

TURN OF PHRASE

Each of the 12 clues below will yield a familiar-sounding phrase. Write these soundalike phrases in the spaces next to each car on the Ferris wheel. (Not every square will be used for the answer.)

EXAMPLE

PHISH AND CHIPS

Psychedelic rock band unites with an 80s cop show to make British takeout food.

1

16 squares, 10th square highlighted yellow

Auto brand, or an auto decelerator: it's either going to be a triumph or a disaster.

2

16 squares, 4th square highlighted yellow

Caesar's headgear and a teen detective's surname form a comedy team.

3

16 squares, 10th square highlighted yellow

A sharp tool or a convent member will accept no half measures.

4

16 squares, 10th square highlighted yellow

Drops on the grass, or an Easter decoration, must not fail.

5

16 squares, 4th square highlighted yellow

Hidden stockpile and *Notorious* Grant delivered.

6

16 squares, 10th square highlighted yellow

Buck and flounder, with total devotion.

7

16 squares, 4th square highlighted yellow

Ghost star or guitar pioneer Paul, roughly.

8

16 squares, 4th square highlighted yellow

Hellish band and Jagger's mates are bone breakers.

9

16 squares, 4th square highlighted yellow

Giant bird of myth and a stage part form "the devil's music".

10

16 squares, 4th square highlighted yellow

The stars of *Twister* and *To Kill A Mockingbird* type poorly.

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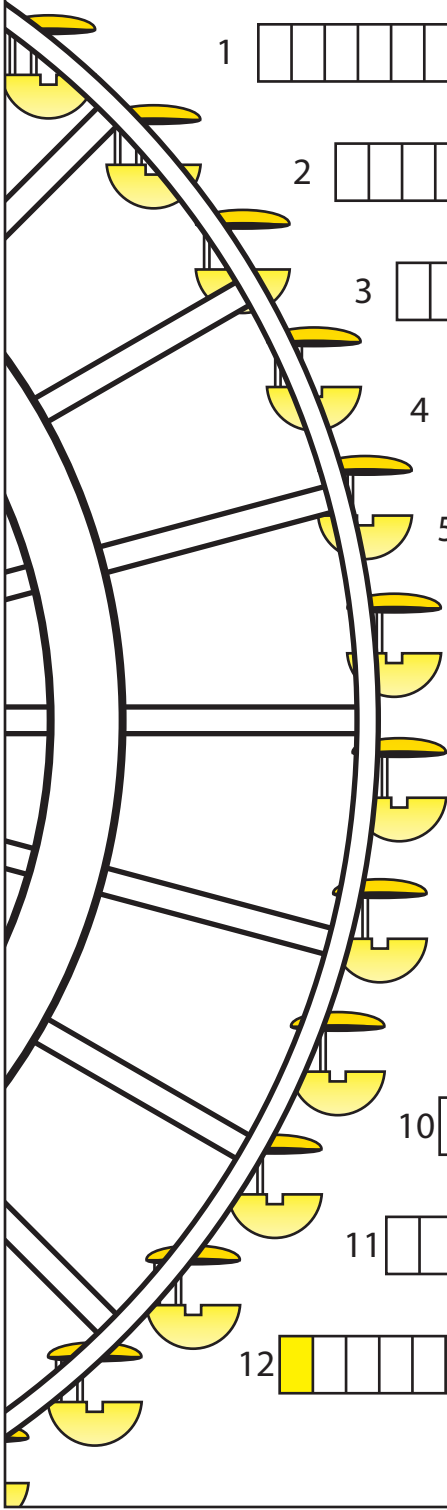
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Jekyll's evil half and an Indian monotheist take part in a childhood game.

12

16 squares, 1st square highlighted yellow

Detroit Rock City performers and a legendary crossbow marksman disclose intimate secrets.



