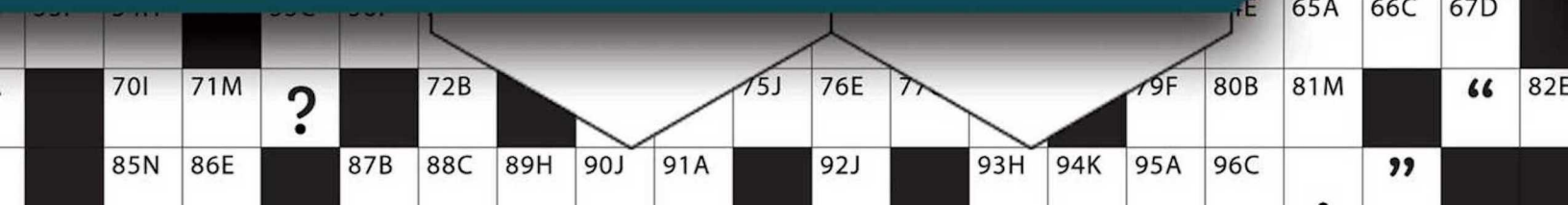




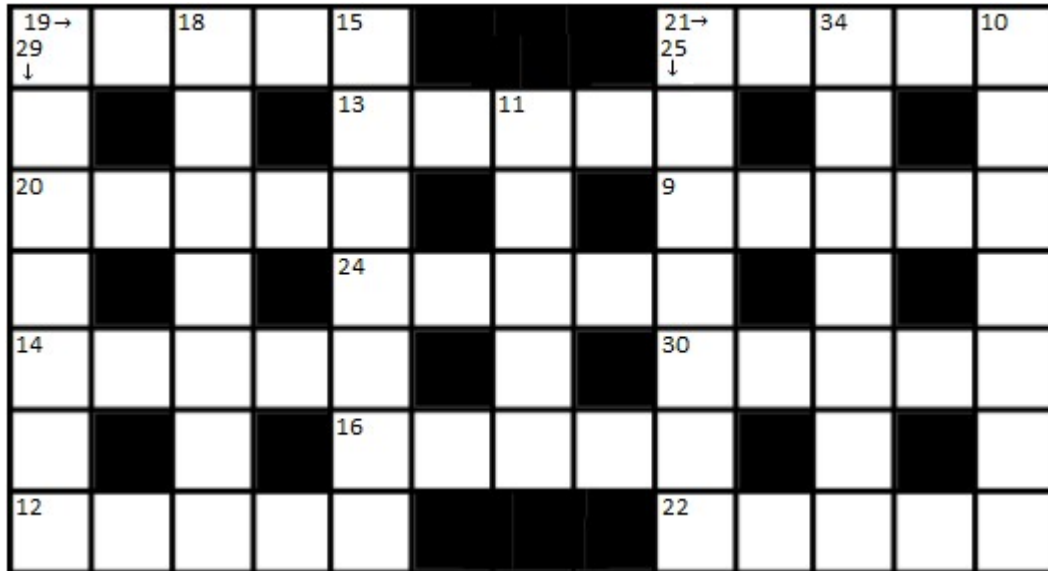
PUZZLE SNACKS

MORE THAN **100** CLEVER,
BITE-SIZE PUZZLES
FOR EVERY SOLVER

ERIC BERLIN



The clues in this puzzle have split! The list on the left shows the first half of every clue. The list on the right shows all of the second halves. Figure out which halves go together. When you've properly put together a clue, add up the numbers on each part. The sum indicates where in the grid the answer should go.



