

Guide to Puzzle Hunts

Welcome, Puzzlers!

Each team will receive a packet with 9 puzzles. The first puzzle is the Meta.


The answers to the other 8 puzzles are parts of the Meta puzzle. You must solve the set of 8 answers as if it were a puzzle to get the complete, overall answer to this puzzle hunt.

In each puzzle, all parts of the puzzle text are important—and the titles normally provide a vital hint, too! The internet, computers, AI, etc. are at your disposal, and you are expected to use these tools as you solve the puzzles.

If you're ever stuck, get a hint! You can use your SIMC Discord text channel (accessible here: <https://tinyurl.com/simcdiscord>) to ask SIMC any questions you might have about the puzzle, or flag down a nearby SIMC member to ask them for hints.

We hope you have a good time, and happy solving!

Meta and Puzzles:

1. Only the Middle (2)
2.  (9)
3. Tired of Shopping (4)
4. How Much Do You Really Like Numbers? (8)
5. Connections (13)
6. The Scale (10)
7. Lost in Translation (2)
8. True Colors (6)

Note: These numbers do not index into the answers to the puzzles yet! You must first manipulate the answer to the puzzle and then go from there.

Lost in Translation

These mathematicians might be a bit too (up)right





























































































































































1. R4efw564e
2. {yp;r,u
3. Mri,smm
4. Ywp09e
5. Ts,smiksm
6. Riv;of
7. _09j6fw54
8. T45kw6

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Answer: The mathematician's first name - a + et



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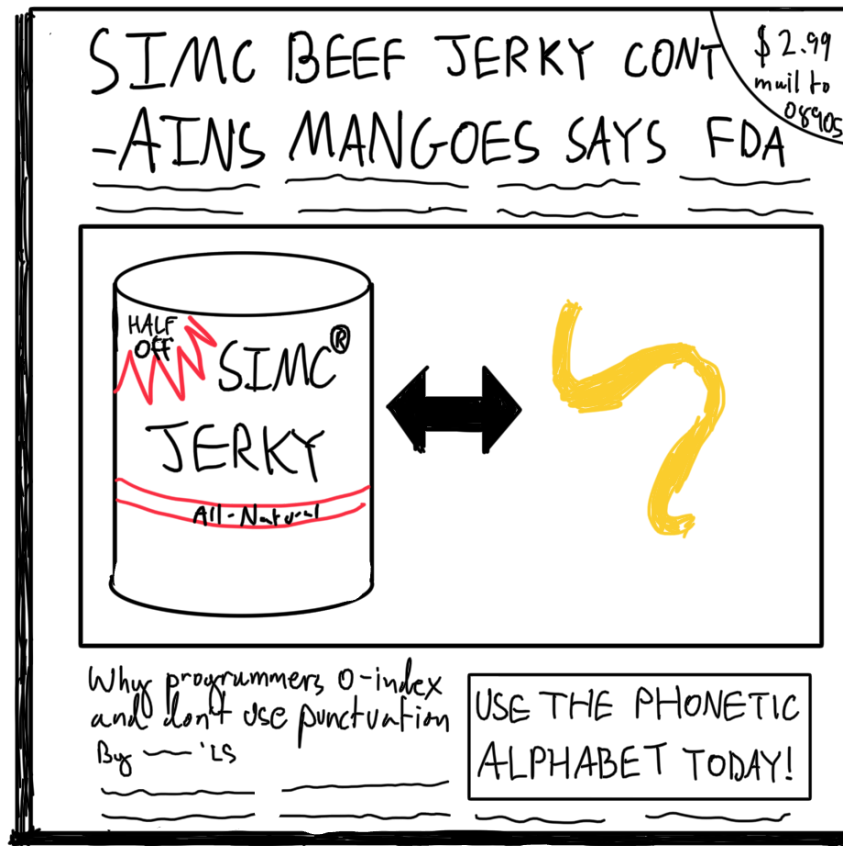
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Input	Output
                                          	        