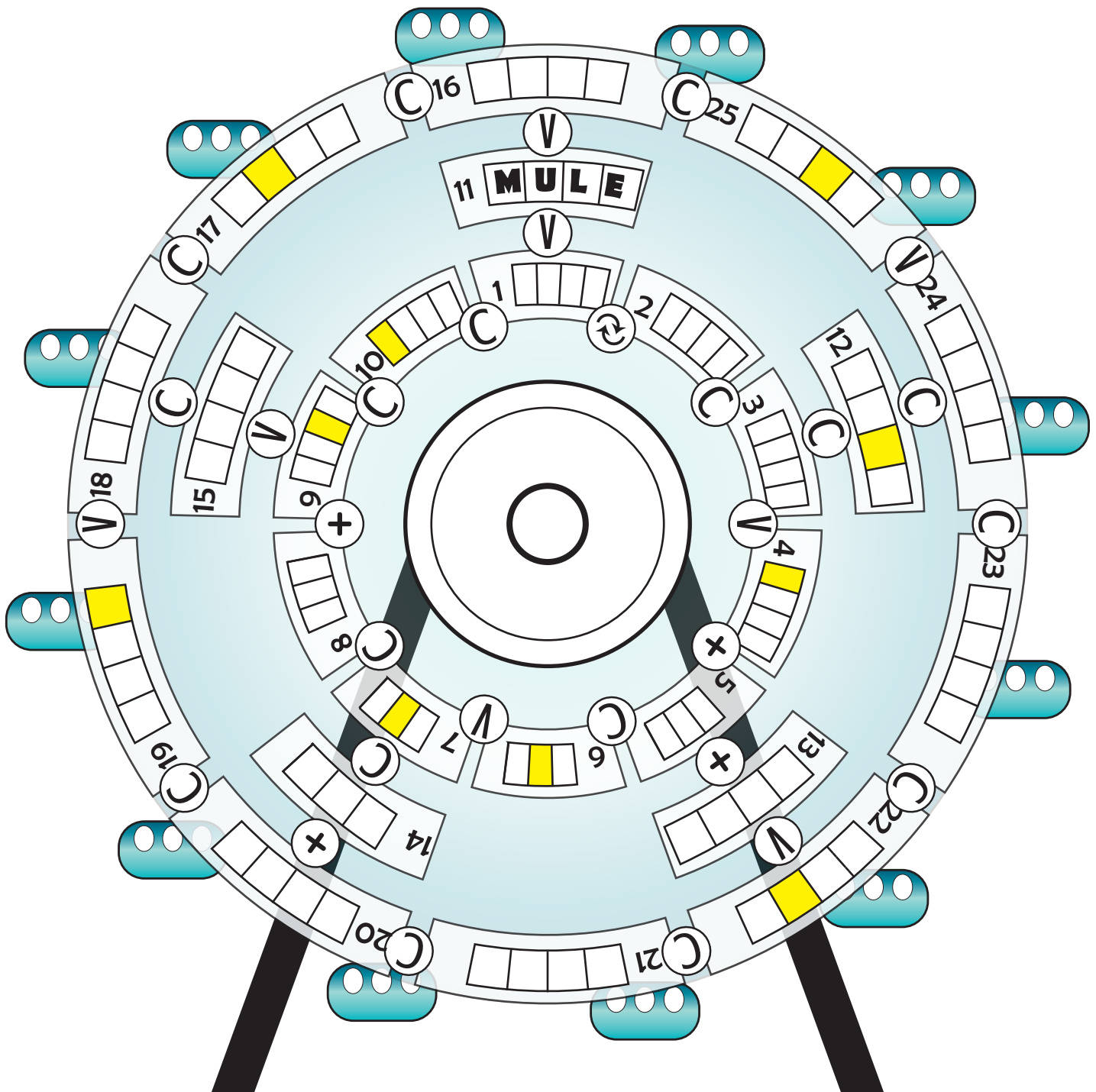
WHEEL OF CHANGES

Place words from the picture sheet into the wheel below.

The symbols between the words indicate what transformations to apply. Enter your answers clockwise, starting at the number.

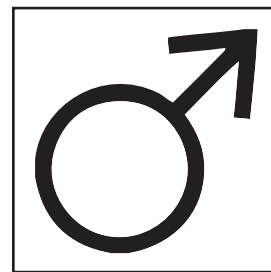
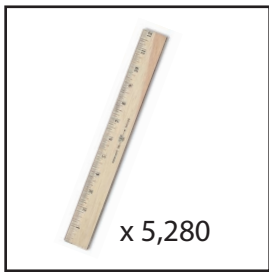
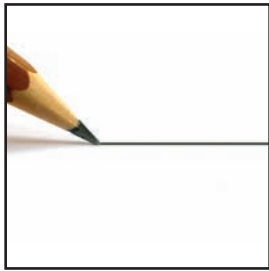
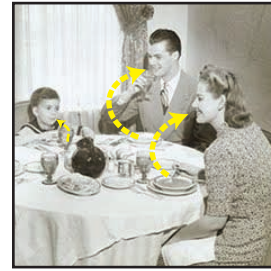
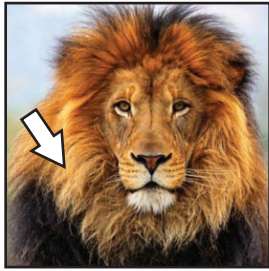
Fill in the inner ring, the outer ring, and the spokes to complete the puzzle.