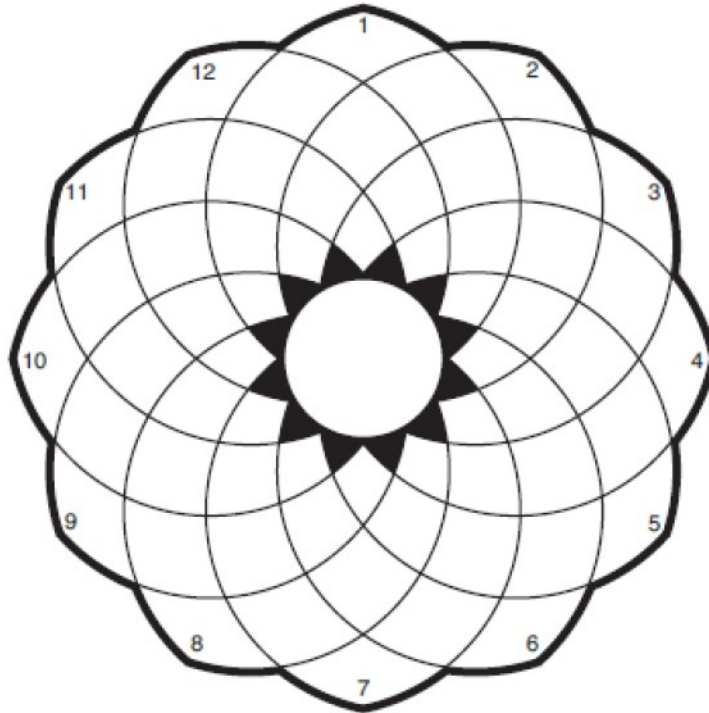
First Half

- 1 Story from
- 2 He performs
- 3 Destinations
- 4 Peek at
- 5 Line that finishes a
- 6 Many guitars have
- 7 Certain kind of apple
- 8 Mom or Dad's
- 9 A book
- 10 Fluffy and white
- 11 All the numbers
- 12 Person who might have
- 13 Use
- 14 Reversal
- 15 Ocean
- 16 Word said
- 17 Base for
- 18 End-of-the-year parties

Second Half

- 1 Mass in the sky
- 2 While leaving
- 3 Committed a crime
- 4 Six of them
- 5 Brother
- 6 At high school
- 7 In a play
- 8 Your opponent's cards, say
- 9 Juice
- 10 Might have hundreds of them
- 11 Divisible by 2
- 12 A ruler
- 13 Aesop
- 14 Next to California
- 15 Lowercase T
- 16 In a car (hyph.)
- 17 Many salads
- 18 For some shoppers

Twelve answers in this flower-shaped grid will be entered clockwise, beginning from each numbered space and curving inward to the center. The other twelve answers will be entered counterclockwise, beginning from those same spaces. Work back and forth until you have completed the grid.



CLOCKWISE

- 1 Take it easy
- 2 Wish-granter in many stories
- 3 The smallest US coins
- 4 Large boat that usually travels short distances
- 5 Large, horned African plant-eater
- 6 Temporary housing for campers
- 7 Inhabit, as a ghost
- 8 Santa ____
- 9 Rings out loud, as a bell
- 10 Name brand for a fruity dessert (hyph.)
- 11 Hard to carry because of its size
- 12 Near where you live

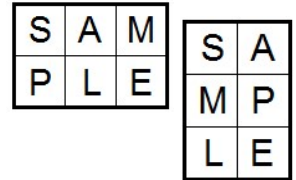
COUNTERCLOCKWISE

- 1 Very small loaves of bread
- 2 Lizard relative
- 3 It keeps things from happening on time
- 4 Last test of the year
- 5 New version of an old song
- 6 Midafternoon time
- 7 People named in a will
- 8 Wise; showing good judgment
- 9 Dwarf planet beyond Neptune
- 10 Pants made of denim
- 11 Doozy
- 12 Breaks in the action

