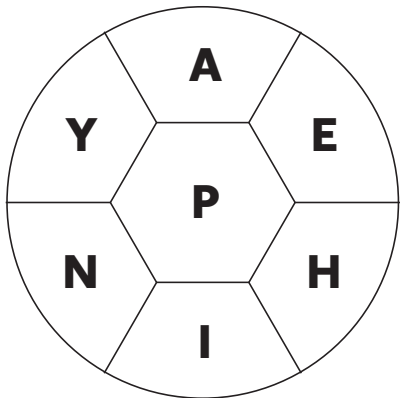


SPELLING BEE

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: 8 = good; 14 = excellent; 20 = genius



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

DOUBLE OR NOTHING

By Patrick Berry

Each space in this crossword will contain either two letters or no letters. Words read across or down as usual, but may skip one or more spaces.

ACROSS

1. "A man walks into a bar ..." recitation 5. Not subject to a rule 6. Waiting to head for home, say (2 wds.) 7. Tuscan city on the Arno 8. Carpet fastener 9. Change the title of

DOWN

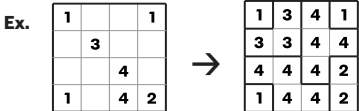
1. Run out 2. 49ers QB who won all four Super Bowls he played in (2 wds.) 3. Not permitted to advance (2 wds.) 4. Oil-rich seed

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BORDERLANDS

By Thinh Van Duc Lai

Divide the grid into sections so that 1) each number represents the number of squares in its section, and 2) each section borders the same number of other sections as its number. No two given numbers will appear together in the same section.



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GOING TOO FAR

By Brendan Emmett Quigley

Many of the answers in this crossword are one letter too long and won't fit in the spaces provided. Each of these answers will either begin or end in the gray square immediately before or after it. When the puzzle is done, all the gray squares will have been used exactly once, and the letters in them (reading left to right, line by line) will spell a quote by Colin Powell.

ACROSS

- 1 Basil or catnip
- 5 "Let's call the whole thing off"
- 9 Spinning
- 14 Audibly
- 15 Mental slowpoke
- 16 Southeast Asian capital
- 17 Supermodel from Somalia
- 18 Diploma feature
- 19 Poe's middle name
- 20 Alley prowlers
- 22 It can land on two different surfaces
- 24 What a person without regret feels
- 26 The Eagles, on scoreboards
- 29 Animals with wool
- 30 Shackles
- 34 Tiny, informally
- 36 Like a tiny town, in an expression

- 38 Rent collectors
- 41 Hardship
- 42 Continually repeated musical phrase
- 44 Gracefully slim
- 45 Luster
- 46 Make bootees, say
- 49 Bread on the barbecue
- 50 Boards, as a train
- 52 Tool powerful enough to cut pipes
- 56 Say distinctly
- 60 God, to Hebrews
- 61 Christmas trio
- 63 "The Wizard of Oz" actor
- 64 "Rigoletto" composer
- 65 Musclebound dude
- 66 Moving about
- 67 Stuffing
- 68 Mournful piece
- 69 Egyptian ophidians

DOWN

- 1 Island nation where Creole is spoken
- 2 Pollster Roper
- 3 Go here and there
- 4 Swindling game
- 5 Dutch beer
- 6 Loses one's sanity
- 7 Kitty for the golden years, in brief
- 8 Open-minded
- 9 Physical fitness
- 10 Mural's location
- 11 Something usually acquired at a wedding
- 12 Horse color
- 13 Fourth-anniversary gift
- 21 Near the beginning
- 23 Agua : Spanish :: \_\_\_ : German
- 25 1847 adventure novel whose name means "rover"
- 26 Speaker Nancy
- 27 "Ya kidding me?!"
- 28 Shoe arch's site
- 30 Treasure collection
- 31 Dental care brand
- 32 As originally placed
- 33 Lunar goddess
- 35 Girl's nickname that sounds like two letters
- 37 Poor person
- 39 Political or religious publications
- 40 Watched on Netflix, say

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- 43 Alley-\_\_\_
- 47 Popeye's creator
- 48 Perfecting
- 50 Assassinated
- 51 City on the Arkansas River
- 52 Rival of the Spurs, informally

- 53 Jason's wife, in myth
- 54 Legal wrong
- 55 The Amazing \_\_\_
- 57 D.C. squad
- 58 Program-blocking device
- 59 Does wrong
- 62 French friend

# A little variety answers

## SPELLING BEE

Epiphany (3 points). Also: Apian, apnea, happen, happy, hippie, hippy, hyphen, nappy, nippy, paean, panini, panpipe, papaya, pappy, payee, peahen, penne, penny, peppy, yappy, yippee. If you found other legitimate dictionary words in the beehive, feel free to include them in your score.

## DOUBLE OR NOTHING

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## BORDERLANDS

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# Variety Answer

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“Bad news isn’t wine. It doesn’t improve with age.” — Colin Powell