

CRYPTOPSYCHOLOGY

In its state-of-the-art psychology labs, NPLabs conducts constant study on lab rats using historically proven methods. Subjects are put through an intensive set of learning protocols that provide harmless feedback, in an attempt to learn various rules and their ordering. After they have mastered the rules, the subjects are introduced into a maze and expected use what they have learned to find their way through. NPLabs believes that, with the proper encouragement, armies of trained rats can learn to foresee dangerous conditions and lead people to safety.

(A) THE TRAINING

Watching you proceed through the training, we see great promise, as you instinctually never violate more than one rule per step. You will use your training to piece together and order the rules that you seem to know parts of innately, but which start off somewhat disorganized in your mind. Always start at START, stay out of empty rooms, and visit all other non-empty rooms once each.

TWISTY	WHERE	PREFER	
START		MISPLACE	

BZ!

START	HINDER	DETOURED	
		ANIMAL	CRANIUM

BZ! BZzZzZzZzZ! BZzZzZzZz!

	START		METHODS
	SELF	REACTION	PSYCHE

BZz! BZzZzZzZzZ!

START	CAPTURE		
	SWIFT	WANT	HUNGER

BZzZ! BZzZ!

START	ATTACK		
	DREAMER	EVENT	CAGED

BZzZ! BZzZzZz!

START	ENABLE	DETERMINE	
		PANIC	QUIT

BZzZ! BZzZzZzZzZ!

	START		SQUELCH
	TRAVEL	SWIFT	PACIFY

BZzZz! BZzZz!

PRESS	FLINCH	CHARGED	
START		AVOID	

BZzZzZz! BZzZzZzZz!

DELIGHT	FROZEN		
START	ALERT	ASSESS	

BZzZzZzZ! BZz!

TEMPER	EMOTION	OVERDO	
START		REST	

BZzZzZzZ! BZzZzZ!

EARTH	RESISTANT		
START	BRINK	ASPIRIN	

BZzZzZzZz! BZzZzZzZzZz! BZzZzZzZz!

EXCEED	FINAL	RESUMED	
START		THANK	

BZzZzZzZzZ! BZzZzZzZzZ! BZzZzZzZzZ! BZzZzZzZzZ!

CONTINUE	EGO	CENTER	
START		PROCEDURE	

BZzZzZzZzZz! BZzZzZ! BZzZzZzZzZz! BZzZzZzZzZz!

START	HANDLE	REGRET	
		RANGE	THROUGH

(NOTHING!)

(B) THE RULES

Based upon your training, determine the rules and their order before proceeding to the Maze.

- (1) DON'T MOVE TO (A) (B) (C)
- (2) DON'T MOVE TO (A) (B) (C)
- (3) DON'T MOVE TO (A) (B) (C)
- (4) DON'T MOVE TO (A) (B) (C)
- (5) DON'T MOVE TO (A) (B) (C)
- (6) DON'T MOVE TO (A) (B) (C)
- (7) DON'T MOVE TO (A) (B) (C)
- (8) DON'T MOVE TO (A) (B) (C)
- (9) DON'T MOVE TO (A) (B) (C)
- (10) DON'T MOVE TO (A) (B) (C)

(A)	(B)	(C)
A GRAY WORD	IF STANDING ON A WORD THAT CONTAINS	A GRAY WORD
A NON-ORANGE WORD	IF THE WORD YOU STOOD ON IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE WORD YOU ARE STANDING ON WAS	A PURPLE WORD
A PURPLE WORD	IF YOU ARE STANDING ON	A WORD OF THE SAME COLOR AS THE WORD YOU ARE STANDING ON
A WORD OF THE SAME COLOR AS THE WORD YOU ARE STANDING ON	IF YOU ARE STANDING ON	AN ORANGE WORD
A WORD STARTING WITH THE SAME LETTER AS THE WORD YOU ARE STANDING ON	IMMEDIATELY AFTER TURNING TO YOUR LEFT WHILE STANDING ON	EXACTLY EIGHT LETTERS
A WORD THAT CONTAINS A TRIGRAM (THREE-LETTER STRING)	THAT ALSO APPEARS IN	EXACTLY SEVEN LETTERS
AN ORANGE WORD	THAT CONTAINS	THE WORD YOU ARE STANDING ON
ANY WORD	THAT CONTAINS MORE THAN TWO LETTERS MORE THAN	THE WORD YOU ARE STANDING ON
ANY WORD	THAT CONTAINS NO LETTERS IN COMMON WITH	THE WORD YOU ARE STANDING ON
ANY WORD	THAT CONTAINS THE SAME NUMBER OF LETTERS AS	THE WORD YOU ARE STANDING ON

(C) THE MAZE

Proceed through the maze from START to CHEESE, one adjacent room at a time (not diagonally), never walking through or over the thick walls, of course. When you arrive in each room, you must make either exactly one 90-degree turn to the right, or exactly one 90-degree turn to the left, or no turn at all. You must then immediately proceed to the next room. You may step over rats when appropriate – they do not block your path (you’re bigger than they are!). You will not visit every room and, if you have reconstructed the rules correctly, you will never have more than one valid step open to you at a time.

To achieve complete understanding: each time you encounter a rat that you decide not to step over, consider the sum total of the reasons that you decided to take a different path.