Packing Crates

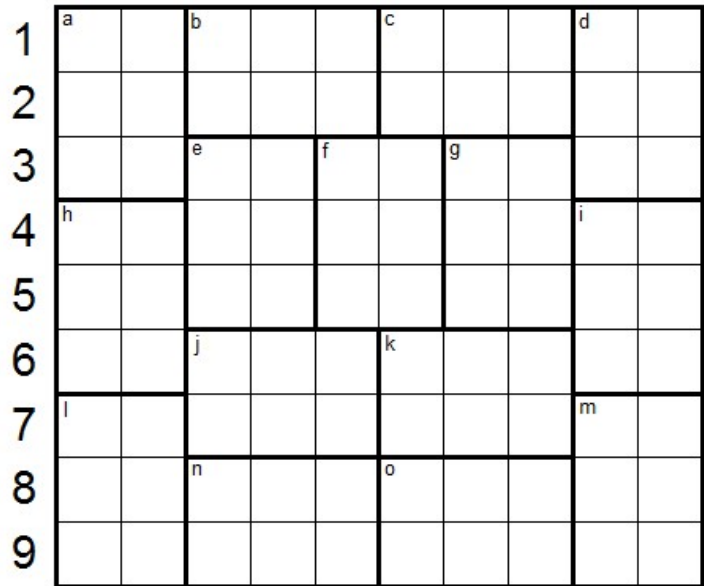
Eric Berlin

Two words will go in each row of this grid, clued in order. Another set of words can be found in the fifteen "crates," always reading row by row, as demonstrated by the examples to the right. Can you pack the crates with all the right answers?



ROWS

- 1 Indicates with a finger
The third square number
- 2 Shape of the constellation Leo
Engraved into a hard material
- 3 Piece of broken pottery
Two under par, in golf
- 4 Extended period of unconsciousness
Least clothed
- 5 Provide further news to, say
Biblical garden
- 6 *King ___* (Shakespeare play)
Dr. Seuss character with a dog named Max
- 7 Bout of sadness
Car that typically seats four or more
- 8 Many a word ending in -ly
Per person
- 9 Outermost limit
Daze



CRATES

- a Make shiny, say
- b Recite in a singsong voice
- c Tattletale
- d Sewing kit item
- e Fleet of warships
- f Official discussion, as between two presidential contenders
- g Saw eye to eye
- h Pair
- i Foul smell
- j Trades angry words with
- k Got the soapsuds off
- l Having a sharp edge, like a sword
- m It holds a ship still
- n ___ on (almost becomes)
- o Clobber (2 words)

Each row contains two answers, clued in order. In addition, there are twelve “trails” wandering through the grid. Each trail answer begins in its numbered square, and ends in one of the dotted squares—you’ll have to figure out which one. Lengths of the trail answers are shown in parentheses. The twelve trails never overlap each other, and will fill up the grid entirely.

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| B | | | | | | • | 1 | | 2 |
| C | | | • | 3 | 4 | | 5 | | |
| D | • | 6 | | | | | 7 | | |
| E | | | | | 8 | • | 9 | | |
| F | | 10 | • | | | | | | • |
| G | | | 11 | 12 | | • | | | • |

Rows

- A ___ throat (common illness)
Command shouted to a sled dog
- B Farmer’s location, in a children’s song
Artist’s collection of songs
- C Skateboard park feature
Book found in a church
- D Someone who’s 11 or 12
Workers on a boat
- E Morse, for one
Within the law
- F Many an online message (hyph.)
Attitude; back talk
- G Little cut
Group of workers acting as one