	 
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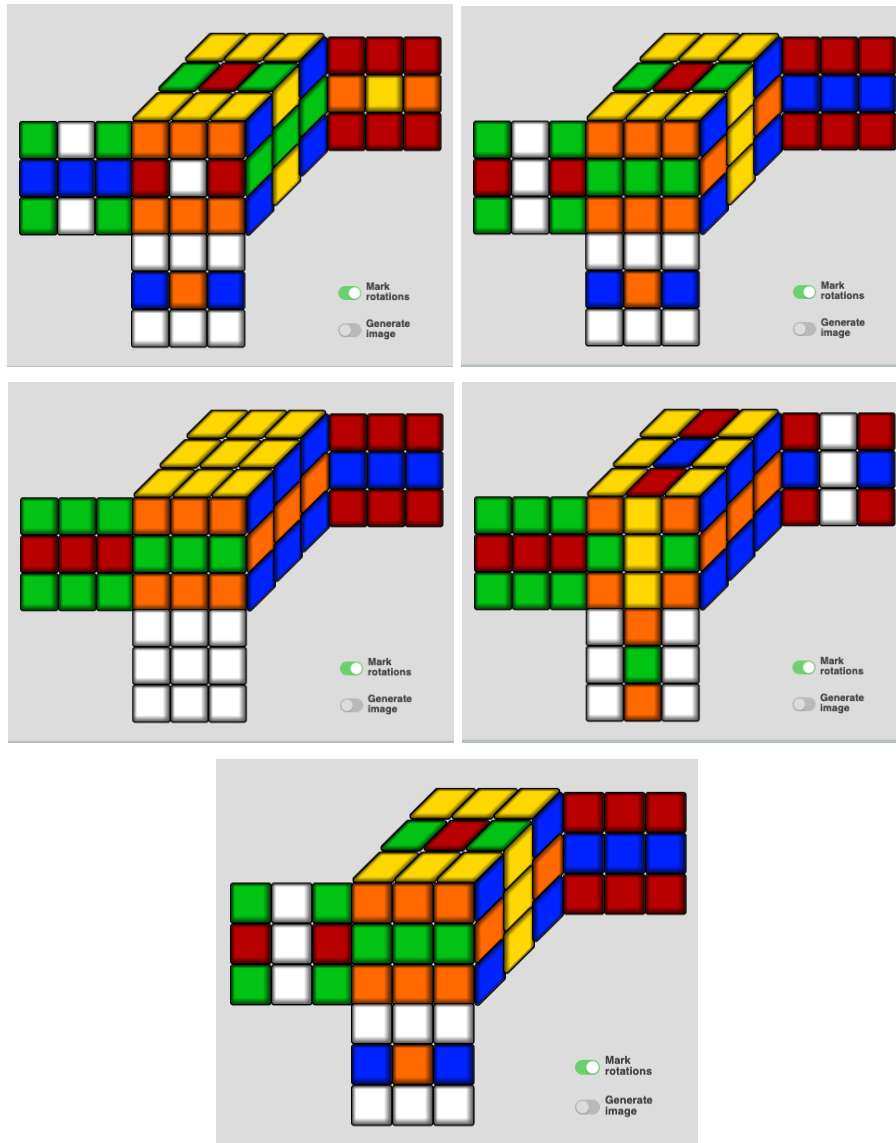
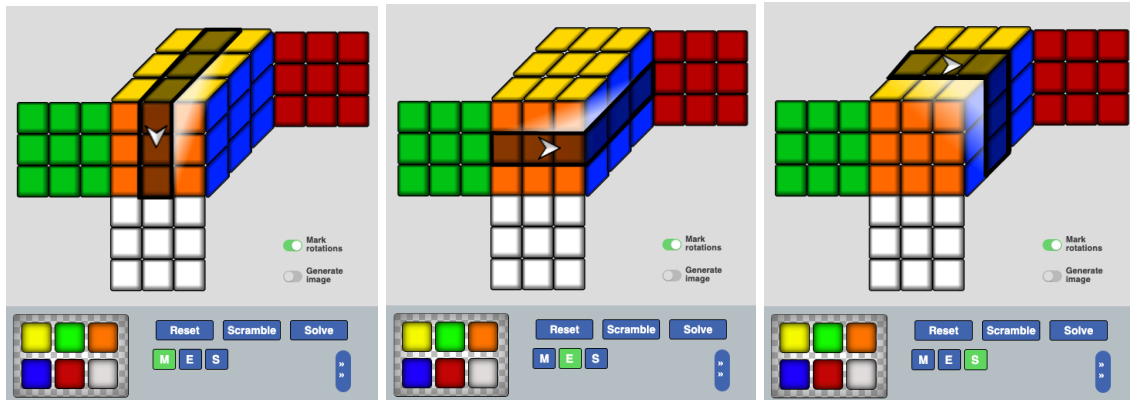
Each of these resolves to an integer from 1 to 26 (inclusive).

