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PuzzleNation is an online community devoted to great puzzles and the people who love to solve them! Our mission is to provide the finest puzzle-solving experience on the web by offering outstanding puzzle games, from perennial favorites like Crosswords and Word Search to exclusive new 1-player and 2-player offerings like GuessWorks and Crossword Raiders.

In the following pages, we'll present one puzzle for each facet of PuzzleNation. (It's a good thing we're doing this now instead of next year, because we're adding games all the time.) The answer to each puzzle is a word or phrase.

As you get each answer, fill it into the final puzzle, which is based on our Hangman-like game, "GuessWorks". The answer to the GuessWorks puzzle is a pithy little phrase. The first teams to come up with the phrase will be the winners!

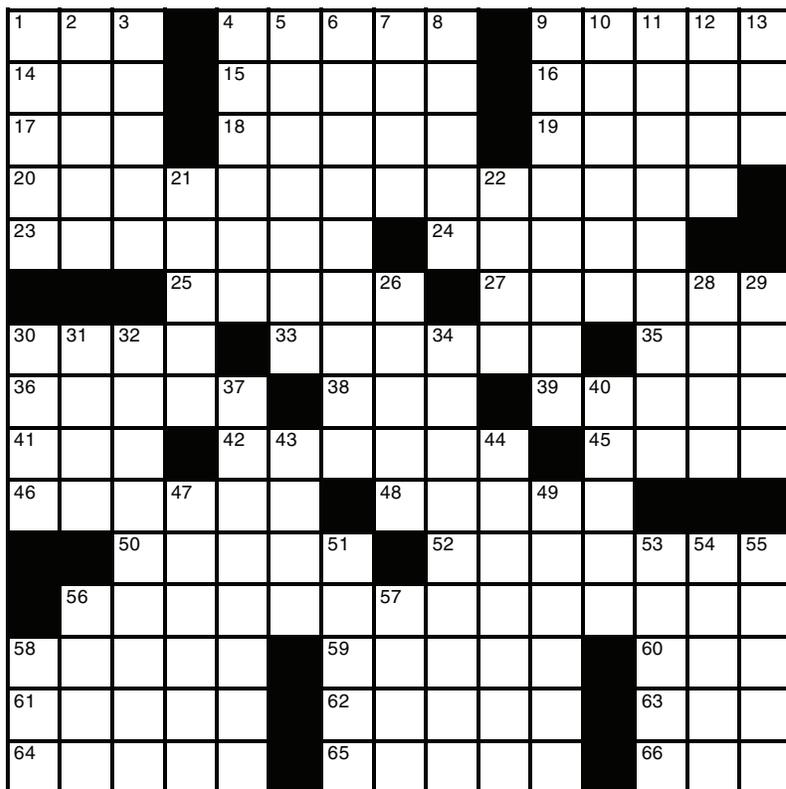
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CLASSIC CROSSWORD

PUZZLE 1

PuzzleNation has hundreds of crosswords at all difficulty levels! See how your solving stacks up against your online buddies. After solving this crossword, you'll come away with a seven-letter answer.



ACROSS

1. It has dials labeled "boost" and "level"
4. Anklebone
9. Mil. schools
14. Predatory fish
15. "...two mints ___!"
16. Picador opponents
17. Enero to enero
18. "Time to eat!"
19. Old-timey "yours"
20. **Take this...**
23. Big moments at the slot machine
24. Doomed
25. Ads
27. Squids' kin
30. Latin "behold"
33. Most pleasant
35. Middle of three squares
36. Palish purple

38. Costar of 5-Down

39. It soothes
41. Ear-related prefix
42. Moving synchronously (with)
45. Stalk in a swamp
46. Best Actress winner after Halle
48. Judge, e.g.
50. Alcohol made from rye bread
52. Reindeer
56. **...and add this**
58. Uniform part
59. Fundamental
60. Film director Anderson
61. One time name in Mideast politics
62. Namely, in Latin
63. Period after printemps
64. Be dishonest with