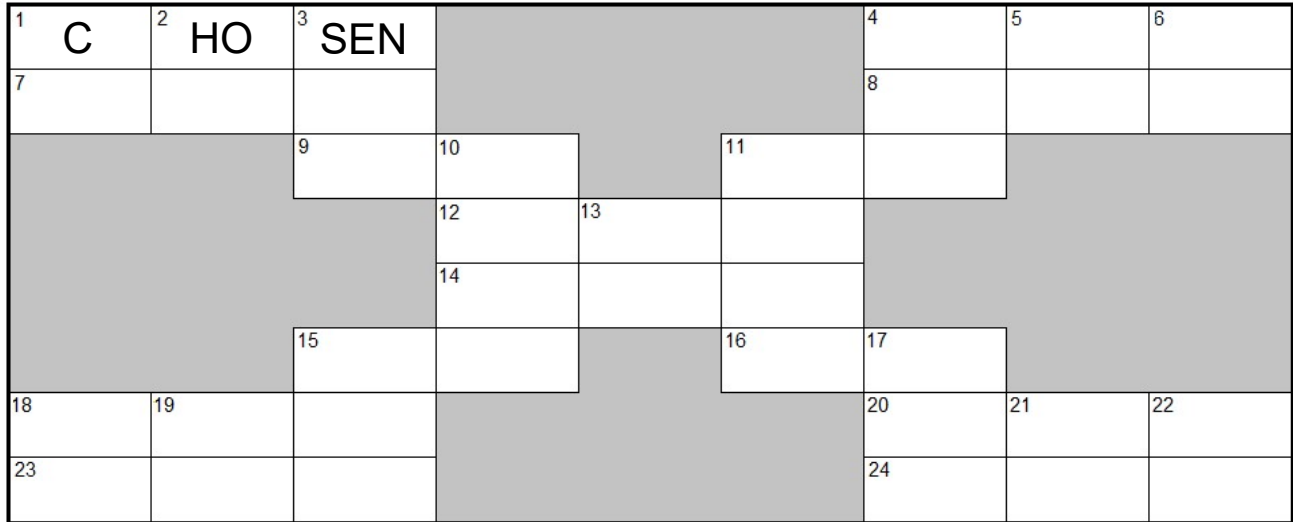
Trails

- 1 Part of a car or a pinball machine (6)
- 2 Whimpers like a baby (5)
- 3 Test-taker’s need (6)
- 4 *Swan Lake* is a famous one (6)
- 5 React with embarrassment (5)
- 6 Different parts of a hospital (5)
- 7 Justification (for something you did) (6)
- 8 Carrie Fisher’s role in *Star Wars* (4)
- 9 Put on (weight) (4)
- 10 Computer-to-Internet connector (5)
- 11 Six-legged creature (6)
- 12 Rhythm of your blood flowing through the body (5)

One Two Three

Eric Berlin

This is a regular crossword puzzle except for one small thing: Each box will receive one, two, or three letters. The answer to 1-Across has been written in, as an example and to get you started.



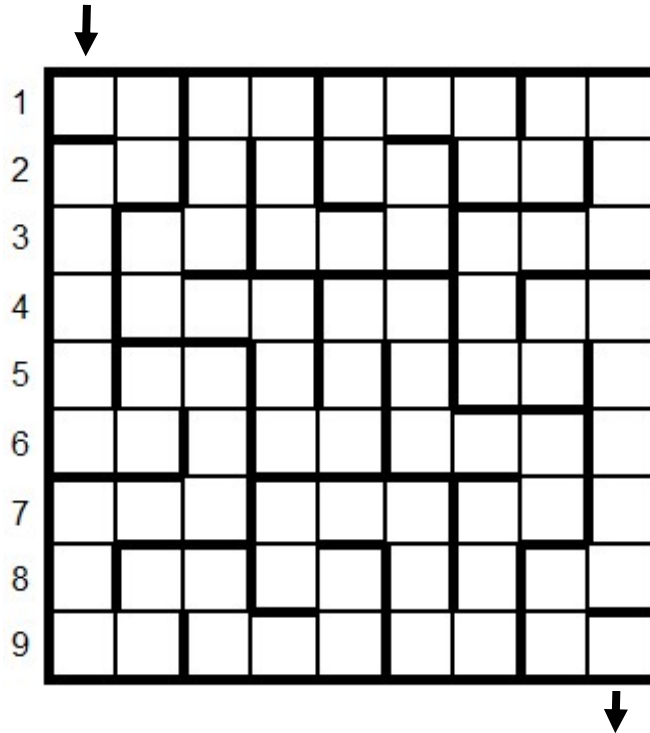
ACROSS

- 1 Selected
- 4 Lemon-lime flavored brand of soda
- 7 Body of water parted by Moses
(2 words)
- 8 Brief periods of time
- 9 Exam
- 11 Eats like a bird?
- 12 Fought with words
- 14 Spends unwisely, as money or time
- 15 Groups of two
- 16 Chat
- 18 Worker who moves from place to
place, looking for seasonal work
- 20 More pleasant and polite
- 23 Going from this side of the street to
the other
- 24 Guys