- +** Add 1 letter
(ACE becomes LACE)
- V** Change 1 vowel
(DIG becomes DOG)
- C** Change 1 consonant
(PUTT becomes MUTT)
- ↻** Anagram
(MOAT becomes ATOM)



WHEEL OF CHANGES

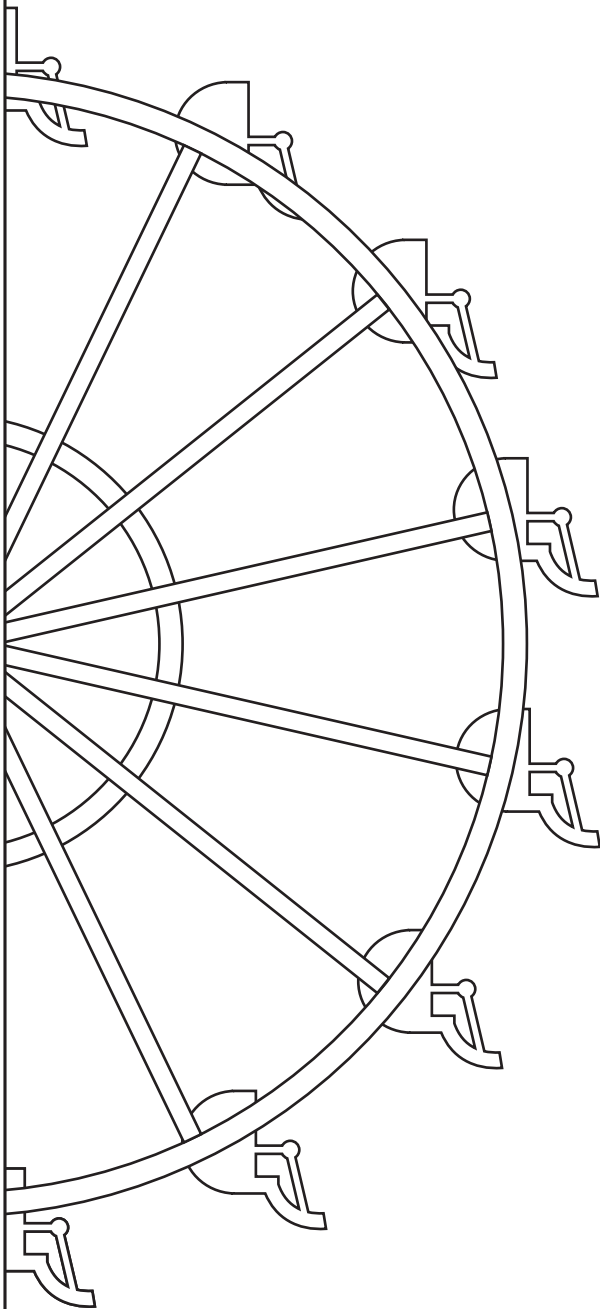
PICTURE SHEET



SPOKES PEOPLE

This year, five brilliant contestants competed for top honors in a unique crossword tournament held on a Ferris wheel. Using the clues on the accompanying worksheet, can you determine each player's ranking, the color of their cars, and the crossword entries that gave them the most trouble?

Bonus puzzle: Just for fun, see if you can identify each player's favorite pastime. (This is not required to solve the puzzle and does not factor into the final answer.)



