

Cross Purposes

One day, the mouse-deer Sang Kancil wished to cross a wide river to graze on the succulent leaves and berries on the other side. Unfortunately, the river was full of hungry crocodiles!

Though Sang Kancil was one of the smallest creatures in the Malaysian rainforest, he was by far the cleverest. "Crocodiles!" he called. "A feast is being held in your honor! Come up to be counted so they know how many places to set!" Once the crocodiles rose to the surface, Sang Kancil knew he could jump across their backs, crocodile to crocodile, to the far side of the river.

"Oh, no you don't," growled the King of the Crocodiles, his eyes poking just out of the water. "You did that yesterday. We're not falling for *that* trick again."

Sang Kancil knew he would have to come up with a more ingenious plan (depicted on the next page). Assuming he could find a way to safely cross the river, **what would Sang Kancil say was his favorite meal?**



Dear Solvers,

A couple of things to help Sang Kancil trick the crocodiles:

- Each puzzle will yield two answers, which might or might not be derived by the same means within a given puzzle. There are 24 total answers for your answer pool.
- Confirming individual puzzle answers via the answer checker is recommended, but is not strictly necessary for this set. However, confirming certain pieces of meta information as described on the next page will yield important information.

When you've arrived at your final answer, please send it to me at [markhalpin3 at gmail dot com](mailto:markhalpin3@gmail.com) to get a place on the Leaderboard. The first pair or solo solver to do so will win a one-year subscription to Outside the Box puzzles. One other solver drawn randomly from all those submitting the correct answer before Monday, September 19th will receive a one-year subscription to P&A magazine. At that point, I'll post hints and solutions. If you're not interested in the Leaderboard or prizes, feel free to contact me for hints or nudges at any point. As ever, the point of the thing is to have fun, so if there's anything I can do to facilitate that, please don't hesitate to let me know.

All contributions to the Tip Jar this year will go to benefit the Trevor Project (thetrevorproject.org). While there's no suggested donation amount, perhaps consider what you'd pay per person to enjoy a movie, escape room or similar. Creating these sets of puzzles is a labor of love for me; in times that are difficult for many, I'd love for that labor to benefit a cause that's close to my heart. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

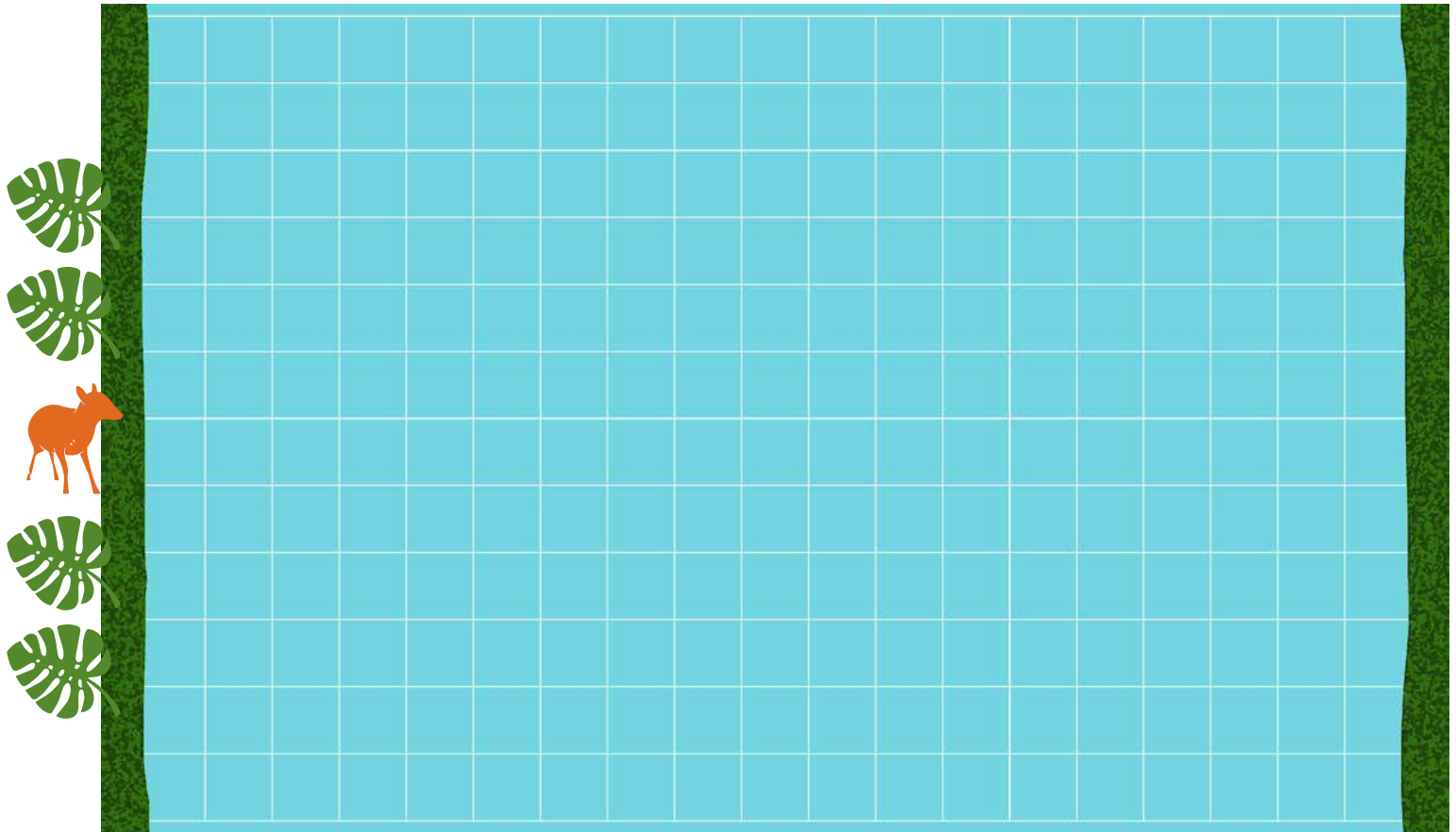
All puzzles may be printed to solve, and using online resources is fair game. Specific knowledge of the inspirational source material is not required, and flavortext is often clueful.

Happy solving!

Mark/Zebraboy

Sang Kancil's Plan

To lure the hungry crocodiles to the surface, Sang Kancil knew he would need much more tempting, personalized invitations. He decided to find out a dozen of the crocodiles' names, as well as each of their favorite foods. Setting off to explore the surrounding rainforest (as represented by the puzzles on the following pages) he was sure he could put together what he found there to discover what he needed.