DOWN

- 1 Reputation, slangily
- 2 Gardener's source of water
- 3 100-member U.S. governmental body
- 4 Artist's messy garments
- 5 Like a number that can be divided only by
itself and 1
- 6 Nonpermanent shelters
- 10 1977 film with many sequels and
prequels (2 words)
- 11 Base for a statue
- 13 Visitor at your party
- 15 Museum hanging
- 17 Cutting utensil on the dinner table
- 18 Prefix meaning "tiny"
- 19 Lawn greenery
- 21 Room in a prison
- 22 Opposite of "columns"

Each row in this puzzle contains two answers, the second immediately following the first. The “Path” answers wind their way through the labyrinth, starting at the arrow in the upper-left corner and snaking around until finally exiting in the lower right. Clues for these answers are given in order.



ROWS

PATH

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The walls of certain mazes Pirate’s “yes” 2 Country road Count up, as votes 3 Strong thread Make angry, with “up” 4 At this spot Olympic athlete’s goal 5 At the same time as Large town 6 “That ___ fair!” Expense for a railroad company 7 Fury Not relaxed 8 Cuts a little bit, like hair Lasso, basically 9 One of the Great Lakes Meal you eat with a spoon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school class where you might learn about food and nutrition, first aid, etc. • Hoping (that something specific happens) • U.S. President Chester A. ___ • Gets the wrinkles out • Automated device guarding some parking spaces • Any moment now • Low in number; difficult to find • Courage • Go back to the beginning of the videotape • Produce, as energy • Charlie Brown’s sister • Part that blinks • European country shaped like a boot • Don’t lag behind (2 words) |
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In each puzzle below, you can move the 21 three-letter pieces into the grid to make seven ten-letter answers reading across. (You can cross out the pieces as you write them in—each will be used only once.) Clues are given for the seven words or phrases, but you'll have to figure out which clue matches each answer—they are not given in the same order. Solved correctly, you'll find a two-word phrase in each puzzle, reading down two of the columns.

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- Irish creature of legend with a love of gold
- It helps hold up the drapes (2 words)
- It helps hold up your pants (2 words)
- Like someone who cannot be defeated
- Shoreline creature that often lives in the shells of other creatures (2 words)
- Small bites before the main course
- Video game that lets you pretend you're a rock star (2 words)

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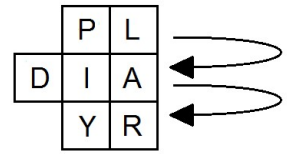
- Game where you try to sink your opponent's navy
- Getting a tan, say
- Large chain of midrange hotels (2 words)
- Organization known for selling a lot of cookies (2 words)
- Say "I ate a hundred hot dogs!" when you only had three
- Sturdy base upon which a house is built
- William Shakespeare, notably