65. Has legs
66. Interjection from Wayne or Garth

DOWN

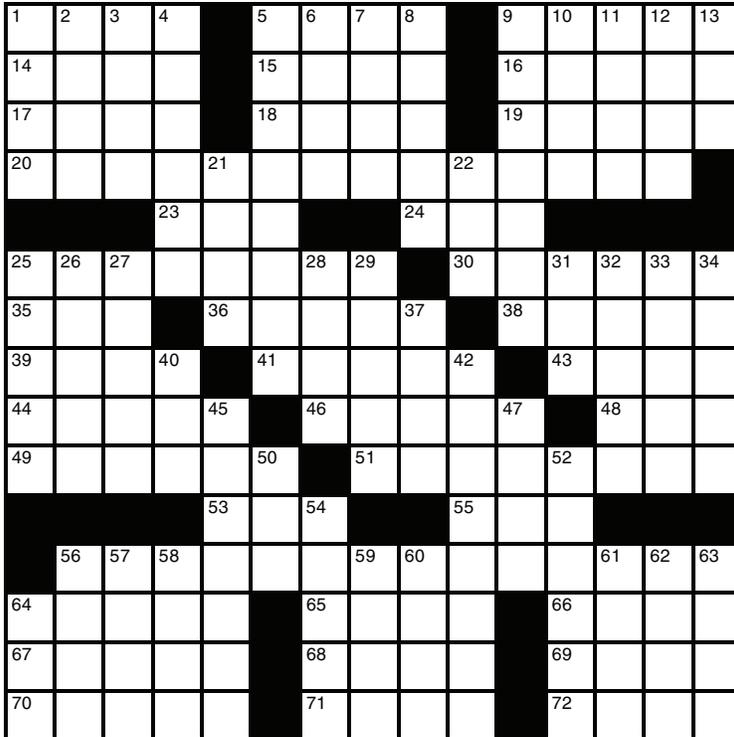
1. Shocked
2. More than enthusiasm
3. Stand-in
4. Do a minor cleaning
5. Costar of 38-Across
6. Coordination of a complex plan
7. Operating system on some servers
8. French assembly
9. Coaxes closer
10. Kelly Ripa, before Regis retired
11. Student of Plato
12. Puts on
13. Florence-to-Rome dir.
21. Where ships go
22. Whispers sweet words
26. "Robin Hood" director, 2010
28. Fix a pothole
29. Not neat
30. North Carolina university
31. Bank's opening?
32. From 3 to 4, for example
34. Does Zumba, say
37. Herb used in Mexican cuisine
40. Deodorant option
43. Tree house?
44. Oscar Peterson, notably
47. No longer affected
49. Builds
51. Non-fiction bestseller of 1973
53. Actress Julie of "Modern Family"
54. Have on loan from
55. Like up-in-the-air schedules
56. From Bangkok
57. None at all
58. Word seg.





PUZZLE 2

In Crossword Raiders, you're an intrepid explorer seeking treasure on a crossword grid. Completing the whole puzzle isn't the point: You want to get in, get the gold, and get out—fast! In the two-player game, you and your friend compete to explore three different puzzles. (If your buddy gets a treasure first, don't worry—you can always steal it.) This crossword puzzle has treasure hidden in it, too, as well as a five-letter answer.



