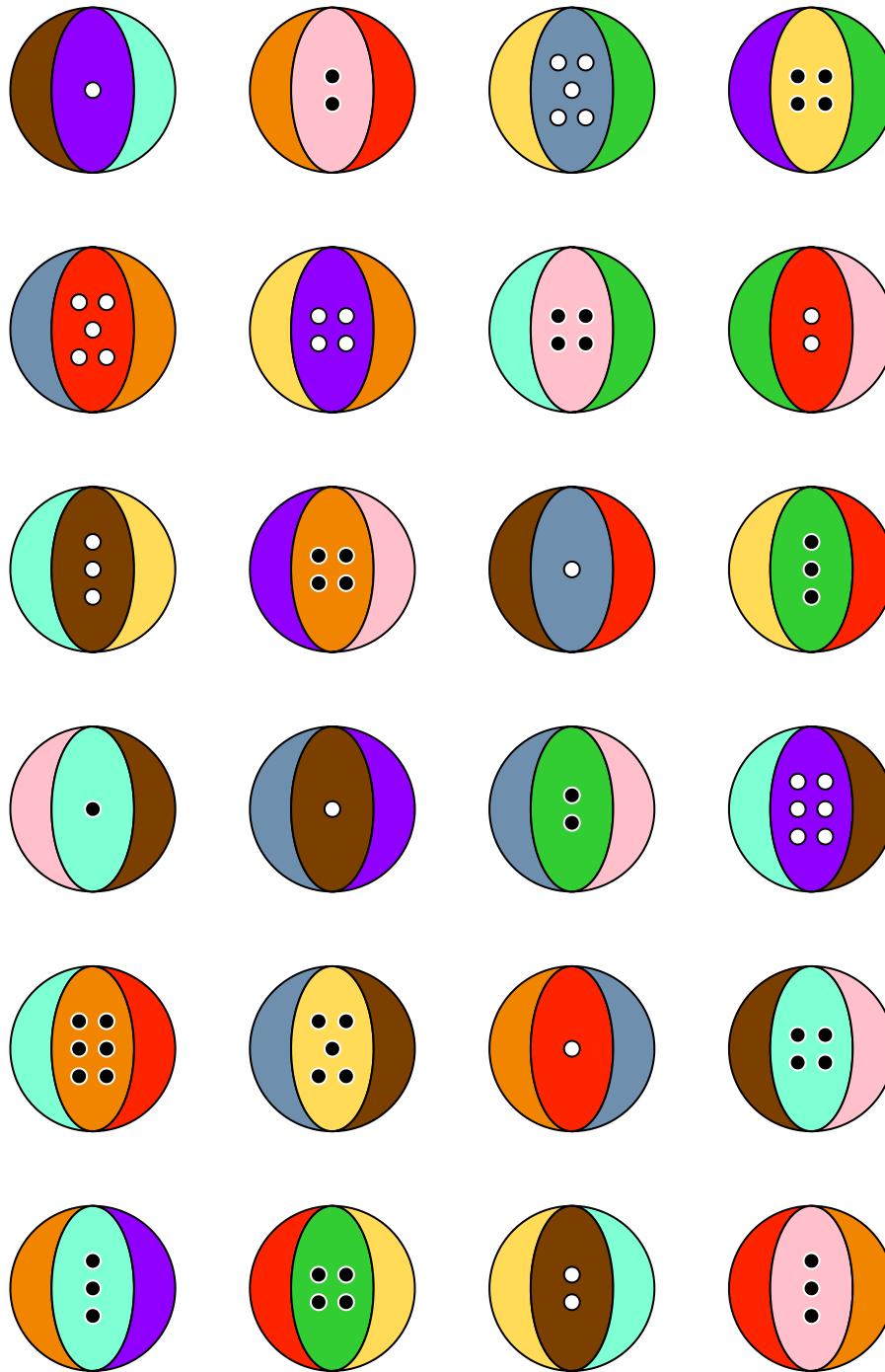
This spring's tulip festival in Mount Vernon featured tulips that were white, red, green, blue, cyan, magenta, yellow, and black. It made me wonder what they'd look like in a dark room under the different primary colors of light.



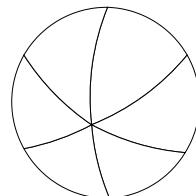
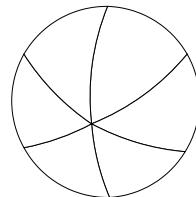
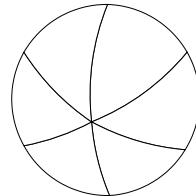
Summer

At Ocean Shores this summer, a local toy store had an odd beach ball display with this note:

"Each of these 24 beach balls has 1 out of 3 possible color patterns. Each pattern has 6 different colors drawn from a pool of 9 possible colors named below. Each color is used in 2 patterns and not the 3rd. There's no way to tell up from down on a beach ball, so the pattern used may go around the beach ball in either direction. Dots have been added to one slice of each of these beach balls, but the dots are only useful in conjunction with the opposite (unseen) slices. Can you figure out the secret password?"



