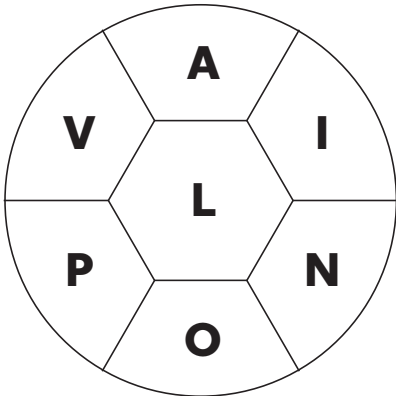


SPELLING BEE

By Frank Longo

How many common words of 5 or more letters can you spell using the letters in the hive? Every answer must use the center letter at least once. Letters may be reused in a word. At least one word will use all 7 letters. Proper names and hyphenated words are not allowed. Score 1 point for each answer, and 3 points for a word that uses all 7 letters.

Rating: 7 = good; 13 = excellent; 19 = genius



Our list of words, worth 24 points, appears with last week's answers.

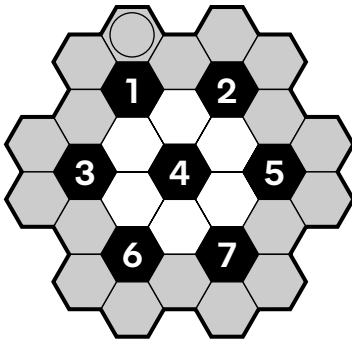
FREEWHEELING

By Patrick Berry

Wheel answers are six letters long and circle their correspondingly numbered hexagons, starting in one of the six adjoining spaces and reading clockwise or counterclockwise. Rim answers read clockwise around the grid's shaded perimeter, one after the other, starting in the circled space.

WHEELS 1. Crumpled (up) 2. Pill bottle recommendation 3. Utensils in tureens 4. Pal of Mickey and Minnie 5. University of Arizona's city 6. Place 7. One end of a make-believe telephone (2 wds.)

RIM Painter of ballerinas • "Borrow" someone's dance partner (2 wds.) • KFC side dish

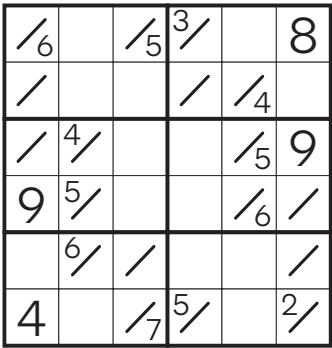
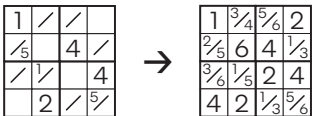


TIGHT-FIT SUDOKU

By Wei-Hwa Huang

Enter digits from 1 to 9 in the grid so that no number is repeated in any row, column or 3x2-outlined region. Some squares are split by a slash and need two digits entered in them. The smaller number always goes above the slash.

Ex.



Next week — introducing "Capsules"

MARCHING BANDS

By Brendan Emmett Quigley

The words in this puzzle march around the grid in two ways. In one formation ("Rows"), words march across — two words for each numbered line, reading consecutively from left to right. The dividing point between these answers is for you to determine, except in row 7, where the words are separated by a black square. In the second formation ("Bands"), words march around each of the six shaded and unshaded bands, starting at the lettered squares (A, B, C, D, E and F) and proceeding in a clockwise direction, one word after another. For example, Band A will consist of eight consecutive words (a through h) starting in square A and reading around the perimeter of the grid. Again, the dividing point between these answers is for you to determine. All clues are given in order. When the puzzle is completed, each square in the grid will have been used once in a Row word and once in a Band word.