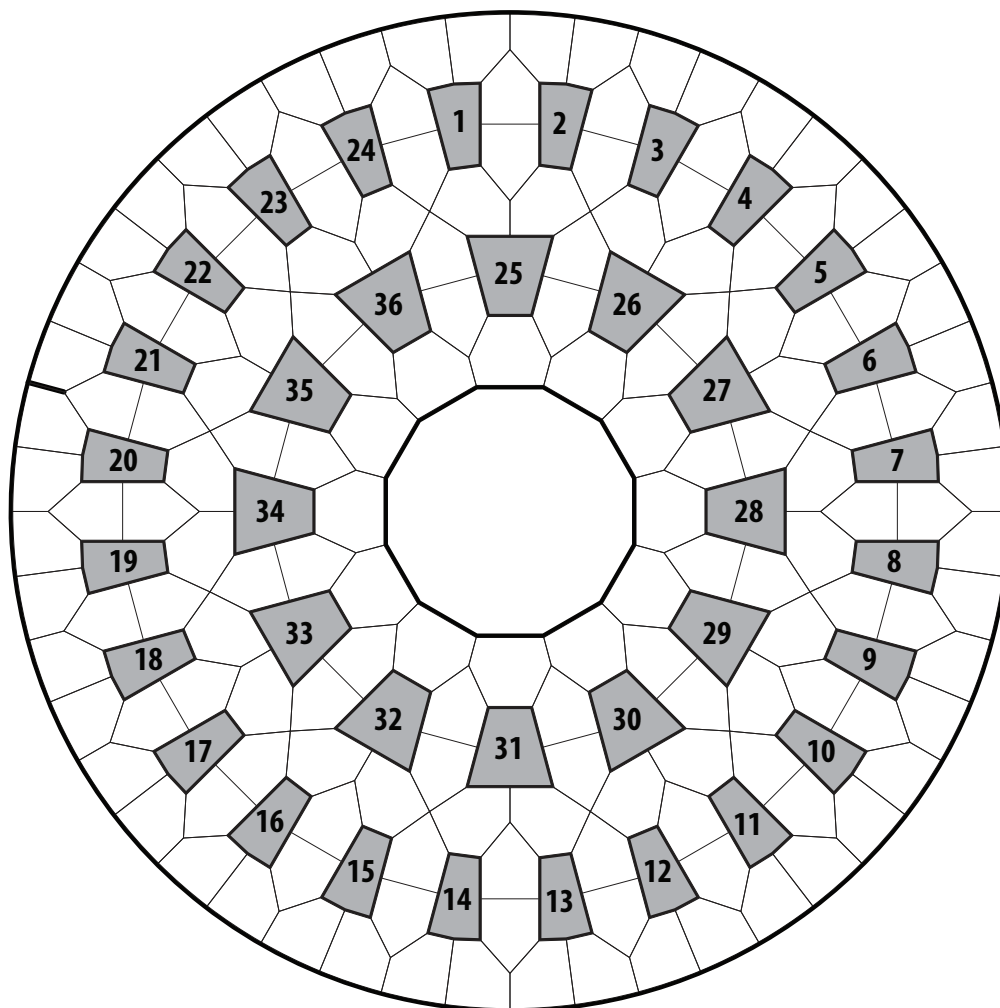


When you think you know the name of a crocodile and their favorite food, call out to the crocodile by entering the name + food, in that order, as a single string in the answer checker on any page; e.g., BARNABYTEMPURA or OPHELIALAMBCHOP.

Names and foods will each be at least two syllables long. Proper names or foods appearing incidentally in any individual puzzle (e.g., in clues, grid answers, etc.) are not relevant to this puzzle.

Badang

The villager Badang had been given an unusual gift: the magical strength to defeat anyone in wrestling – even those much larger than himself – provided they were not from lands “above the wind” (that is, outside of Malaysia).



- **1** Construction by an ancient empire
- **2** “I can not believe how big that Eiffel Tower is!” (2 wds)
- + **3** Element named for mythical beings
- **4** Used a flame to examine eggs
- + **5** Real dirtbags
- + **6** Apparent; ostensible
- **7** Like the top of Curly’s surrey
- **8** Reduce in stature or quality
- **9** Skycap’s burden, often
- **10** Charm or enchant
- + **11** *Shampoo’s* Best Supporting Actress Oscar winner (2 wds)
- **12** Going on forever
- + **13** PR or software project
- **14** Newgate prison guards, e.g.
- + **15** Plot element of *Scarface* or *West Side Story* (2 wds)
- **16** Comes to
- + **17** A lot of a library’s activity
- **18** Root used in traditional medicine and supplements
- + **19** Incorporated a step at a time (2 wds)
- + **20** Races around the world?
- **21** Any of 13 Catholic leaders (2 wds)
- **22** Profligate ne’er-do-well or vagabond
- **23** Apple type often used for cider
- + **24** Committed to, as a new idea (2 wds)
- **25** Lex Luthor, to Superman, say
- **26** Stunt double, for one (*hyph*)
- + **27** Nietzsche, Hegel, Marx, et al.
- + **28** Colloquially, a church’s burial ground (of any size) (2 wds)
- **29** Doesn’t make a success of (2 wds)
- **30** Crisp, lustrous fabric
- **31** Just Joey, Henry Fonda, or Mister Lincoln, e.g. (2 wds)
- + **32** Political satirist P.J. and kin
- **33** One of many items on a roof
- + **34** Emulate Madoff or Ponzi
- **35** Half-pints or very young athletes
- **36** Longtime *CSI* star William

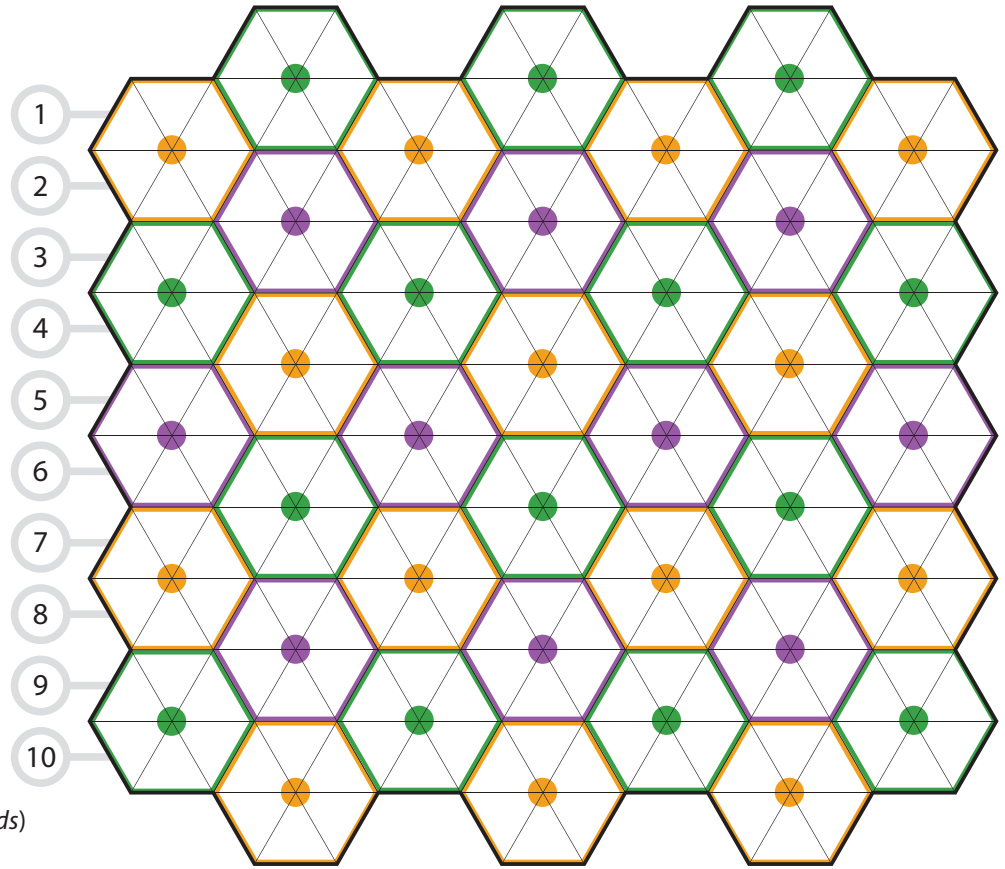
Answers are to be entered around their clue numbers either clockwise (+) or counterclockwise (-), beginning in a space to be determined by the solver. All answers are seven letters long, except for some overlarge answers which are eight letters; these giants, defeated by Badang, must surrender a letter before being entered in the grid.