Player Name
Car Color
Stumper

1

2

3



Player Name
Car Color
Stumper

4

5

6



Player Name
Car Color
Stumper

7

8

9



Player Name
Car Color
Stumper

10

11

12



Player Name
Car Color
Stumper

13

14

15

SPOKES PEOPLE

CLUES & WORKSHEET

	ART	BRUCE	CORA	DREW	EDGAR	lime	magenta	navy	orange	pink	RUBIK	SALCHOW	TATAMI	UMLAUT	VICAR
1st															
2nd															
3rd															
4th															
5th															
RUBIK															
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1. Drew Roscha, who represented Hungary in the Olympic figure skating event, had no trouble with RUBIK or SALCHOW. She didn't take the gold or the silver in this event, though.

2. Cora Catnis, last year's champion, had a disappointing performance. "It was that stupid car they put me in," she said. "Pink is my lucky color; if I'd been in the pink car, I'd have taken first place. I didn't even make it into the top three. But at least I beat the guy in the pink car."

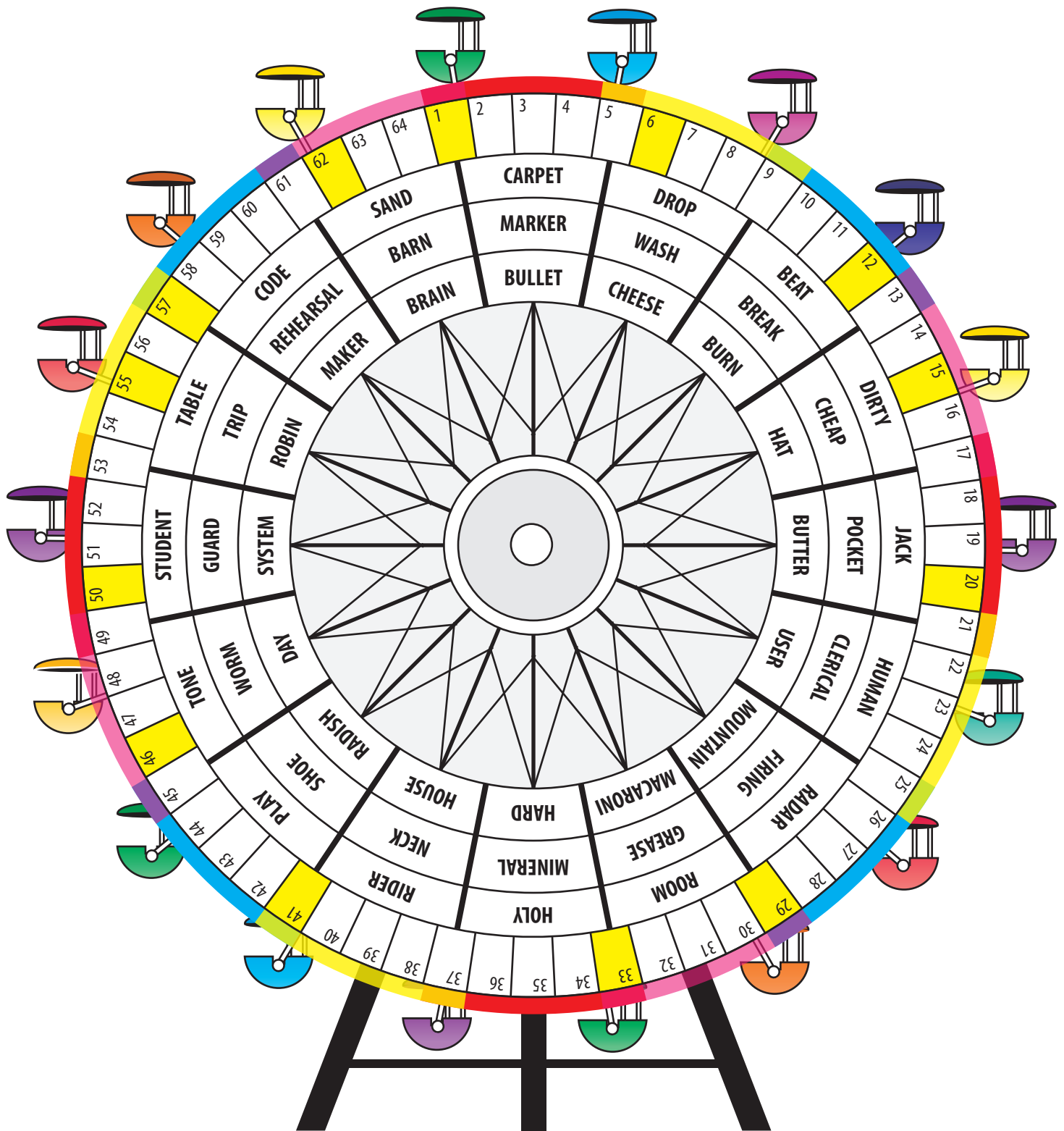
3. Art Seilio raced through most of his entries, but stalled on [80's craze-maker] at 19 Down. He didn't finish first or last, but did manage to dodge the soda spilled by the player in third place, and the pencil dropped by the player in the orange car.

