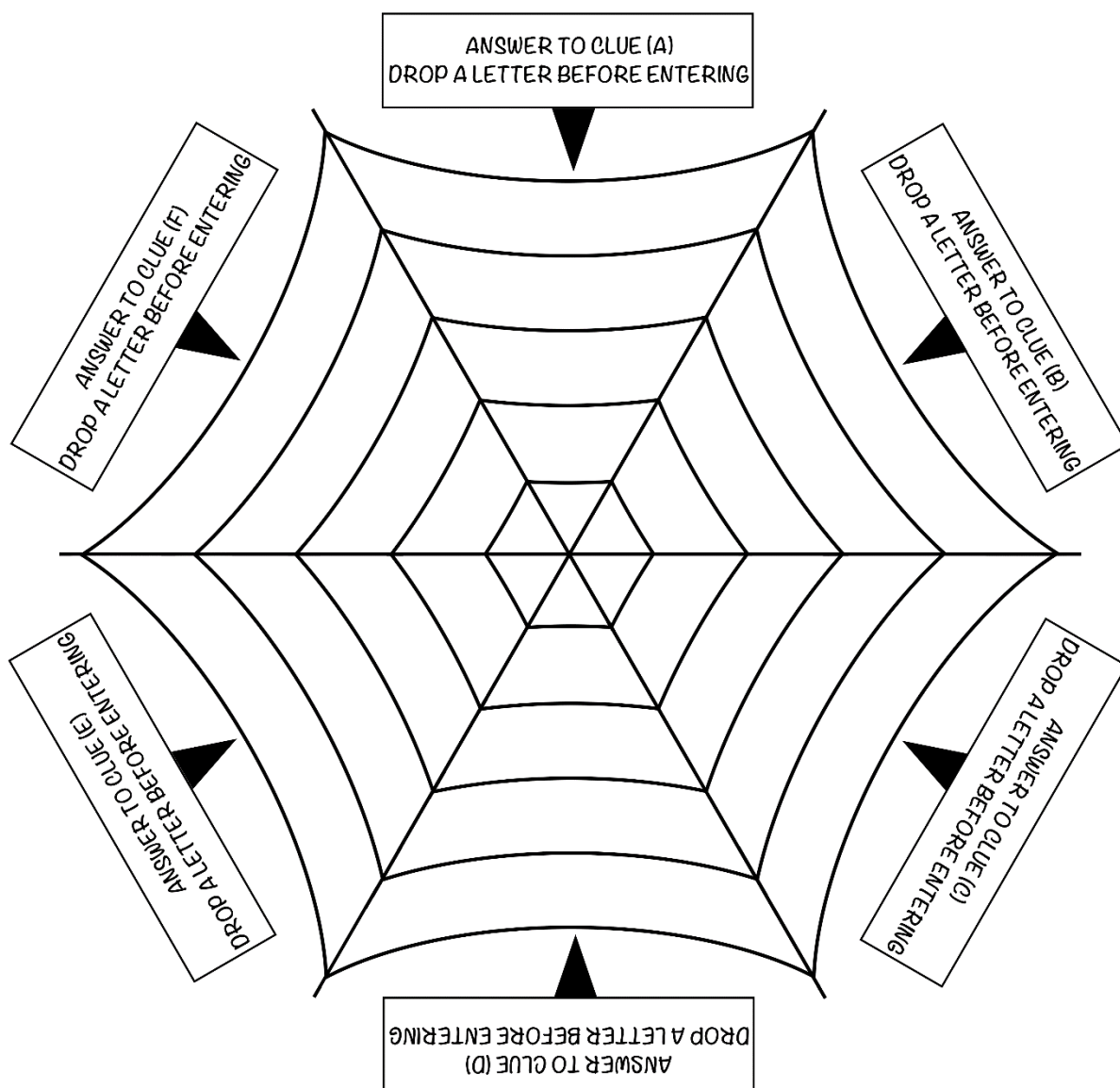


THE SPIDER WEB

Near the entrance to Riverbank you unexpectedly find . . . a large, metal spider web! As you get closer – but not too close! – you can almost imagine yourself filling the spaces in the web with letters. Luckily, having finished her web, the spider is nowhere to be found. Perhaps she has turned her attention to weaving something a little more practical.



INWARD (6-letter words but only 5 spaces, so drop a letter before putting them in the grid – thus, you might enter ANSWER as ANSWR)	AROUND RINGS (first letter can be anywhere in the ring, then the rest of the word proceeds clockwise – each has 6 letters, one for each space in its ring)
(A) Less difficult	OUTER RING: Dwellings
(B) Subset used by a pollster	NEXT-TO-OUTER RING: Animal sightseeing trip
(C) Scared	MIDDLE RING: Business partner of retailer Marcus
(D) Kerchiefed stagecoach robber	NEXT-TO-INNER RING: Omits or skips, as in speech
(E) Outer eye part	INNER RING: Try the same phone number again
(F) Type of engine or the fuel it takes	

RECORD LETTERS DROPPED FROM INWARD WORDS HERE, BY POSITION IN THEIR WORDS:
if 1st letter: __, if 2nd letter: __, if 3rd letter: __, if 4th letter: __, if 5th letter: __, if 6th letter: __

THE ALLIGATOR PIT

You stare in awe at the dark alligator pit, sensing movement in the darkness. A narrow path invites you to cross, and you find that music seems to calm the aquatic beasts. Signposts along the way suggest songs to sing and their respective artists, but their content does not seem sound to you (or maybe it does!).