Brilliant Blooms

At the edge of the rainforest, Kancil came upon a field filled with brightly colored flowers.

ROWS

- 1 Showing the effects of booze
Sellers of some wrought metal goods
- 2 Omens; harbingers
A prolonged bout of mud-slinging (2 wds)
- 3 Like nostalgic or mushy feelings
Providing with couches, carpets, etc.
- 4 Old-fashioned root beer-like beverage
Group charged with a specific job (2 wds)
- 5 "You may be certain" (2 wds)
Does a hitchhiker a favor (3 wds)
- 6 2001 Battle of Stalingrad film (4 wds)
Like brewers' grain or candy milk balls
- 7 Spire on a church
A common fruit salad citrus (2 wds)
- 8 Bonus points for a student (2 wds)
Unconventional, often stealthy, military activities, in brief (2 wds)
- 9 Stalag inhabitant (3 wds)
Bike with a number of gears (2 wds)
- 10 Works by Oliver Smith or Ming Cho Lee (2 wds)
Broke into a safe or walnut (2 wds)



YELLOW BLOOMS

Attention to	Lowest
Axle	Meaning to
Became more	Might mean (2 wds)
Benchwarmer's	Miles from
Caused	Ned in tennis
Cinderella's was	Penn and related
Competitor	Ravers
Gunsmoke	Saffron
Hit singles (hyph)	Squishy
In fear	Sway
In pace	Two
Instigate, as	Unconcerned with
Leader	Views
Like moves from long	Zoo animals

RED BLOOMS

Attachment	Like petting
Backs of	Notifications
Charming	Peace
Deemed	Person sharing
Event	Phases;
Flower producing	Propulsion
French	Repastes
Grassy	Tasty
Holds	Trios
Iago, sometimes	Trouble (2 wds)
Indignation	
Invertebrate	
It commemorated	
Letter, maybe	

BLUE BLOOMS

7-Up	Points
Actor James	Polished a
Appropriate (2 wds)	Rocket
Completely at	Scar or body
Dine or	Shrink
Don't pay	Snowsuit
Ethics	Star Trek
Expanses	Unfortunate
Give more complex	To grind or sate
Ink a capital	What "warm"
Liked by (2 wds)	
More than joust	
Online meeting	
Plea (2 wds)	

All blooms are hybrids, with some of them showing signs of cross-pollination.

Fleeing From Tiger

Kancil often found himself having to think fast to avoid being caught by Tiger. Though Tiger was the most bloodthirsty of pursuers, Kancil had some clever ways to get from place to place.

	Hitchcock's "one long take" film (4)	Kangaroo or cricket, often (6)	Attending without a date (4)	Celestial object with a tail (5)	Flavoring for some bread or ale (6)	Narrator of <i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i> (5)	Broadway backer or ballplayer (5)	Just suppose, as in a Marvel series (4 2)	2018 Steve Krikris film (3 6)	
E.g., Adam Zampa or Qais Ahmad (9 4)	Oscar Robertson, to fans (3 1)
Witch's comment to a hexee? (1 3 1 5 2 3)	Coprolite was this, originally (4)
Any one of the Seven Dwarfs (5)	Waltzing woman of song (7)
Old West outlaw Jesse (5)	AKA "John Tipton" (3 11)
Job in an O'Neill play title (6)	Discharge, as a gun or employee (4)
Forester novel about a cannon (3 3)	A quartet of ladies (4 5)
Features of orchestras or oxen (5)	Archer seen on a valentine (5)
Big name in Lite beer (6)	A disaster at the box office, say (4)
Barbie's younger sister (7)	Terrify, shock or frighten (5)
	Nureyev or Fred (6)	Klezmatiks album w' W. Guthrie lyrics (6 5)	One-eyed giant like Polphemus (7)	In a nice, fine, happy mood (7 4)	Shelley title character's full name (6 12)	Arachne like Arachne (6)	A coiled piece of metal (6)	Vigil as a life draws to a close (10)	It comes after Bravo (7)	

The Orang Bunian

The beautiful, elven Orang Bunian might bestow affection or riches on humans, if spoken to appropriately. Their name means "the Hidden People" or "the Whistling People."



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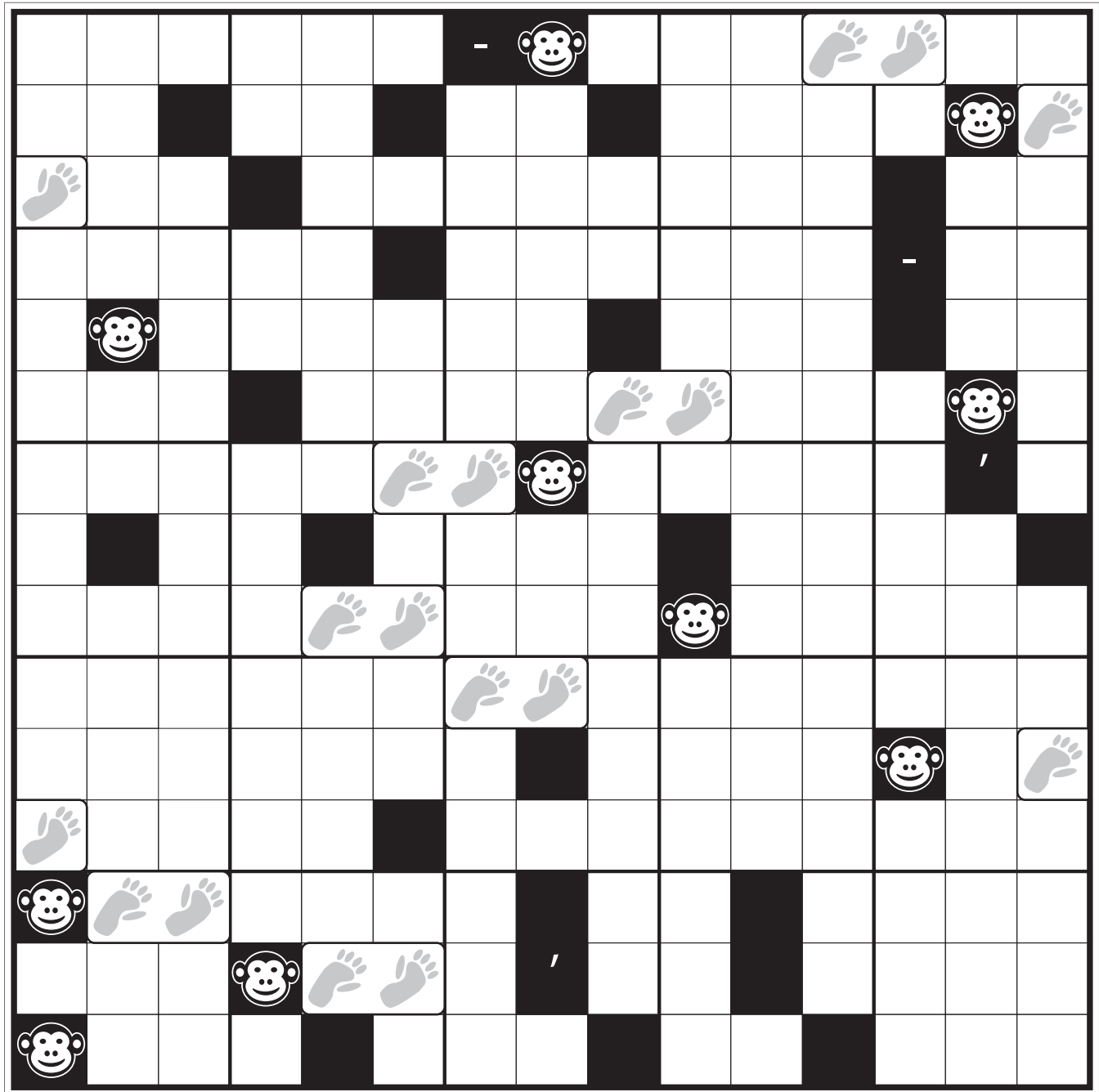
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(Note: the black or whiteness of numbers and symbols is for visibility, and has no bearing on solving the puzzle.)