1.  
2.   
3. (  )  
4.   
5.   
6.   
7.    
8.    

How Much Do You *Really* Like Numbers



Only the Middle



True Colors

(2) Seeing	handed
(4) Quick	spoon
(5) Heart of	ratio
(2) Charlie	noser
(7) Study in	letter
(2) Pearly	lie
(3) Feeling	blood
(3) Key	disease
(1) Pitch	hole

Tired of Shopping

Jackson and Madison spend the day crossing around Seattle.

Jackson's itinerary:

Modern Design Sofas

Seattle Fish Guys

Carpet King Corporation

The Seattle Herbs and Grocery

Sairen

Modern Design Sofas

Dim Sum Square

Madison's itinerary:

Laughing Buddha Seattle

Storyville Coffee

Grain House

Capelli's Barbershop

joybento

Vito's

El Gallito

Parkview

The Scale

Ignore unnecessary zeroes!

THE SCALE

SIMC DAY
2024

PURE CAPSAICIN

Page 1

Consumed by young man who claims it was the worst thing he'd ever experienced - tongue on fire! do not try at home.

617 m/s ?!

Page 2

Amazing new speed set by Ernst M. in his attempts to move extremely fast. How did he do it? Find out more on page 2 at the end of the news.

It is time to

Page 3


remember Sendai, Japan, on 3/11/11, the date of several major events as shared on Page 3, including...

Devastating Tornado

Page 4

Damage :

Ted reveals the truth of the events




Black Coffee

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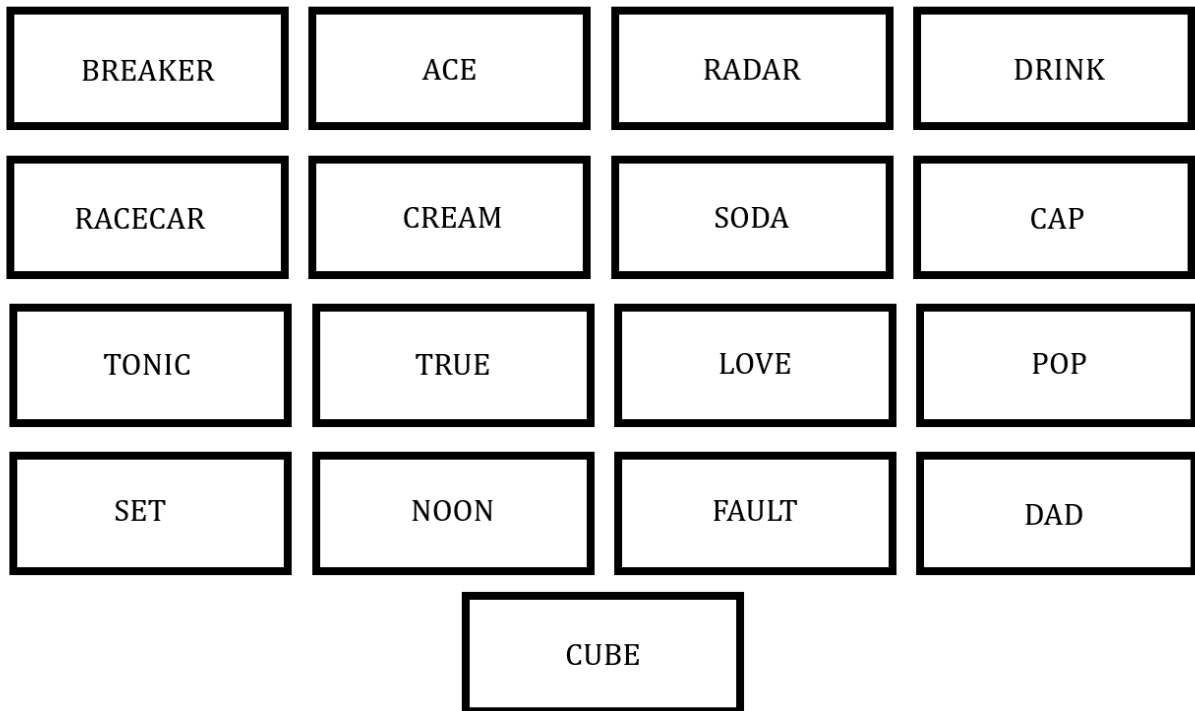
by S.P.L.S.