You note that each signpost can be completed using two words from a larger pool (which appears at the bottom of this page), with only one letter making an appearance in both words. For example:

WOODEN DID (____) ICE by TUB (____) POISE

This can be completed by (BEEN) and (EACH) as follows: WOODEN DID (BEEN) ICE by TUB (EACH) POISE.

This gives WOULDN'T IT BE NICE by THE BEACH BOYS, and the fill-in words (BEEN) and (EACH) only have the letter E in common with each other, so that entry would give you an E toward the eventual clue phrase.

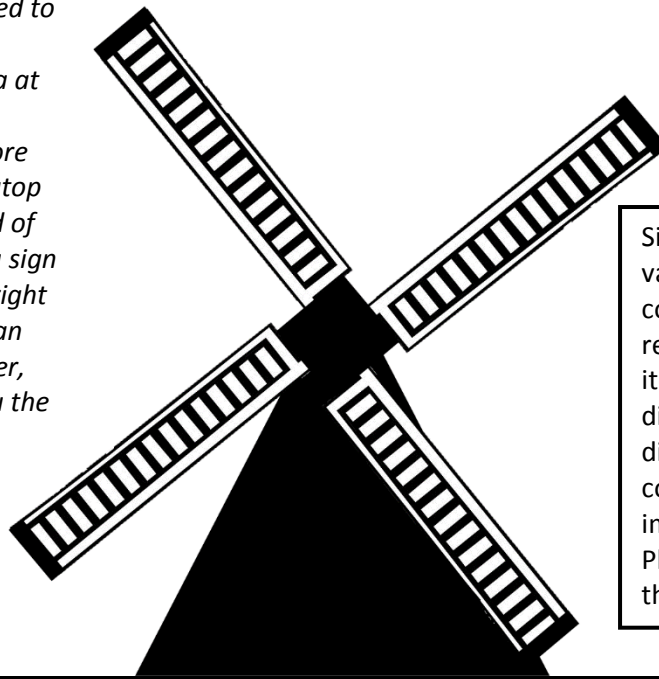
THUS HOUND HUFFS EYE (____) by SIGH MINION GAR FUN (____)	
SIN (____) BIN CON by KALE (____) LARK SOON	
(____) SLACK DIFFERS DIME by (____) INNER	
BORNE (____) HON by BREWS BRINKS (____)	
HIGH CATCH (____) ABE by (____) HE INCH AIR	
NEIGH (____) MINED by NEAR (____) UH	
NIACIN (____) SADDEN by DUMB WHO DEEP (____)	
LIED MUFF (____) by THUD (____)	
PEAS (____) NONE TERSE TANNED INK by (____) VISCOUS TALLOW	
SCENE (____) TEASE by BEE (____) HAY	
LAW STRAIN TICKLE (____) FILL by THEM ON (____)	
SHAY KEY (____) by (____) HEARSE WHIFFED	
GRADE (____) SAPPHIRE by CHAIR (____) LOOSE	
DOOR TEED (____) STUNNED HERD SHEEP by HAYSEED (____)	
PRY (____) DAN SIR by TEA (____) EARNER	
(____) SICK by (____) NIECE PIERS	
(____) ELAINE by DUB EAT (____)	
(____) PLAYS by GEE MEANDER (____)	
SAD (____) FACT SHUN by THROW LINK SIT (____)	

ARCS	ELSE	HISS	LENS	SHOE	VAIN
BRIT	FAIL	HOOP	LOSE	SOWN	VEER
BEAM	FEET	JEER	OARS	TAIL	WHIR
BOWL	FLEA	KEYS	OWNS	TEEN	WIDE
CLAY	FOUR	KILL	PACK	TOCK	
EASY	HANS	KNOT	PENN	TOUR	
EELY	HEED	LAVA	PURR	TUFF	
ELLE	HIRE	LEAK	RIGS	TYPE	

THE WINDMILL

The windmill at Riverbank was used to grind wheat for local bakers, for breads they would sell in the plaza at the center of town.

As you approach to examine it more closely, you see that the mill sits atop a large base, on which an 8x8 grid of images appears. You also notice a sign nearby, which might provide the right angle on how to proceed. If you can discover the overall 6-letter answer, the bread bakers will consider you the toast of the town plaza.



Sixteen overlapping rectangles of various sizes lie here. The four corners of each individual rectangle identify the names of items of the same type, though different rectangles are of different types. However, one corner of each rectangle is slightly imperfect and needs repair. Please make a note of the repair in the box containing that corner.