Orang Mawas

Sang Kancil sometimes came upon the tracks of the mysterious Orang Mawas, a Bigfoot-like creature that haunts the jungles of Johor. Some say Orang Mawas is a surviving *Gigantopithecus*, or perhaps another kind of primate, or some related form thereof.



1960s hit (lyric) (8) • 1980s hit (title) (4) • Band (3) • Country album (6) •
Flavor (5) • Greed (3) • Historical rhyme (3) • Movie (5) • SF trope (1) • Text (2)

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Blocks may be rotated before being entered in the grid, but may not reflect or overlap.

Pak Pandir

Pak Pandir did many things to earn his reputation as the most foolish of all villagers, like accidentally inviting the Evil Ogre into his home to eat his wife and children. But Pandir tricked the Evil Ogre into joining him in a rowboat he knew to have a leak. When the Evil Ogre realized they were sinking, and that Pak Pandir was prepared to sacrifice his own life to save his family's, he was so moved that he became the Good Ogre. He used his magic to clean up all of Pandir's messes, and was embraced by Pandir's family.

Pak Pandir frequently became totally confused and wound up in places he had no business being. Eight clues are normal, but their answers must be anagrammed before being entered in the grid. One or two-word definitions for those altered entries are extraneously inserted into eight other clues, which are otherwise normal. In clue order (Across, then Down), the initial letters of all eight normal clues, followed by the initial letters of all eight clues with extraneous definitions (also in clue order), will spell out the first part of a sentence.

Pak Pandir often misunderstood things that were said to him. Fifteen other clues reflect this. In clue order, those clues' final letters will spell out the second part of the sentence mentioned above. The complete sentence describes the Ogre at the end of the story, both literally and cryptically.

Pak Pandir made many small mistakes, in addition to his gigantic blunders. All remaining clues each have a single typo, which must be corrected to parse the clues correctly. Correct letters, in clue order, will reveal (instructionally) how Pandir saved his foundering boat.

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ACROSS

- 1 Arthur seen on the court packing grass's fertilizing compounds
- 7 Insurance company secondarily rating hacking a little lower?
- 11 Orcs wrecked some DVD players
- 12 Sinuously curved characters in remade *Havana Nights*, e.g., observed from behind
- 15 In walled Spanish town, manner in which one left is ignored after climax of hysteria
- 16 Country around Nebraska is like a very small band (*hyph*)
- 17 Cooler for summertime; now it's clear sand
- 19 Informal agreements from agent heading west to corral ewes, in chief
- 20 Aware of Ms. Ryder posing extremities (2 wds)
- 21 Allowed a place to rest while traveling for blessed event
- 23 Theatergoing, somewhat geekish kid flipped over *Ninotchka*
- 24 Connery's entertaining a princess
- 27 Alternate parts of plane: rare means for a New York commute (*abbr*)
- 29 Reportedly, two getting cured enjoyed a meal

DOWN

- 1 Riot disoriented crew member alongside wharf on TV
- 2 Free giraffes like archaic divas, oddly
- 3 Street worker's leader to provide stats
- 4 Like someone who is chased, perhaps all the way to the audience
- 5 Scale of some small traits shown by age group unfortunately bereft of PR (2 wds)
- 6 Affectionately named cryptid is seen swimming
- 7 Reorganize pad to read as one's own
- 8 Yours truly wearing latest ornamental thong
- 9 Errant roamer who denies assimilating the author's wardrobe
- 10 Directing duo's scams catching either of Evangeline's aides
- 13 Place where one quickly pays, relaxes, opens menus, often initially confused (2 wds)
- 14 Not exhibiting élan at first, desperate finagler is getting broader
- 18 Coulter to drop a stake into volcano
- 21 Dismissing tale of woe twice, harshly scold young misbehavior
- 22 Idle chuckle from Santa about couple of errors
- 25 Eccentric got near to nettle (2 wds)

ACROSS (cont.)

- 31** In the end, smoker (and more than one vaper) speaks with a hoarse voice
- 33** Rough road bumping third vintage car
- 34** Awkwardly, I get some fixations for Buster Brown's dog
- 38** Big belt shopper returned
- 41** Lid attachment showing erosion early on is a pet peeve?
- 43** Elevate small porch, putting middle of frames at front (2 wds)
- 45** Heading off, you and writer Eliot escape classes
- 46** Arrived from western parts of Kabul, Ashgabat, Mashhad, etc.
- 48** Laos's dilapidated zoo
- 50** Swell thing called for when wailing about touch of lumbago
- 51** Elected trio from Senate to pursue comic Margaret
- 52** Half a year after Julio starts to explore, numerous experts recommend paths
- 53** Karate instructor used a trucker's radio, can opener and cot, say
- 54** Recuse F. Ballard, M. Wilson and B. McGlown's groupmate
- 55** Shape-changing djinn sates titanic woman

DOWN (cont.)

- 26** National org. concerned with courses of refined sugar; oil-rich stuff, mostly (*abbr*)
- 28** Behave not at all bravely, ruining prom
- 30** In name only, ultra-fit dancer's footwear, without fail, is "extravagant"
- 32** How offal, scent-wise, 40% masks cousin to a jaguarundi
- 35** Vastly irate class claims algebra faculty overuses homework assignments
- 36** Invigorating, scratching head and moving fist
- 37** Thing that sucks in a fishy way banned from Georgia, Oregon, and middle of Idaho
- 39** Countenances ditties
- 40** In part, snob identified something cast might call in a card game (2 wds)
- 42** Chapeaus incorporating English acorns
- 44** World record author White essentially offered West Point freshman
- 47** Nobel Prize subj., once anonymous, being reconsidered (*abbr*)
- 49** Real-life films briefly depicting medicos

The Penanggalan

Sang Kancil runs quickly away from the smell of vinegar, a sign that a penanggalan is near! At night, these foul witches detach their heads and send them flying about, trailing bits of their insides. Their bodies remain behind in vats of vinegar, becoming distorted and shriveled.

DAYTIME

A certain tackle behind the scrimmage line, in brief (2 wds)

A lot of what's on the road

Absolutely loco

Activity for a shoplifter or tight shoes

Chow that an inmate might linger over (2 wds)

City where pizza originated

Creatures that are spotted in the wild

Even-numbered pages

Having a "been there, done that" attitude

Hybrid citrus fruits

Kvetch

Lacking anything to eat

Law-making body

Legendary pleasure spot

Like runs caused by errors

Malleable, like metal that wire might be made from

Michelle Obama's *Becoming*, e.g.