ACROSS

1. Hunk of goo
5. Run off at the mouth
9. Work at home, perhaps
14. Assistant
15. Skype's former owner
16. ___ Stadium (Pro Bowl venue)
17. Bit of rigging
18. Transition point
19. Mace, say
20. Argues before an already-friendly audience
23. Alternative to chips, at times
24. Trig function
25. It's in front of an apron
30. Area
35. Name that means "king"
36. Brother rival
38. Acts the couch potato
39. Smile broadly
41. Challenges
43. Duchamp's genre
44. Second-largest religion

46. "Eraserhead" star Jack
48. Cardinal, e.g.
49. Subject of a documentary subtitled "From Russia With Love"
51. Inflexible
53. Screenwriter Vardalos
55. Number on a card?
56. Home to the Mayo Clinic
64. Mill product
65. Exude
66. Love personified
67. The Circus Maximus, e.g.
68. Prefix with "-tech"
69. Most tacky or socially awkward
70. Czech tennis star
71. Diagnostic procedure
72. Strays

DOWN

1. Sound of shock
2. Incredible person

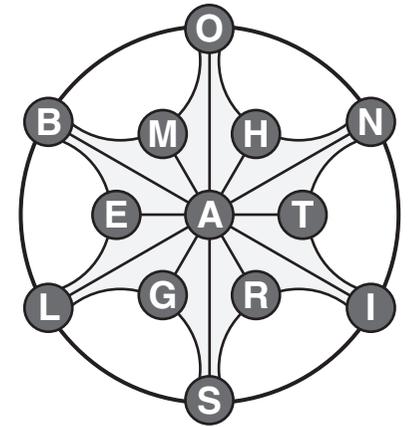
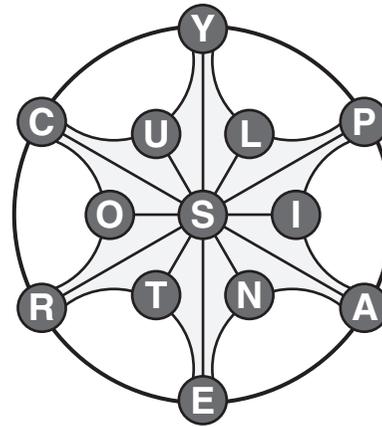
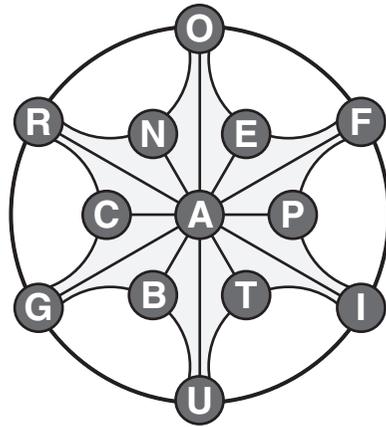
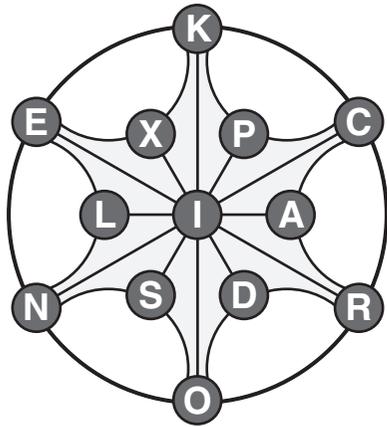
3. Pet in the Arbuckle household
4. Ritzzy Westside neighborhood
5. Got back
6. Touch
7. Crowe's "A Beautiful Mind" role
8. Practices with Mavis Beacon
9. Unusually profitable product
10. Canned brand
11. Aaron's daughter
12. Leave on the grill for too long
13. Loft contents
21. Snopes.com subject
22. Part of some movies
25. Satellite's path
26. Candy maker H. B. ___
27. Glorify
28. Algiers Accords signatory
29. Hebrew for "instruction"
31. By no means Mr. Right
32. '80s platform
33. Burdened
34. Get by
37. "Hercules" spinoff
40. Make a dent in, say
42. "The Office" setting
45. Word before bath or water
47. One of thirty on a dodecahedron
50. Answer to the riddle "What do you call a 2000-pound gorilla?"
52. "Gil Blas" author
54. Call-and-response words
56. Valuable to a collector
57. Dentist's directive
58. Tear asunder
59. Machine that may run Lion
60. Simone of jazz
61. Actor Sharif
62. Go sightseeing
63. The A of NEA
64. Bud