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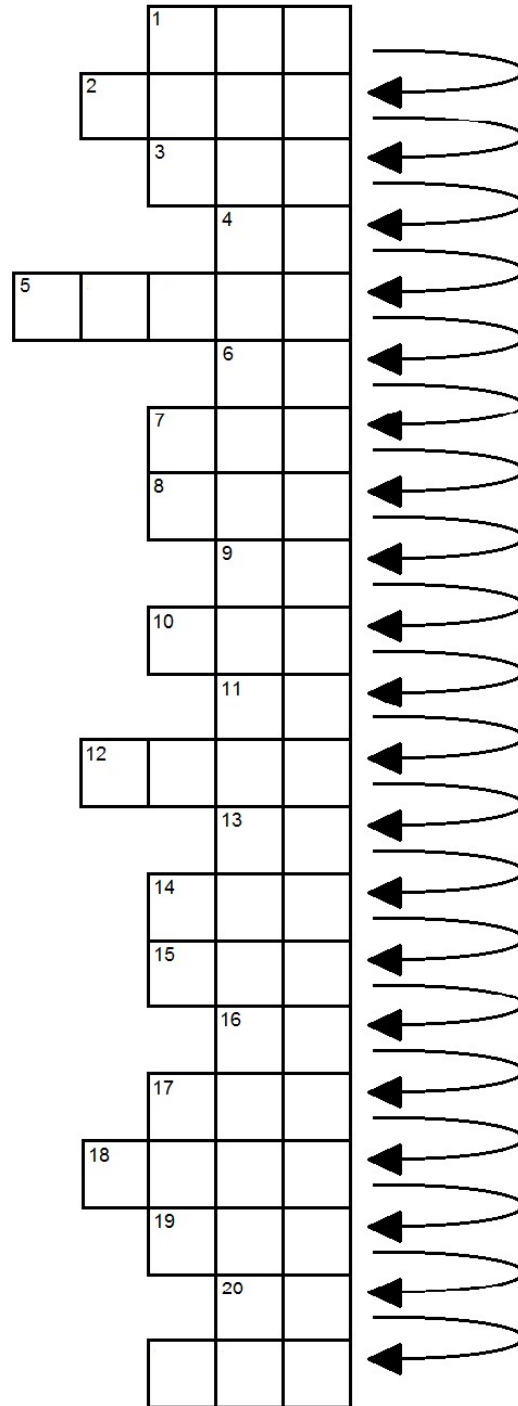
Around the Bend

Eric Berlin

Each answer in this puzzle will start in the appropriately numbered square... but when you run out of room in that row, you'll follow the arrow and write the rest of the answer *backwards* in the next row down. This will then be the start of the next answer on the list. For example, the last three letters of PLAID, in the small grid to the right, become the first three letters of the next answer, DIARY. The grid below forms a loop—the first and last rows will be the same.



- 1 Observed
- 2 The dot in 23.982
- 3 Some light sources
- 4 Wore, fashionably
- 5 City in Michigan known as the home to several car companies
- 6 Shy; meek
- 7 Lowered the lights
- 8 Supernatural monster
- 9 Long work of fiction
- 10 Simple device to help you lift heavy things
- 11 Start up your computer again
- 12 "Oh, well. What a shame" (2 words)
- 13 Game where you try to get a bull's-eye
- 14 Adjustable backpack parts
- 15 Country whose capital is Madrid
- 16 Good, but not perfect, gymnastic scores
- 17 One of 100 Capitol Hill workers
- 18 Turns, like the Earth
- 19 Prepare for use, as the various parts of a board game (2 words)
- 20 Get into (clothes) (2 words)



In each puzzle below, you can take the letters from one square in each column, reading left to right, to make a word or phrase. All of the words in a given puzzle belong to the same category. For example, you can make the word ELEPHANT reading left to right in the first puzzle, and so now you know the category for that puzzle is AFRICAN ANIMALS. The six categories can be seen below, but figuring out which one goes with which puzzle is up to you.

AFRICAN ANIMALS · FOOTWEAR · FRUITS · MATH TERMS · SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES · SUPERHEROES

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ELEPHANT

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Answers

Labyrinth

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Around the Bend

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Cross-O

- AFRICAN ANIMALS: elephant, cheetah, zebra, giraffe, crocodile
- SUPERHEROES: Wolverine, Batman, Supergirl, Daredevil, The Hulk
- MATH TERMS: quotient, average, number, equation, fraction
- SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES: Venezuela, Chile, Argentina, Ecuador, Bolivia
- FRUITS: raspberry, apricot, papaya, pineapple, lemon
- FOOTWEAR: sandal, loafer, flip-flop, moccasin, slipper