

# THE ISLAND OF LOTOPHAGI

None who have tasted the succulent lotus remember their past lives.  
 Oddly uncaring, they aimlessly wander the island, their minds blank.  
 Traps are untended and fishing lines carelessly tangled and left slack.  
 Helpless and idle as children, they witlessly drift through the warm days....

**ROW** answers are entered one letter per space in the order given.

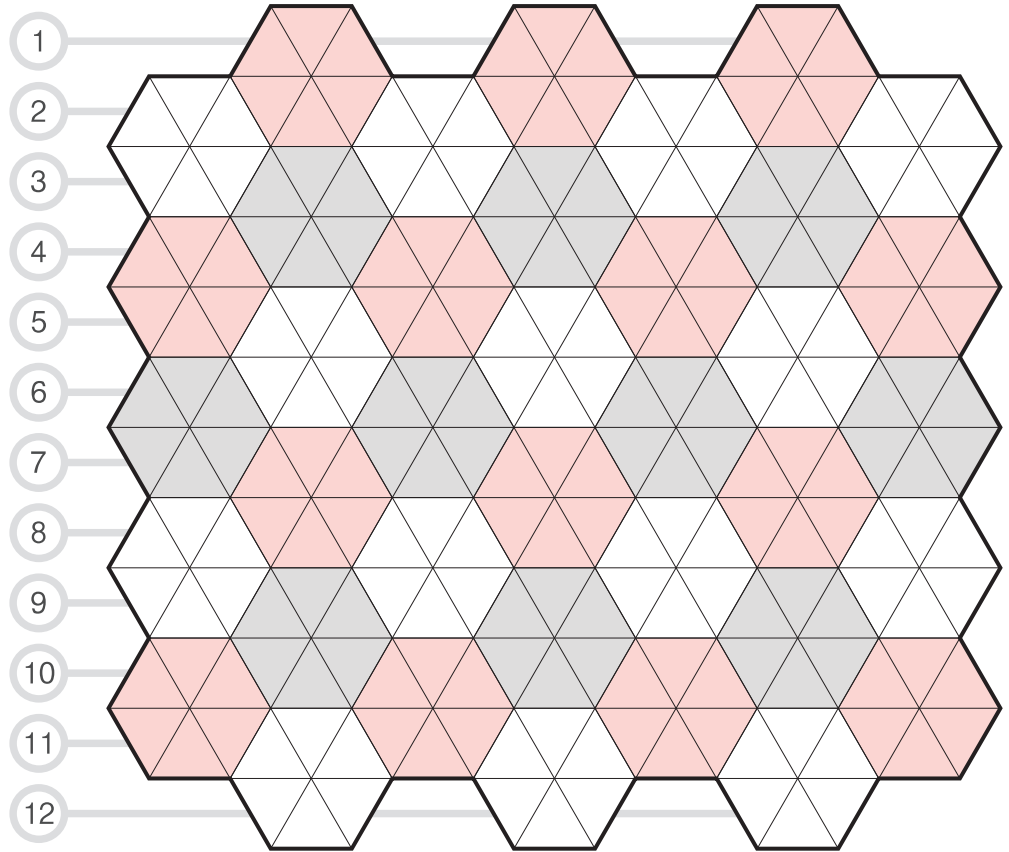
**BLOOM** answers are all six letters long, and are entered in a bloom of the appropriate color to be determined by the solver; starting space and direction must also be determined.

But I feel like I'm forgetting something...



## ROWS

1. Unretentive, as a poor memory
2. Adherent of an ancient philosopher  
Jotting down rapidly
3. Site of Alphabet City and NoHo (2 wds)  
Some charges are this
4. Mooch  
Authorization
5. Down in the dumps (*hyph*)  
Like an earlier era, technology-wise
6. Axiom  
A 24-point rack is this
7. Not fit for food  
Coward, snidely (2 wds)
8. Memos to oneself (2 wds)  
Ben Stein's delivery
9. Latex products, for example (2 wds)  
One making things hot?
10. Avis competitor  
Where to get a Slurpee (2 wds)
11. Vagueness, ambiguity  
He makes a rough cut (2 wds)
12. Tropical island fruits



## BLOOMS

### PINK

- Ready to bloom, perhaps
- Chow chow
- Sigh
- One with a cap
- Dust
- Japanese entertainer
- Heart-felt creed
- Stuffed dumpling
- Vet, maybe
- Makes an offer (2 wds)
- Popular Chevy
- Lint traps?
- Pony, for example
- \_\_\_ Nutritional, makers of Splenda

### WHITE

- Floral Plath poem
- Tart
- Tropical island feature
- Huge beauty company
- Fathered
- Gerrymander
- One eructating
- Ring
- 1st runner-up
- Doing up boots
- Lean
- Dives
- Contained
- Energetic go-getters (2 wds)

### GREY

- Bloom, in a way
- Search deeply
- Shrinking bloom?
- Most frigid
- Says "nay"
- Cot
- Cut again
- Holds forth
- Malices
- One who's forging