4. Edgar Moab (in the lime car) finished well ahead of the players in the orange and pink cars (who got stuck on VICAR and SALCHOW, respectively).

3. Bruce Carvil did not stumble on any five-letter words, but was briefly distracted when a falling pencil jabbed him in the thigh. Cora, untroubled by falling projectiles, breezed through her six- and seven-letter stacks.

5. "It was a nailbiter," Edgar said after the tournament. "I misread the clue for 34 Across as 'meat' instead of 'mat'. So I entered SALAMI, and that slowed me down a lot. And it didn't help that the player in the magenta car dumped her soda on my head."

CIRCULAR LOGIC

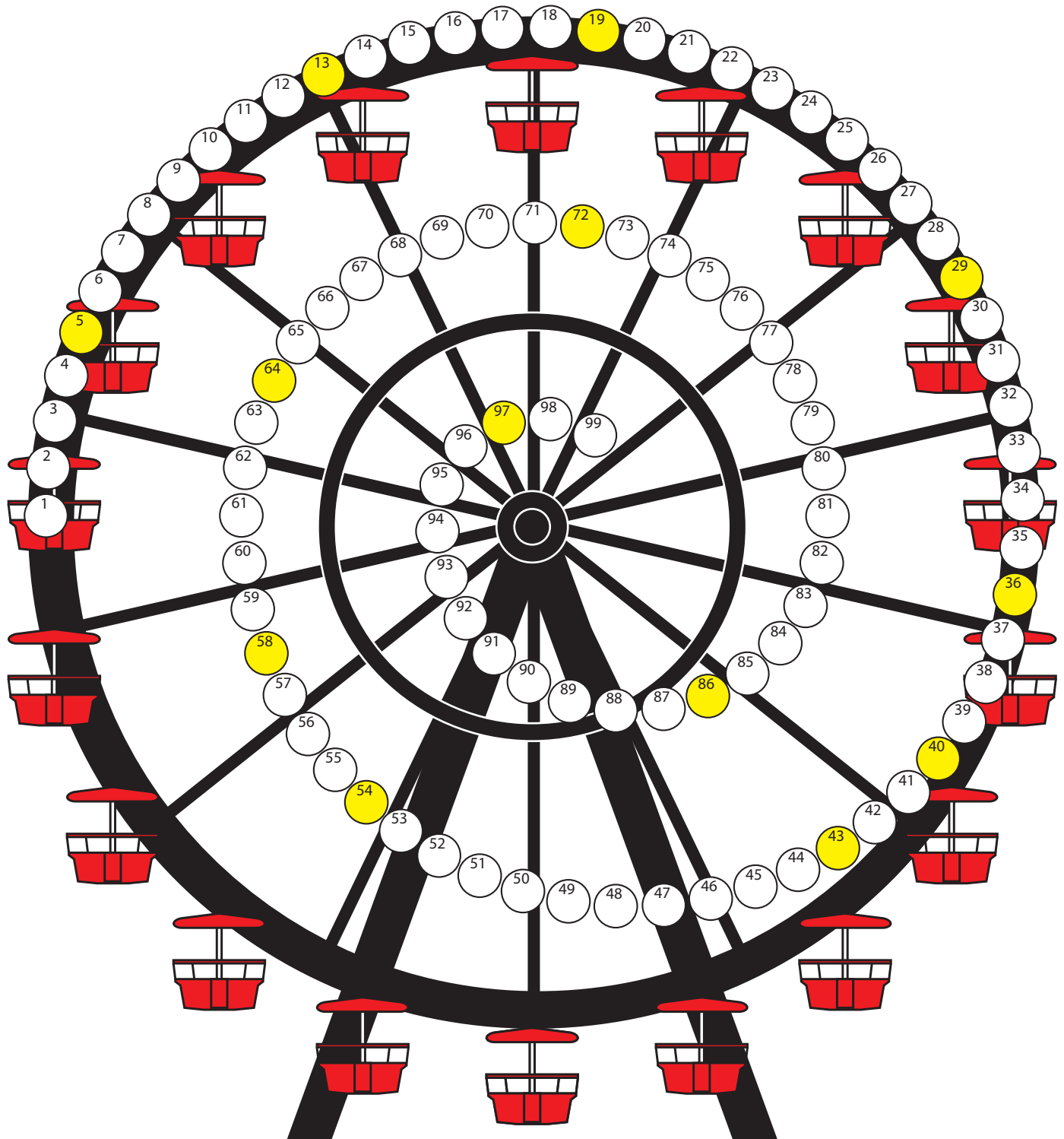


For each triplet, find the word that can precede or follow each item.
 Each 5-letter word will share its first and last letter with a neighbor.
 Example: NUMBER, MILK, NOTE... they all follow "WHOLE".

BACKWARDS / FORWARDS

Using the clues on the Backwards/Forwards clue sheet, fill in words in a continuous spiral around the Ferris wheel. Every space will be used twice: once clockwise (starting at 1) and once counterclockwise (starting at 99).

When the puzzle is complete, copy the highlighted squares to the Final Puzzle worksheet.