Ahh... a good cup of coffee always hits the spot! The right blend of acidity and

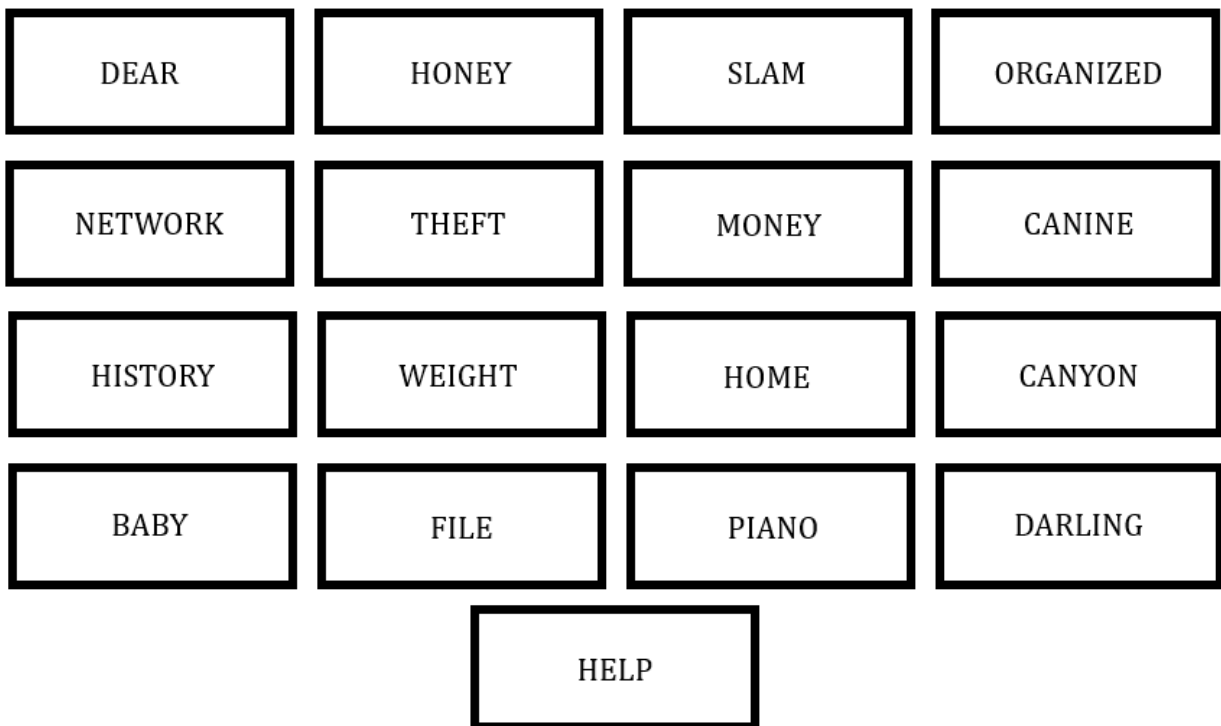


Connections

1.



2.



3.

BEST	REGARDS	RAN	UP
CALL	IT	KING	THANKS
ZARAFA	FAN	DIAL	HATE
STAR	HOLD	CASANOVA	TRANSFER
CHEERS			

4.

CYBER	BLACK	BLUE	BROWN
EMPEROR	MATRIX	ROYAL	ALIEN
CORN	MACARONI	GOOSE	PRINCE
STRAW	DART	GRAVITY	INCEPTION
LITTLE			