Mutual understanding and affinity

Nordic sea monsters

One refining ore

Out of gear (2 wds)

Periods of great conflict

Prone to valorous deeds

Some girls' rec centers (*abbr*)

Symptoms of otitis

The Third Man soundtrack's lone instrument

NIGHTTIME

Bandleader Shaw and others

Bretons, Gaels, et al.

Cairo's river

Certain non-Hispanics

Chimps, bonobos, etc.

Chinese book of divination (2 wds)

Commandment verb

Cupid, to the Greeks

Does some autumn yardwork

Drew closer

Existed

Fiona, for one

Having a helpful function

Kournikova and namesakes

Left out at sea

Levitated

Lots and lots

Mideastern ruler

Montell Jordan song "Me ____" (2 wds)

No longer away

Prince in *The Little Mermaid*

Really terrific, bargain-wise (2 wds)

Roman road

Shapes in many triumphal monuments

Tally up

Ticker in a taxi

Military barriers to
commerce, travel,
etc.

More squalid
and sordid

Nations' interiors, often
with traditional
values

Make another
educated guess

Defensive fortifications
whose name means
"tongs"

Badly harmed
with hot water

Nice chats with a
British pal
(*hyph*)

Religion AKA
la Regla de
Ocha

Feats such as
Yen Sid might
perform

Like some
Dungeons & Dragons
cubes

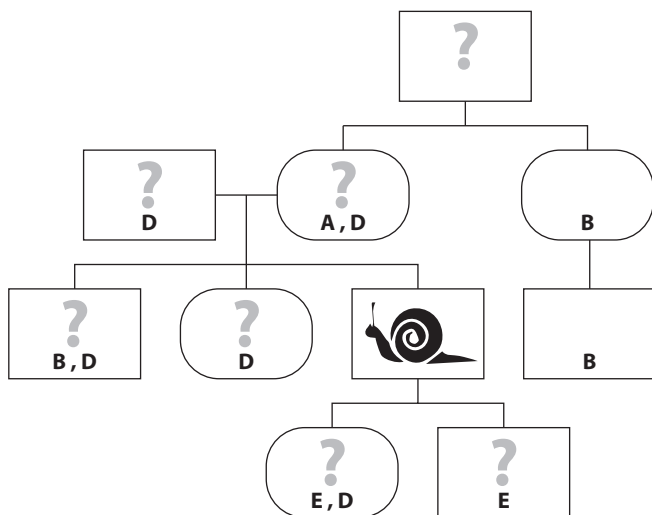
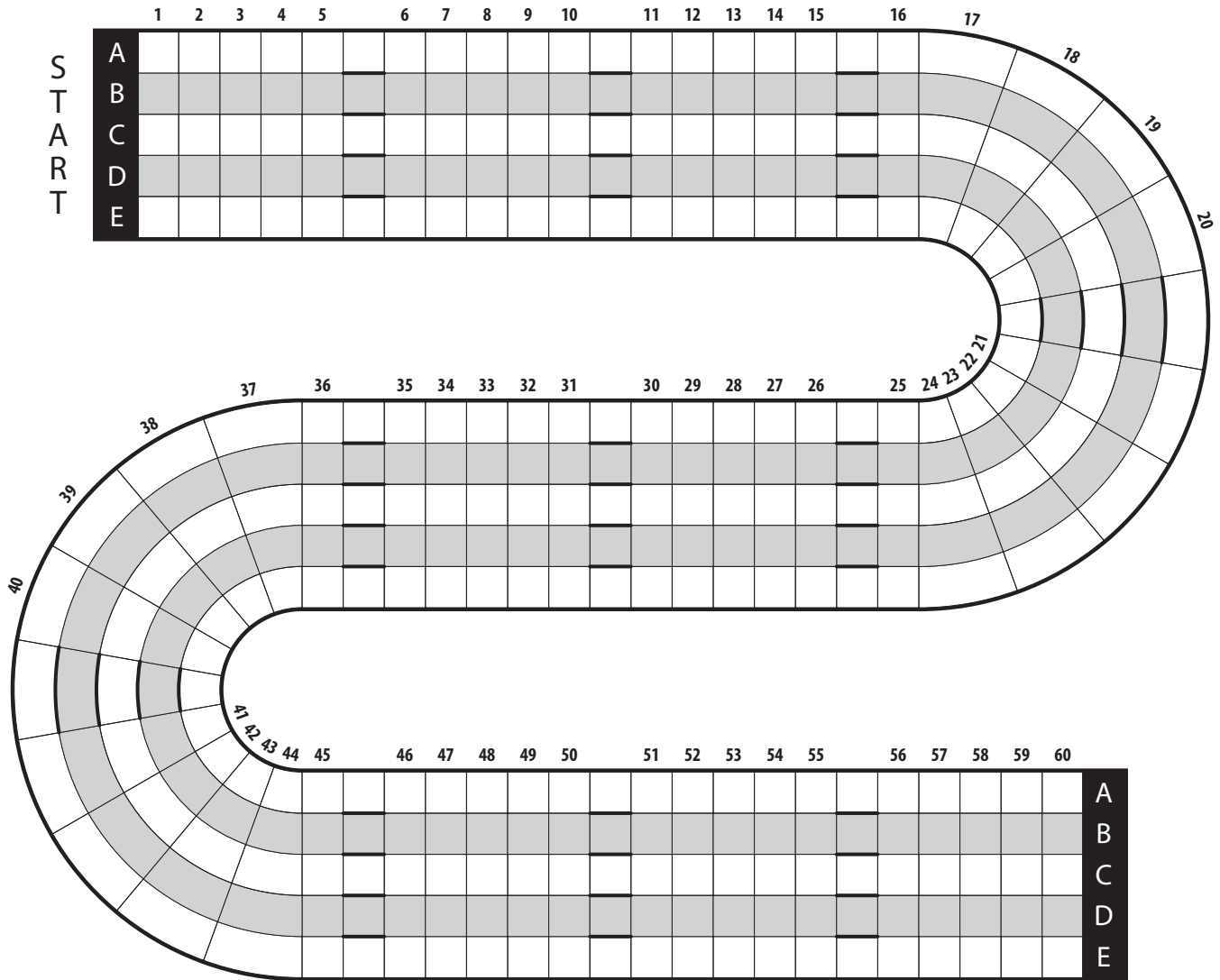
Those sharing
in a feast,
say

"In Flanders
Fields," for
one

Man O' War,
for one

Racing Siput

One day, Sang Kancil and the snail Siput had a race, and they agreed to meet up with each other at the finish line. Unbeknownst to Kancil, Siput had his family members from all over the world planted along the path. Since Sang Kancil didn't recognize them as imposters, he thought he was always a minute behind!