STARSPELL

PUZZLE 3

It's the find-the-word game set among the stars! Start at a letter and travel around the paths, forming words as you go. In the PuzzleNation game, you're trying to form as many four-, five-, or six-letter words as you can before time expires. In this puzzle, we've hidden four words (of four to seven letters) in each star, all of them belonging to a particular category. Word lengths are given to you, as is a single letter in each word. Letters may be used more than once, even within a single word. Unused letters, reading roughly from left to right, will spell out your 11-letter answer.



ELEMENTS

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CLASSIC WORD SEARCH

PUZZLE 4

On PuzzleNation, the faster you circle the words, the more points you score, and the louder you can brag to your friends. In this puzzle, we've taken 11 three-word phrases. For each phrase, two of three words are hidden in the word search, and the remaining word is not. (The missing word is always the one with a shaded square in the list below.) Using the blanks and starting letters in the list below as a guide, figure out all the phrases and write them into the list. The shaded boxes will spell out a two-word phrase reading down.

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

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PUZZLE 5

PuzzleNation delivers the sudoku in four levels of difficulty: Easy, Medium, Hard, and better-get-a-big-mug-of-coffee-first Expert. We think we have the best solving interface on the Web, too.

This sudoku below may look crazy, but it's just a regular puzzle. After solving it, however, follow the instructions below to arrive at a two-word phrase. (*Sudoku grid by Thomas Snyder.*)

□	□	□	7	5	8	○	□	□
□	□	4	1	9	□	○	□	□
□	5	7	6	□	○	□	□	□
7	8	5	□	○	□	□	□	9
3	1	□	○	□	□	□	5	7
2	□	○	□	□	□	1	3	8
□	○	□	□	□	9	3	4	□
○	□	□	□	6	2	7	□	□
□	□	□	4	8	7	□	□	○

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1. There is one grey square and one grey circle in each row and column. Transfer the numbers in the grey squares down to the bottom of the puzzle. Transfer the numbers in the circles across to the right side of the puzzle.
2. The side and bottom of the puzzle are divided into four sections each. Add up the numbers in each section.
3. Translate your totals into their alphanumeric equivalent, so that 1 = A, 2 = B, and so on.

THE SOCIAL NETWORK

PUZZLE 6

On PuzzleNation, you can buddy up with your friends and then challenge them to our two-player puzzle games. In each of the puzzles below, someone on the left has buddied up with someone on the right according to a certain rule. (Each puzzle uses a different rule. The puzzles are separated by dashed lines.) Draw a straight line connecting the proper buddies. In doing so, you will cross off certain letters. The letters that remain, reading down the three columns in succession, will spell out the two-word answer to this puzzle.

MATA HARI	•		•	MOS DEF		ADAM ARKIN	•		•	ALAN RICKMAN		BONNIE BEDELIA	•		•	WILLIE MOSCONI	
EMERIL LAGASSE	•	(T)	•	TOM SAWYER		MARGARET HAMILTON	•	(T)	(G)	MARK HAMILL		NAPOLEON BONAPARTE	•	(R)	(E)	(U)	DANIEL BOONE
MICHAEL PHELPS	•	(F)	(H)	VICTOR GARBER		JESSICA LANGE	•	(H)	(H)	BRAM STOKER		SIMON COWELL	•	(L)	(S)	•	RONA BARRETT
ALAN DERSHOWITZ	•	(R)	(E)	JAKE TAPPER		FRAN DRESCHER	•	(E)	(R)	OMAR EPPS		DON AMECHE	•	(C)	(T)	•	CHUBBY CHECKER
GUSTAV FABERGE	•	(A)	(O)	STEPHEN FRY		BURT REYNOLDS	•	(I)	(A)	ANDRE AGASSI		CHUCK BERRY	•	(C)	(T)	•	ED MCMAHON
SWEENEY TODD	•	(L)	(I)	BENJAMIN ZIMMER		DEBRA MESSING	•	(N)	(L)	TREY PARKER		CLARENCE DARROW	•	(A)	(E)	•	ROBERT PLANT
EMINEM	•	(N)		FERRIS BUELLER		TOM ARNOLD	•	(O)	(O)	ARETHA FRANKLIN		ANNE BRONTE	•	(N)		•	NOEL COWARD

