## CHOO CHOO TRAIN



1. Notice the letters that appear in the top trains several times: C, I and K. For each letter, there are several different cars that correspond to it; for example, for C they are:







Each of the cars has a gray and a red block on them, but the arrangement of blocks differs. It makes sense to assume that each letter corresponds to a car with a certain set of blocks on it, irrespective of the positions of the blocks.

- 2. The easiest way to encode letters is to encode their positions in the alphabet. Letters H and I are the 8th and 9th letters of the alphabet, and they are represented by cars with a blue block and a pair of blocks, blue and red, respectively. Thus a blue block corresponds to 8 and a red one - to 1.
  - Letter C is the 3rd letter of the alphabet, and it is represented by a car with a gray and a red blocks, so a gray block corresponds to 2.
  - Finally, E is the 5th letter and is represented by a car with a black and a red blocks, so a black block corresponds to 4.
  - We can verify that using the rest of the given letters.
- 3. To decode the answer, we add up the blocks loaded on each car and convert the number to a letter in that position in the alphabet.

ANSWER: GOLD LEAF

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