LANE A

Kidnaps / Got rid of, in a way / Utah town named for a Biblical kingdom / An otter or whale, e.g. (2 wds) / Lip / Changes completely / Letters have these / Hawke, Allen and others / Unsophisticated, in a way (*hyph*) / Defeated a puzzle room / Zero / Boo-boo / Wet weather covers

LANE B

Englishman / Sumptuously appointed / Device for viewing *Severance* or *Ted Lasso* (2 wds) / City on the Nile or the Ohio / Oaf / Superman co-creator Jerry / Doughy, fruity treat / Punk pioneer of The Stooges (2 wds) / Some residents of a city on Puget Sound / Maker of Risk and Monopoly / Person who might help with issues / Declare / Boxing match

LANE C

Briefs brand / Snorkeler's mecca (2 wds) / Dietary don't (2 wds) / Recluses / Gamer's gizmo / Traumatic / Conundrum or puzzle / Tier / Old-time chocolate drink / French story / The "little blue pill"

LANE D

Pay for extra work / Bad poetry might lack it / Put up a fight / Miguel's idol de la Cruz in *Coco* / Competitor for Xerox or Canon / Penguin hunter, sometimes / Composition such as Beethoven's Op. 23 (4 wds) / Violence from a bodybuilder, perhaps (2 wds) / Bonding capacity of nitrogen, aluminum, etc. / Out in the country / Prompter

LANE E

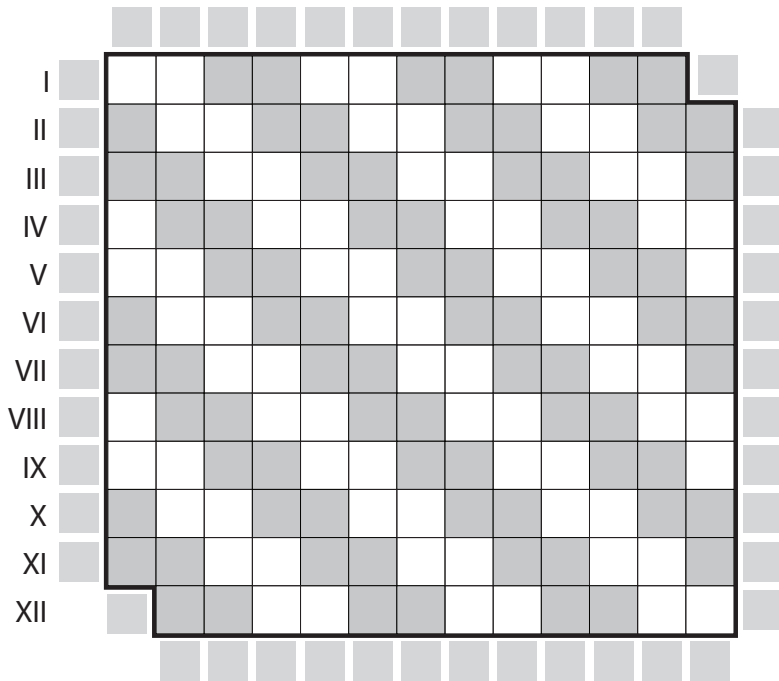
Warming devices / Titaness, or a flightless fowl / Champs-_____ / A town's most important thoroughfare (2 wds) / Junior senator from Kentucky (2 wds) / Totalitarian doctrine / Preppy clothes line / Notable dragon-slayer (2 wds, *abbr*) / Tool for some surgery / "Cheese and biscuits!" / Sherlockian chapeaus

CROSSINGS

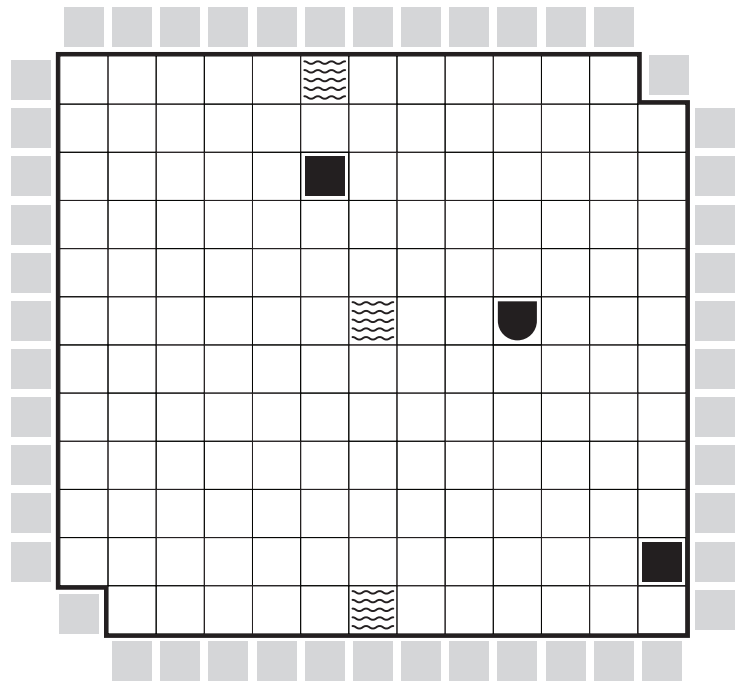
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| 1 Really dislike | 21 Martial arts schools | 41 Close call |
| 2 Prima donna's plaudit | 22 Mary Richards' bestie | 42 Like a good friend |
| 3 Ate | 23 Deep chasm | 43 Alpha's opposite |
| 4 Sites of early development | 24 Desert haven | 44 Merch |
| 5 ____ del Sol | 25 Give voice to | 45 US govt. bond (<i>hyph</i>) |
| 6 Replay effect (<i>hyph</i>) | 26 Met | 46 Fetter |
| 7 More certain | 27 Foot joint | 47 Cut in two |
| 8 Semester ends | 28 Things, casually | 48 Spanish 101 infinitive |
| 9 "That's a moray!" hunter | 29 Blue Grotto isle | 49 Like proverbial milk |
| 10 ____ Vader | 30 Tennis official's declaration (2 wds) | 50 Walking sticks |
| 11 Verdi's milieu | 31 Baseball gloves | 51 Work of art |
| 12 Actress Woodard | 32 Spy's dossier | 52 Cosmetician Lauder |
| 13 Tropical nut | 33 Kinshasa's country, once | 53 Fab Four surname |
| 14 Sin | 34 "Amor vincit ____" | 54 Meaty sauces |
| 15 Chris of the MCU | 35 Actor Taye | 55 Not hidden |
| 16 En ____ (as a group) | 36 Broadway awards | 56 Gabardine, e.g. |
| 17 Informal contractions | 37 Mutter | 57 (Taken) unawares |
| 18 Keaton comedy (2 wds) | 38 Field fungus | 58 Brat |
| 19 <i>Schitt's Creek</i> role | 39 Pep; pizzazz | 59 Less contaminated |
| 20 Intermission follower (2 wds) | 40 Ranchero's rope | 60 Rating units |
















Seri Kemboja

Boatmen navigating the swift currents of the Pahang dread encountering the water demon Seri Kemboja, a monstrous naga capable of drowning entire fleets.



Row answers are entered sequentially in the rows indicated.
Current answers are entered sequentially in a white or gray current, from top/left to bottom/right. It must be determined which Current clue set goes with each current. Some Row or Current answers might overflow the Pahang's banks a bit.