BACKWARDS / FORWARDS

Clue Sheet

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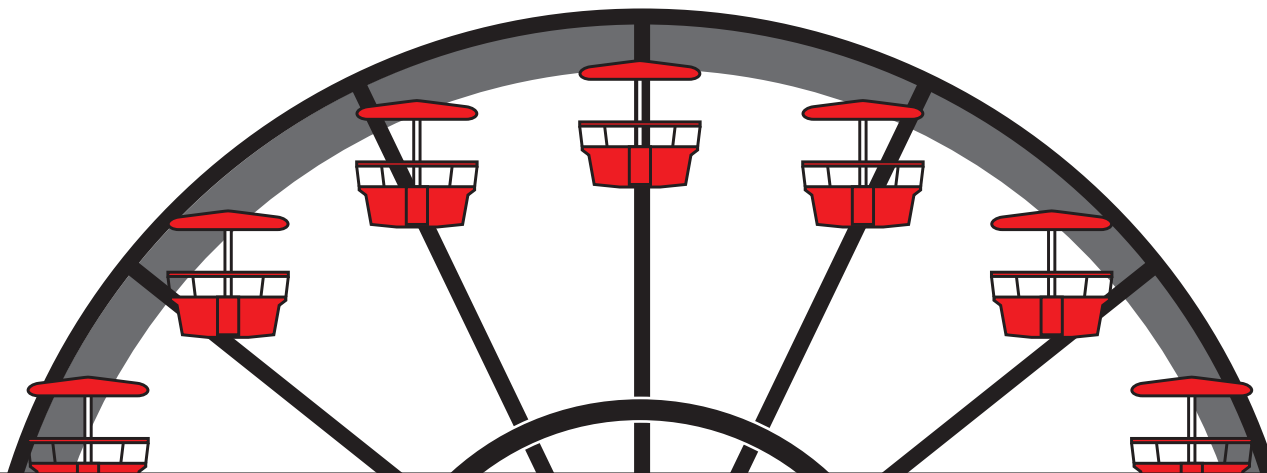
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CLOCKWISE

- 1 - 4 Marquee name
- 5 - 8 Revered expert
- 9 - 14 Patch up
- 15 - 19 Memorable mission
- 20 - 23 Snatch
- 24 - 31 Insurance for seniors
- 32 - 36 Locked book
- 37 - 42 Wimpy
- 43 - 47 "Large" prefix
- 48 - 53 Beam
- 54 - 58 Hooch holder
- 59 - 67 Angus wrangler
- 68 - 70 Speeders step on it
- 71 - 75 Honolulu hello
- 76 - 82 Bickering
- 83 - 88 Sidewinder signal
- 89 - 94 Tchaikovsky specialty
- 95 - 99 Font flourish

COUNTER-CLOCKWISE

- 99 - 96 Caveman's discovery
- 95 - 90 Blanche Dubois' sister
- 89 - 86 Karate accessory
- 85 - 78 Lemon quality
- 77 - 73 Nevada neighbor
- 72 - 66 Garfield's favorite food
- 65 - 62 Soften, like ice cream
- 61 - 57 Bulletin holders
- 56 - 51 Batman's butler
- 50 - 46 Harshness
- 45 - 41 Desert traveler
- 40 - 36 Brawny
- 35 - 30 Oakland athlete
- 29 - 26 Battery contents
- 25 - 19 Blockade
- 18 - 12 Mosquito-borne illness
- 11 - 8 Llama land
- 7 - 1 Cartoon toddlers



FINAL PUZZLE

INSTRUCTIONS

The final challenge is to decode the message hidden in the other five puzzles' answers.