Pattern worksheet



Colors in alphabetic order
(not pattern order)

AQUAMARINE

CHOCOLATE

DENIM

FLAMINGO

LIME

MUSTARD

SCARLET

TANGERINE

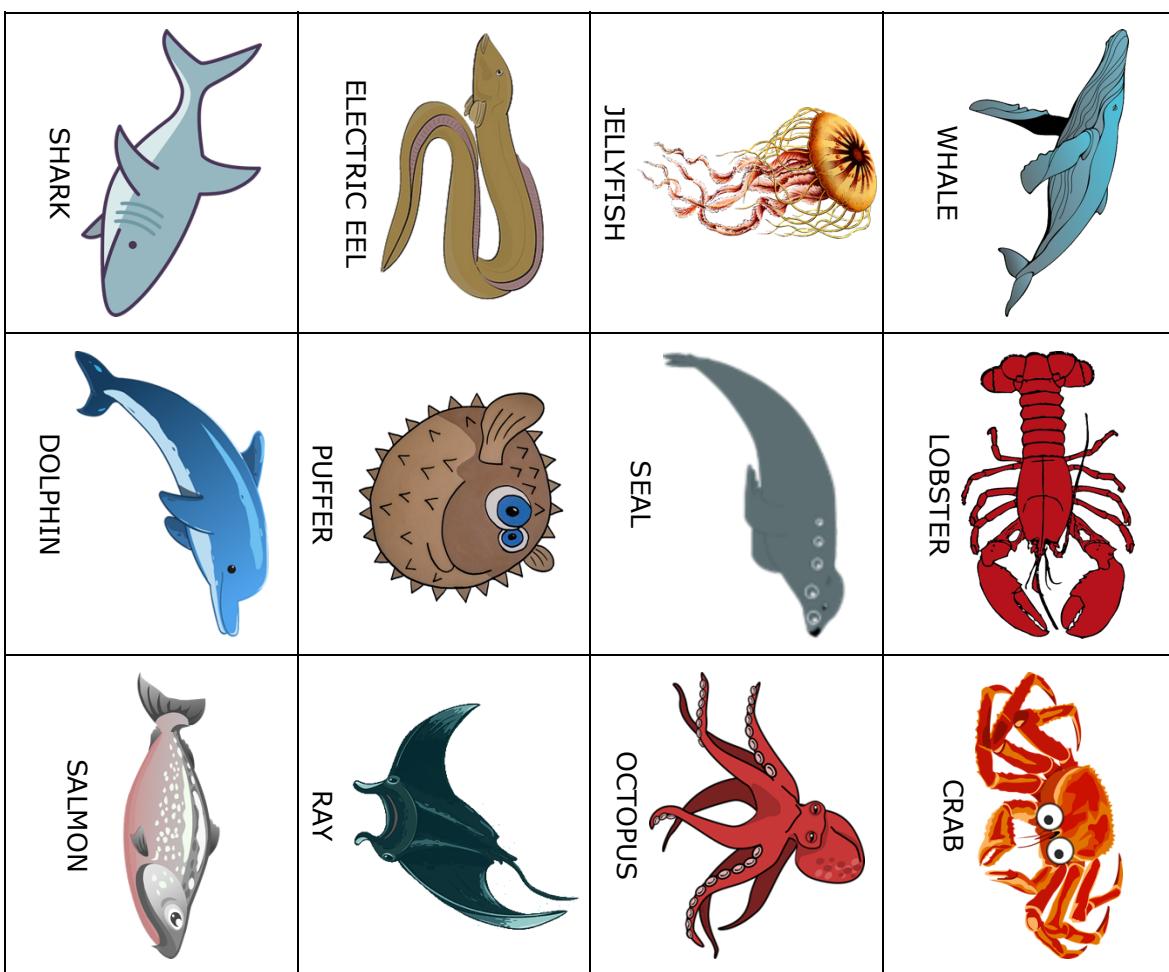
VIOLET

Erase

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.