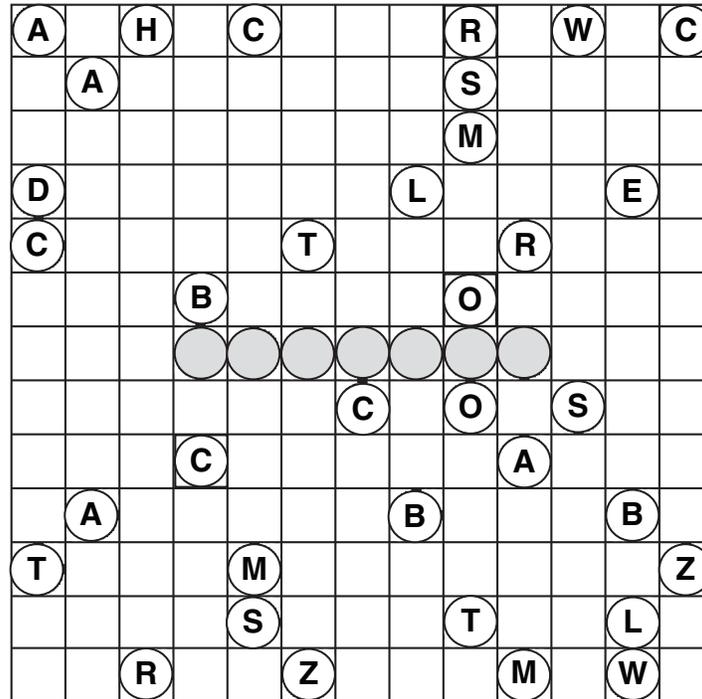
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PUZZLE 7

A Tanglewords is like a word search in reverse: We give you the words, and you figure out how to make them all fit into the grid so that every square is filled. The starting positions of all the words are shown (some will be used more than once), and words can extend in a straight line in any direction. On PuzzleNation, you can play Tanglewords as a single-player puzzle... or as a challenging two-player strategy game.

Complete the puzzle below to find one more word in the shaded central squares.



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| ACHE | DIRT | RASCAL |
| ADULTS | EDDY | RETYPE |
| ALLERGIC | HERO | RUNE |
| AUTOMAT | HOURLY | SCOTCH |
| AVID | LIBERTINE | SHRED |
| BACHELOR | LOUD | SPEAR |
| BALD | MALL | SUCH |
| BATHE | MANIA | TAILS |
| BUTTER | MAPLE | TOTEM |
| CANDLE | MOAN | TOWELS |
| CHAIN | MOWN | WILD |
| CHALLAH | MUSHROOM | WONDER |
| CHEMISTRY | MYTH | ZEBRA |
| CHERRY | ODDITY | ZENITH |
| CLINCH | ORANGE | ZILLION |
| COWARDLY | | ZUCCHINI |
| CRUISING | | |



THE FINAL PUZZLE

GuessWorks is like a supersized Hangman. The letters you guess form not words but entire clues; the answers to those clues are used to put together a pithy little quote. Figure out the quote and win! The one-player game is addictive enough, but the two-player game requires thoughtful strategy, as every guess you make is revealed to your opponent.