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ROWS

- I** McAn of footwear / Surreal, like a melting clock or lobster telephone
- II** Hoosier hoopster / Fit together perfectly
- III** Banana-like fruit / Port city of Brittany
- IV** Croquet ball substitute in a Carroll tale / Classified (2 wds)
- V** Home of the Big 12's Cyclones (2 wds) / Uncomfortable, like a rash
- VI** Soil of imperfectly weathered rock fragments / Ring out
- VII** Second Gentleman Doug / Spots with yachts
- VIII** Alejandro's "absolutely!" (2 wds) / Western state capital
- IX** Black Sea villa / Schedule posted in a terminal
- X** *The Family Circus* cartoonist Keane / Insignificant or inane
- XI** Stern, notably (or another with a bow) / Intone repeatedly
- XII** World Champion esportsman Alec Sanderson, professionally / Lobster's weapon

CURRENTS

- Anatomical pouch / Not sanctioned by law
- Code of silence / Red Monopoly piece / Arson or Larceny / Sanctified, to Shakespeare
- Controversial creative work such as Eduardo Kac's "Alba"
- Cutting grooves while woodworking / Held by / Pay to play
- Fuji, for one / Depart or letter-write quickly (2 wds) / Peak / Moving incrementally, like some worms
- Like Rubens, Van Eyck, et al. / Free concierge service, e.g.
- Odysseus or an upstate New Yorker / Earn a glowing report card (2 wds) / Poet Khayyám / On sight (3 wds)
- Patchwork project
- Peace offering (2 wds) / Interlock, like gears
- "Res ____" ("things done", in court) / Remain
- "That's ____ goes" (2 wds) / Raise high / McEwan and Holm / A small recipe amt.

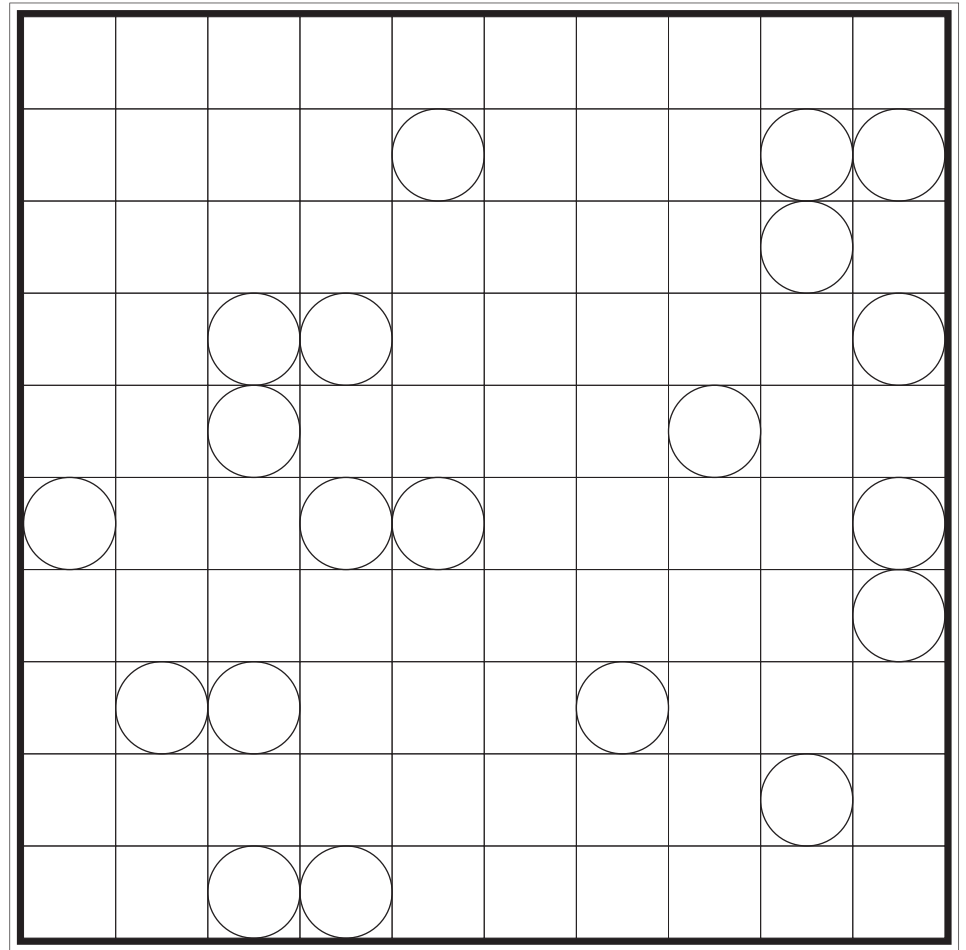
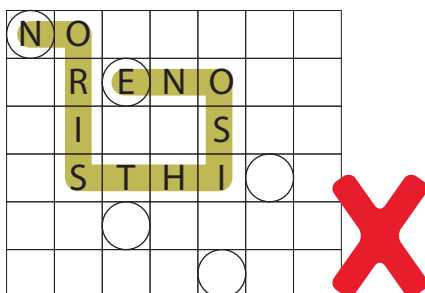
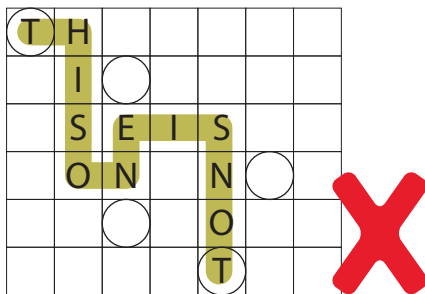
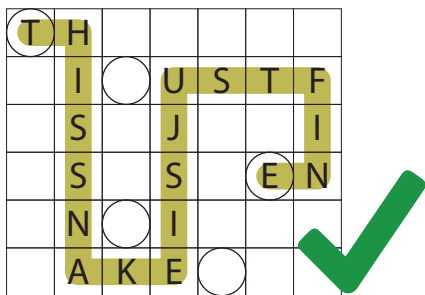
Snakes

Snakes are by far the most twisty, treacherous creatures in the rainforest, and Sang Kancil devised many strategic plans for straightening them out.

Enter Snakes from the list below into the grid, one letter per square, filling the grid completely. Snakes may not overlap, and no Snake will be used more than once. Not all Snakes will be used.

Circles indicate both endpoints of all Snakes. No Snake may double back to touch itself, even diagonally (see the examples below). Additionally, no two letters in horizontally or vertically adjacent spaces in different Snakes may be the same.

Snakes are masters of camouflage: after all Snakes are in place, any letter horizontally or vertically adjacent to two or more instances of a matching different letter in a different Snake or Snakes should be changed to that letter.



SNAKES

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LAX
ANKH
WRONG
MIASMA
SPARROW
OLDSTYLE
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ECOTOURISM
CHOWDERHEAD
YELLOWJACKET
QUEENVICTORIA