ROWS

- 1 a Comic book character with a green face (2 wds.)
- b Critical moment of a car accident
- 2 a Cutting a sheep's wool
- b You'd better believe it
- 3 a Utterly repulsive
- b Indian loincloths
- 4 a Martial arts discipline (2 wds.)
- b "Definitely!" (2 wds.)
- 5 a Get in one's sights (2 wds.)
- b Like apples during the fall (2 wds.)
- 6 a Some water filters
- b "O.K., tell me" (2 wds.)
- 7 a Knock down a peg
- b Slanted type
- 8 a Apply

b With naïveté

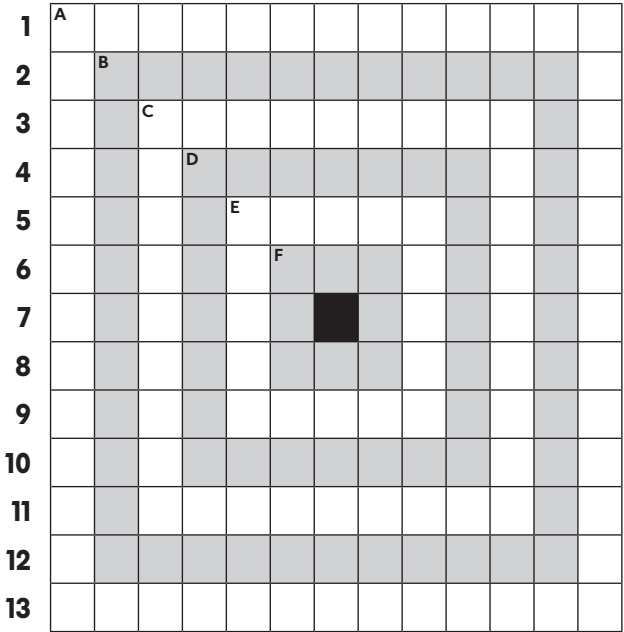
- 9 a Seasoning brand (2 wds.)
- b Movie preview
- 10 a Mint ____
- b Composer of 24 caprices for solo violin
- 11 a Needle-shaped
- b Drive off, as worries
- 12 a Novelist Shute
- b Famous shootout locale (2 wds.)
- 13 a Cry while running out the door, say (2 wds.)
- b Government study? (2 wds.)

BANDS

- A a Idea of a musical composition
- b Be thrifty

c Work in concert (3 wds.)

- d Like Russian letters
- e Storage for forage
- f Potpourri piece
- g Most-charted female rapper in Billboard history
- h High-end spa treatments (2 wds.)
- B a Pet for a deaf person (2 wds.)
- b Sushi bar soup
- c Scrabble draw
- d Close by
- e The Dakotas' Standing ____ reservation
- f Oval source of oil
- g Something bleeped
- h Antipiracy org.
- C a Meal offered at a fixed price (2 wds.)



- b Delta deposit
- c Doesn't guzzle
- d Midmonth day
- e "Otherwise ... !!" (2 wds.)
- f "La Bohème" heroine
- D a Fruit with a sticker showing a woman in a headdress (2 wds.)

- b Requiring orthodontic braces, say
- c Smidgen
- E a Mean nickname for someone with braces (2 wds.)
- b Visitor on December 25
- F a Rubbery compound used in breast implants

A little variety answers

SPELLING BEE

Pavilion (3 points). Also: Aioli, anvil, ap-
pall, avail, lancet, lanolin, llano, lollipop,
naval, papal, papillon, pianola, plain,
polio, poplin, vanilla, villa, villain, viola,
violin, voila. If you found other legiti-
mate dictionary words in the beehive,
feel free to include them in your score.

FREEWHEELING



TIGHT-FIT SUDOKU

$\frac{1}{6}$	2	$\frac{4}{5}$	$\frac{3}{7}$	9	8
$\frac{7}{8}$	3	9	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{2}{4}$	5
$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{4}{7}$	6	8	$\frac{1}{5}$	9
9	$\frac{5}{8}$	1	2	$\frac{3}{6}$	$\frac{4}{7}$
5	$\frac{6}{9}$	$\frac{2}{8}$	4	7	$\frac{1}{3}$
4	1	$\frac{3}{7}$	$\frac{5}{9}$	8	$\frac{2}{6}$

Variety Answer

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