Each of the previous puzzle answers represents a series of guesses in a GuessWorks game. Look up each letter according to its puzzle number in the chart below, and then fill those letters into the GuessWorks game on the next page. (For example, if there is an A in Puzzle 1's answer, it would go in the third clue, in spaces 2, 8, and 12.) You'll soon see clues form. When you've figured out the answer to a clue, write it in the spaces on the right side of the page. Then transfer THOSE letters to the quote down below.

When you've figured out the whole quote, you win!

	PUZZLE 1	PUZZLE 2	PUZZLE 3	PUZZLE 4	PUZZLE 5	PUZZLE 6	PUZZLE 7
Answer							
A	III-2, 8, 12	II-9	V-2	IV-1, 5	VII-2, 10	VI-12, 16	I-5, 11
B	II-8	III-10	V-1	IV-6, 9	VII-6	VI-2	I-1
C	II-6, 8	IV-7	V-7	VI-1, 17	VI-13	VII-3	I-13
D	I-4	II-5, 7	III-1, 13	V-5	VII-8	VI-17	VII-13
E	II-4	IV-7	III-6	V-4	VI-9, 14	VII-5, 12, 14, 16	I-8, 13
F	I-4	III-9	V-1	IV-9	VII-6	I-6	II-10
G	II-6	III-10	III-13	V-8	VII-8	VI-17	I-8
H	III-2	II-7	IV-4	VI-7	VII-2	VI-2	VII-13
I	III-3, 11	II-2, 9	IV-10	VI-7, 17	V-6	VII-3, 14	I-11, 13
J	I-10	III-10	V-1	IV-3	VII-2	VI-15	II-1
K	I-4	II-7	III-5	V-3, 8	VI-5, 8, 13	I-3	VII-4
L	III-2	III-7, 10	IV-2	V-3, 4	VI-6, 18	VII-3, 16	II-10
M	I-4, 12	II-2	V-1	IV-1, 6	VII-6	VI-2	VII-13
N	III-4, 12	IV-7	V-7	VI-11	VI-5, 13	VII-3	I-1, 13
O	III-2, 8	II-2, 5	IV-4, 10	VI-3, 4	V-6	I-2	VII-4
P	I-7	II-2	III-1	IV-3	VII-6, 8	VI-2, 15	VII-1
Q	III-3	III-10	V-1	VI-10	V-6	VI-12	I-5
R	I-10	III-7, 9, 10	IV-2	V-4, 8	VII-11, 15	I-3, 9, 14	II-3, 10
S	I-4, 10	III-7, 9	V-9	VI-1, 10, 19	VI-8	VII-3, 9	II-1
T	I-7, 10, 12	II-2, 5	III-5	IV-8, 11	VII-8, 10	VI-15	VII-1, 4
U	II-4	III-10	IV-10	VI-4, 11	V-6	VII-7	I-11
V	I-10	II-9	III-5	VI-17	VII-6	VI-15	VII-4
W	II-8	II-5	III-1	IV-11	V-6	VI-16	I-1
X	I-12	III-7	III-13	VI-17	VI-14	I-9	II-10
Y	III-11	II-7	III-13	V-4	VII-8	VI-12	I-13
Z	II-6	III-10	IV-4	V-3	VII-10	I-14	I-13



THE FINAL PUZZLE

Step one: Follow the instructions on the previous page describing how to use the Hangman chart and the individual puzzle answers to fill in the clues below.

Step two: Write the answers to your seven clues in these boxes, one letter per space. Transfer the letters to the spaces down below, to spell out a quote. This is your final answer!

I.

1	2	3	4
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5	6	7	8	9
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10	11	12	13	14
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15	16
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II.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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8	9	10
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III.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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10	11	12	13
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IV.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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V.

1	2	3	4
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5	6	7	8	9
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VI.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19
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VII.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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10	11	12
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13	14	15	16
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26	27	28	29
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30	31	32	33
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34	35	36	37	38	39
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40	41	42	43	44	45
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46	47	48	49	50	51
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52	53	54	55	56	57	58
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59	60	61	62	63	64
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39