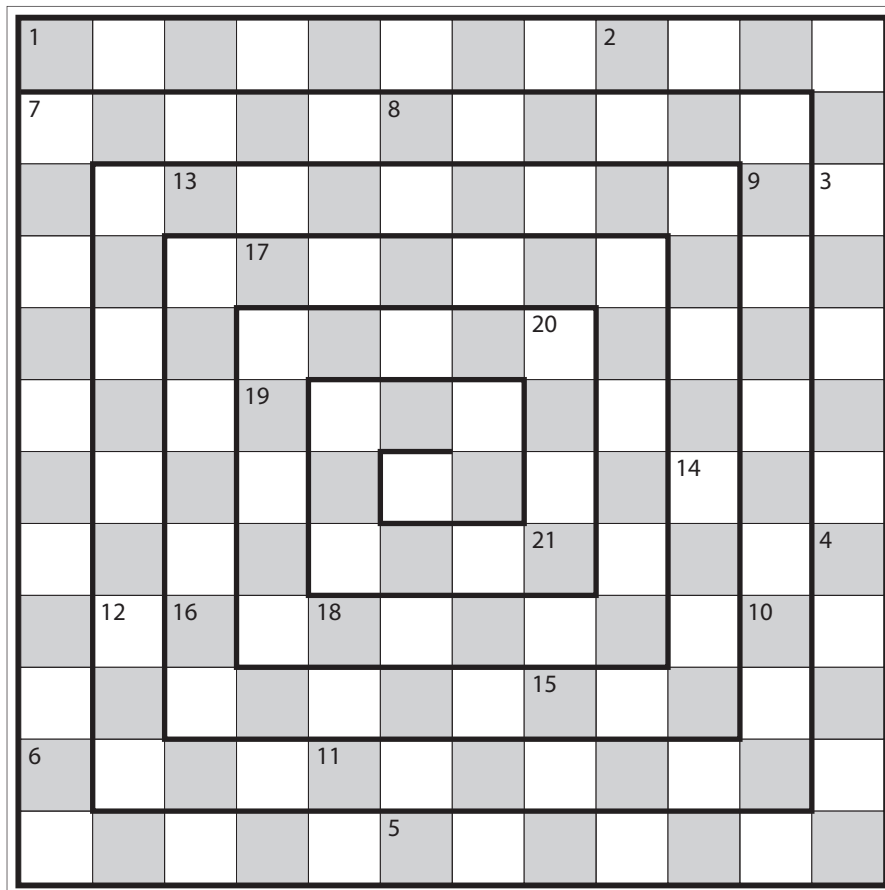
LESSERANTILLES
UNCEREMONIOUSLY
MENTALGYMNASTICS
ORTHOPEDICSURGERY
TOKILLAMOCKINGBIRD
SIMPLERANDOMSAMPLES
ARMCHAIRQUARTERBACKS
RODGERSANDHAMMERSTEIN
PERPETUALMOTIONMACHINE
MAMMOTHCAVENATIONALPARK
UNIDENTIFIEDFLYINGOBJECT
DECLARATIONOFINDEPENDENCE

Tapir's Coat

Tapir, the handsomest and vainest of all the animals, greatly annoyed the other creatures with his constant boasting about his fine, lustrous black coat. One night, while Tapir slept, Sang Kancil painted some of his fur white. Still getting used to his unnatural-seeming coloration, Tapir has become the shy, quiet creature we know today.

ALL SPACES

- 1 Some large cooking vessels
- 2 It might show state outlines (*abbr*; 2 wds)
- 3 Kent, Curry and Prince's chiropteran colleague
- 4 Certain drug fiends
- 5 Engages in online selling (*hyph*)
- 6 Word like each word from this clue
- 7 Underwater sandbar
- 8 Typical dose amount for Listerine or DayQuil
- 9 Gracefully slender
- 10 Too fastidiously tidy
- 11 Explorer Erikson and namesakes
- 12 Titular singer of "The Silver Aria" (2 wds)
- 13 Substances that make other substances less healthy when mixed in
- 14 It's quintessentially human (2 wds)
- 15 "Goodness gracious!" (2 wds)
- 16 Activate or get excited (2 wds)
- 17 Experiencing abundantly, like pain (5 wds)
- 18 100 centavos
- 19 Goldfinger, to his familiars
- 20 Director Howard
- 21 Peppery condiment, such as sriracha (2 wds)



BLACK

- One might be deviated
- Item in a tasty stack
- Administered, as a blow
- Place for many a touchdown
- Sign of life
- Related to pitches
- "Suppose, for the sake of example..." (2 wds)
- Was faster than in a marathon
- Pop
- A city and its suburbs (2 wds)
- Dummy
- Major pelvic joint

WHITE

- "Ducks," to a poker player
- Twain's Tom
- Person delivering a tongue-lashing
- Deep, nasty cut
- Last in a line of Norwegian kings (2 wds)
- Young hare
- Recede
- An undeliverable piece of mail (2 wds)
- Airing a program again
- Blue-green hue
- Like some rather high heels (*hyph*)
- Haul into court

All answers are to be entered one letter per space in clue order. Starting spaces for All Spaces answers are given.

Telomian Dogs

Sang Kancil got along very well with half a dozen good-natured, garrulous Telomian dogs. These rare dogs have the unique ability to climb, allowing them to scamper up ladders into huts raised high above the rainforest floor (and back down the rungs again!).

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- 1E** Sleeper's breathing problem
- 2W** Fruit in the title of Trần Anh Hùng's Oscar-nominated film (2 wds)
- 3W** The totality of gorillas, chimps, etc.
- 4W** Mediterranean sailing ship
- 5E** Lob
- 6N** Went illegally fast
- 7W** Clearing in the forest
- 8N** Adele or Amy Winehouse, vocally
- 9S** Utter madness
- 10S** The March King
- 10W** Zigzag heading downhill
- 11E** Vulpine, purportedly
- 12N** Haley who put down *Roots*
- 13S** Many a work day start (2 wds, abbr)
- 14W** Unhealthy interest?
- 15N** Arctic hazard
- 16W** Having earned one's sheepskin
- 17E** No longer valid
- 18W** To a more than adequate degree
- 19E** Zebras' stomping ground
- 20W** Fleet-related
- 21E** NY's 2x Super Bowl MVP QB (2 wds)
- 22W** Hannah Montana, in real life (2 wds)

- 1E** Drake, for one
- 2W** Seminal Civil Rights figure (2 wds)
- 3S** One decorating cakes
- 4S** Machu Picchu locale
- 5S** A quartet's drawn game (hyph, 2 wds)
- 6S** Suspect's cover story
- 7E** Balderdash
- 8W** Prophecy source
- 9S** Gospel Grammy winner Winans
- 10N** In some respects (3 wds)
- 11W** Interstellar cloud
- 12E** Biodiesel / frying substance (2 wds)
- 13W** Perseus's *Clash of the Titans* owl-pal
- 14S** Its shell might be hard or soft
- 15E** Denizen of the 100 Acre Wood
- 16W** Aquatic apex predator
- 17S** Primates or "Fries, please," say
- 18N** Calder creation
- 18E** Nathan Fillion's *Firefly* role
- 19N** Be pulled behind a boat, fast (2 wds)
- 19E** European capital
- 20W** Sign producers love to see (abbr)
- 21N** Vanished frogman "Buster" (2 wds)
- 22E** Burger chain with a bird's name (2 wds)

- 1E** Money spent on lottery tickets, to detractors (2 wds)
- 2W** Actor Elba
- 3E** Quirks or quarter notes
- 4S** *To Tell the Truth* mainstay (2 wds)
- 5W** Perfume maker Nina
- 6W** Engage
- 7N** Craft brand with very keen stuff?
- 8S** Grime on the hearth
- 9E** Snellen chart event, maybe (2 wds)
- 10N** Wood-carver in a classic tale
- 11W** Native New Zealander
- 12E** Titanic survivor and author Violet
- 13N** *Tokyo Story* star Hara
- 14N** Fast, simple ragtime dance (hyph)
- 15S** An award won by Craig Mazin for writing and producing *Chernobyl*
- 16E** It's French for "already" in a phrase
- 17W** City in Spain or Ohio
- 18W** Egyptian dynasty founder (2 wds)
- 19N** Youngster like the ugly "duckling"
- 20E** The original root in root beer
- 21W** Not mirrored side-to-side

Answers begin in the indicated starting square and direction. Each answer will make exactly one right-angle turn, and each grid square is used in exactly two answers.