Each slot in the worksheet contains a reference to one of the highlighted letters in the five puzzles. (WoC-22 stands for Wheel of Changes answer #22, ToP-5 would be Turn of Phrase answer #5, and so on.)

SPOKES PEOPLE
BLANK #8

B/F	ToP	CL	SP	B/F	WoC	ToP	CL	SP	B/F
72	5	29	8	5	22	10	12	5	50

1

Look up the letter indicated on the worksheet. If the box is labeled SP-8, you would look up the Spokes People puzzle, entry #8.

For this example, let's say the highlighted letter for #8 is "E"...

Player Name	X	A	V	I	E	R			7
Car Color	G	R	E	E	N				8
Stumper	O	K	A	P	I				9

2

Next, you'll find the Spokes People row on the Decoder, and look up the letter "E".

The letter-pair there is A / L.

Your challenge is to decide which of those two letters fits the final message.

	a	b	c	d	e	f
TURN OF PHRASE	J	B	E	R	X	A
	K	C	E	D	O	P
WHEEL OF CHANGES	R	L	A	Z	G	E
	T	A	T	E	I	B
SPOKES PEOPLE	T	P	S	N	A	I
	W	A	F	A	L	M
REGULAR LOGIC	N	F	C	U	E	F
	E	X	O	E	O	F

3

In this example, it's probably not L, so you would write the letter A in the blank.

B/F	ToP	CL	SP	B/F	WoC
72	5	29	8	5	22
A	T	L	A	S	

FINAL PUZZLE

TEAM #

WORKSHEET

See the accompanying instruction sheet for directions and examples.

DECODER

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
TURN OF PHRASE	J K	B C	E E	R D	X O	A P	S F	S U	Q G	P K	E Z	E T	S T	T R	I I	N M	V I	K W	I R	T I	X R	Y O	N J	E O	O T	M P
WHEEL OF CHANGES	R T	L A	A T	Z E	G I	E B	P C	T M	B A	R R	D W	X L	E A	A G	M Y	H S	C R	G E	N B	H V	I D	O T	A W	C A	S D	D D
SPOKES PEOPLE	T W	P A	S F	N A	A L	I M	T E	A N	R O	E S	W W	I W	T I	S A	F S	W A	L G	V Q	A E	R N	R B	N I	R M	S H	P Y	F M
CIRCULAR LOGIC	N E	F X	C O	U E	E O	F E	K J	L O	L L	Q A	X T	S N	R E	T R	W P	U V	A A	O H	B R	A I	I H	A R	H T	K Y	L Z	N H
BACKWARDS / FORWARDS	E S	E I	D A	I T	W N	H U	I U	O I	O O	E R	I Q	N S	S H	W N	S S	U X	E I	S N	Y F	P U	V C	P H	R L	A B	N A	W Y

META SOLUTION

B/F 58	ToP 5	CL 29	SP 8	B/F 36	WoC 22	ToP 10	CL 12	SP 5	B/F 72	WoC 9	ToP 6	CL 46	SP 15	B/F 86	SP 1	ToP 1	CL 57	WoC 25	B/F 19	SP 13	ToP 11	CL 41	WoC 6	SP 9	B/F 43	ToP 7	CL 6	WoC 19	SP 14	B/F 97

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ToP 4	CL 33	WoC 12	SP 11	B/F 5	ToP 8	SP 4	CL 20	SP 3	B/F 13	SP 7	CL 62	SP 10	B/F 40	ToP 3	WoC 17	CL 55	B/F 29	CL 50	B/F 54	WoC 4	ToP 12	CL 15	ToP 9	WoC 7	B/F 64	WoC 10	SP 2	ToP 2	CL 1