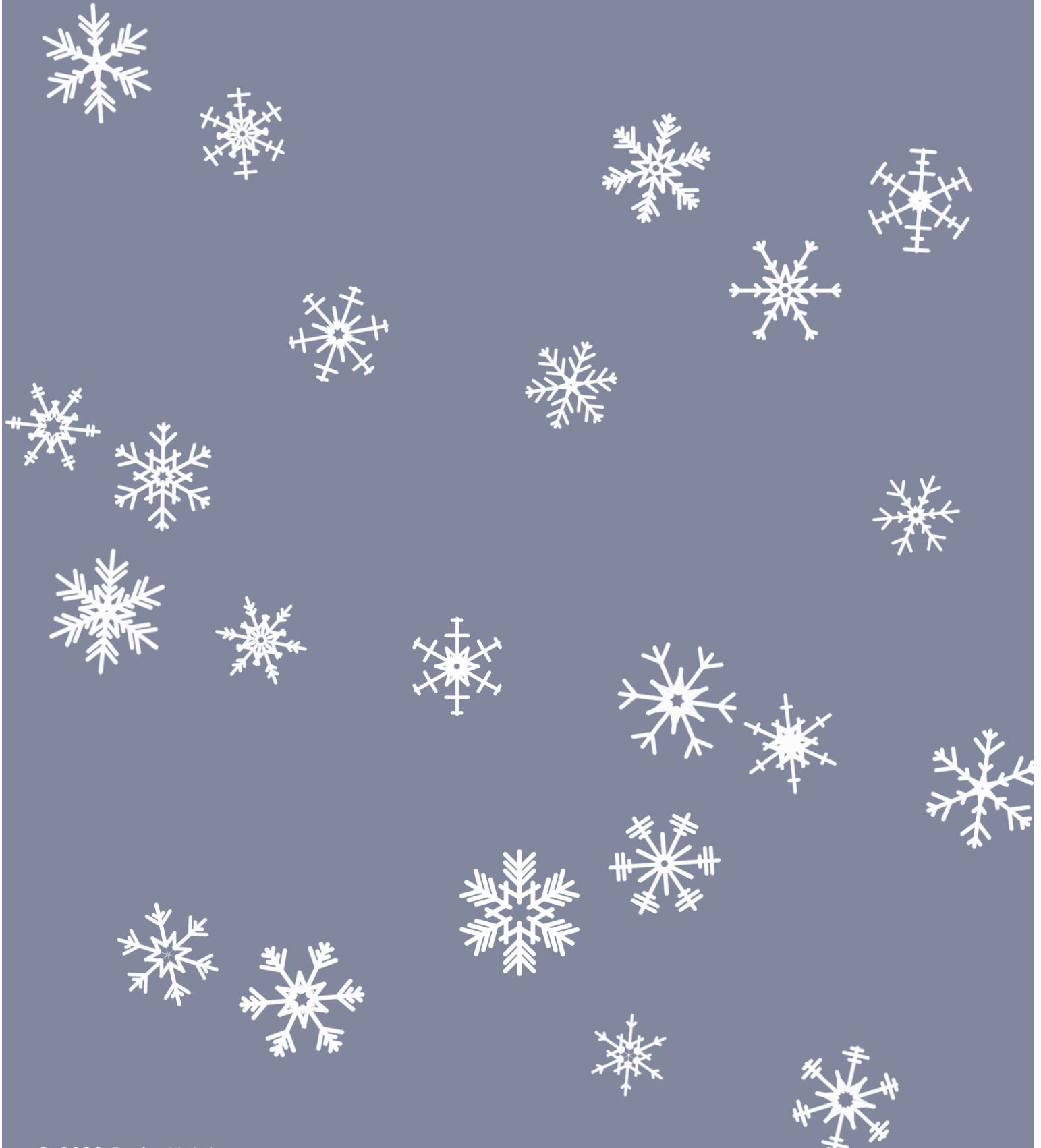


Marine Animal	Letter
Can be anagrammed into words meaning “pub drinks” or “transaction”	1st
Has 3 neighbors that start with the same letter as one another	1st
Can be split into 2 parts which anagram into a piece of portable furniture and a course	4th
Can form a word meaning “strengthen” when you swap 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: _____

Winter

The long and short of it: Leavenworth is particularly breathtaking in winter.



Annual Anthem

This is a metapuzzle. Find and solve the four related feeder puzzles. For each feeder puzzle, enter its name and result on the same row across both grids, filling rows 2-5. Then, use these entries to solve these two Wordle-inspired puzzles. Cells that would normally be colored yellow by classic Wordle rules have been split into two logical sub-groups colored blue and red. (When you have nothing left to fill, you'll be on the right track!) You may submit the 1st green answer, the 2nd green answer, or both together for additional hints.

P	U	Z	Z	L	E

Hint: this green answer is a word related to the 4 above it.

R	E	S	U	L	T

Hint: this green answer is not a word at all.