

# GIANT SNAKE SOLUTION - FILTHY, EXOCARP, MAMBA

The puzzle can first be solved as shown in Diagram A. Solvers may note that the rows are ordered alphabetically, which might suggest reordering them alphabetically by added letter (Diagram B). Looking at the circled letters, note that the letters directly below them are identical. In fact, these are the only commonalities between those pairs of rows. Reading the unique common letters in each pair of rows gives the note shown below the grid.

Reordering the rows by letter frequency (at least as given by Wikipedia) leads to the arrangement of rows in Diagram C, which also contains a hidden note.



Diagram A



Diagram B

MAKE IT BY LETTER  
FREQUENCY (WIKI'S)

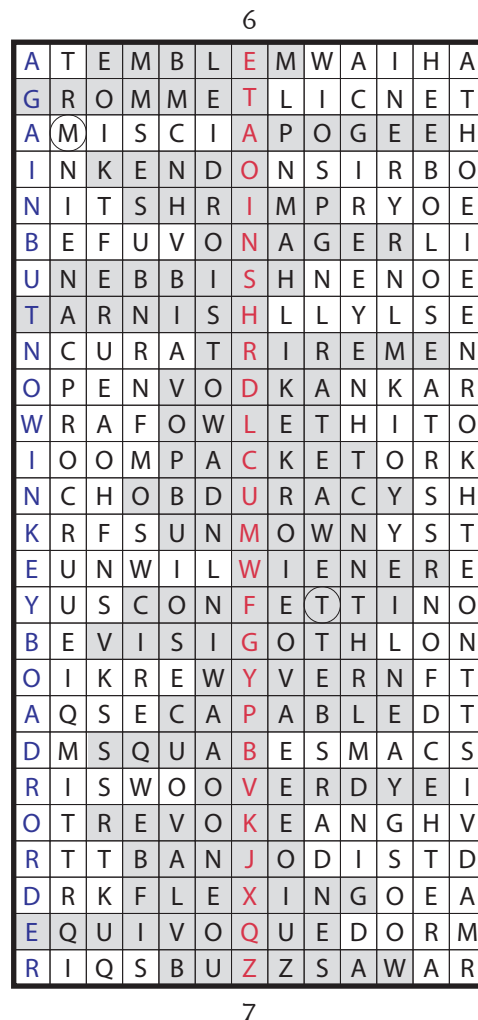


Diagram C

AGAIN, BUT NOW IN  
KEYBOARD ORDER

Rearranging again yields diagram D and, yes, another note.

Ditto Diagram E. To follow this instruction, solvers must notice that each found word in the grid has at most one other answer that's exactly the same size and position in the grid. Swapping those rows leads to Diagram F, in which 6 and 7-letter answer words can finally be found in the center column (FILTHY and EXOCARP).

There's one more note as well. To solve this one, note the initial letters of each note. These spell MAMBA..



Diagram D

MEANT THE OTHER ONE.  
DVORAK, IS IT?

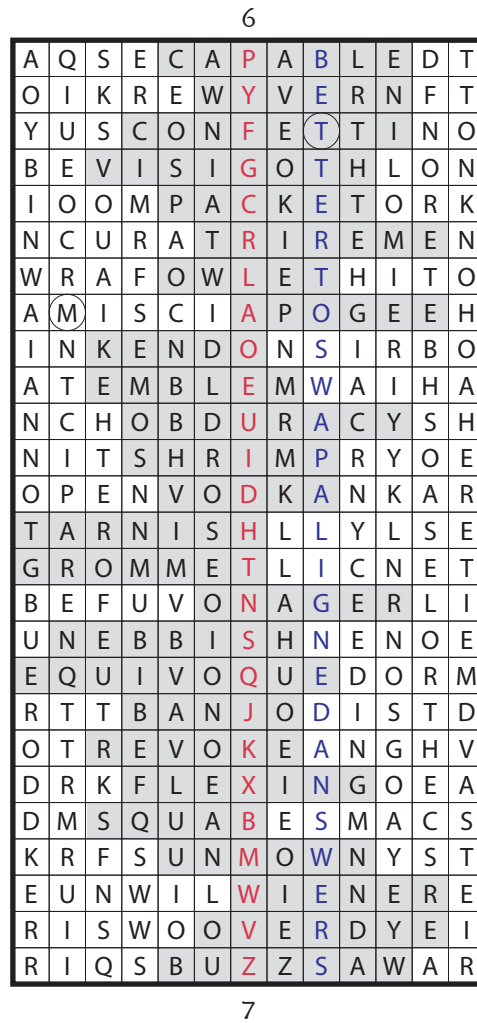


Diagram E

BETTER TO SWAP ALIGNED  
ANSWERS



Diagram F

ALSO SEARCH NOTES  
FOR THE BREED