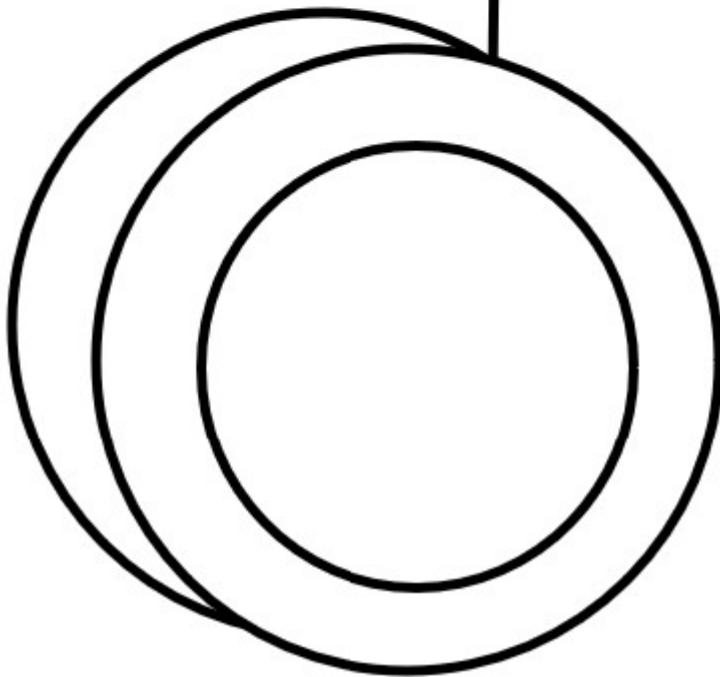


Ya Buncha Yo-yos

A puzzle hunt by members of Palindrome



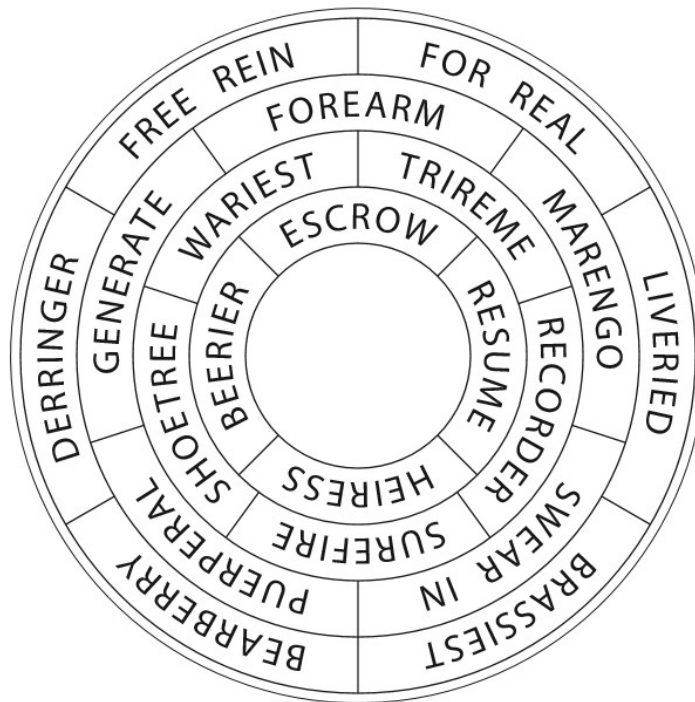
At last, you've made it! It was a long and arduous quest, but you have finally arrived at the mountaintop home of Yosef Yoskovitz, the greatest yo-yo artist of all time. He is known to be a recluse, private and cantankerous, but it is your hope that you can convince him to teach you the art of the yo-yo.

When he opens the door to find you there, Yosef sighs. He knows even before you speak why you are there. "Another would-be acolyte," he says wearily. You open your mouth to reply, but he waves a hand. "Here," he says, reaching for something just inside his front door. "Take these." He hands you a sheaf of papers. "To master the yo-yo, you must first master your own mind. If you can conquer the challenges in these pages, then I will consider taking you in as my student. If you fail, you will leave here and never return. These are my terms. Take them or leave them."

He turns around and shuffles away, spinning a yo-yo as he goes, shutting the door behind him. You were so rattled, you never even got to say a word! But if there's a chance he might become your tutor, you are determined to meet whatever challenges he throws at you. You sit down and shuffle through the papers he gave you, and discover that they are a series of puzzles—one for each of thirteen different yo-yo tricks...

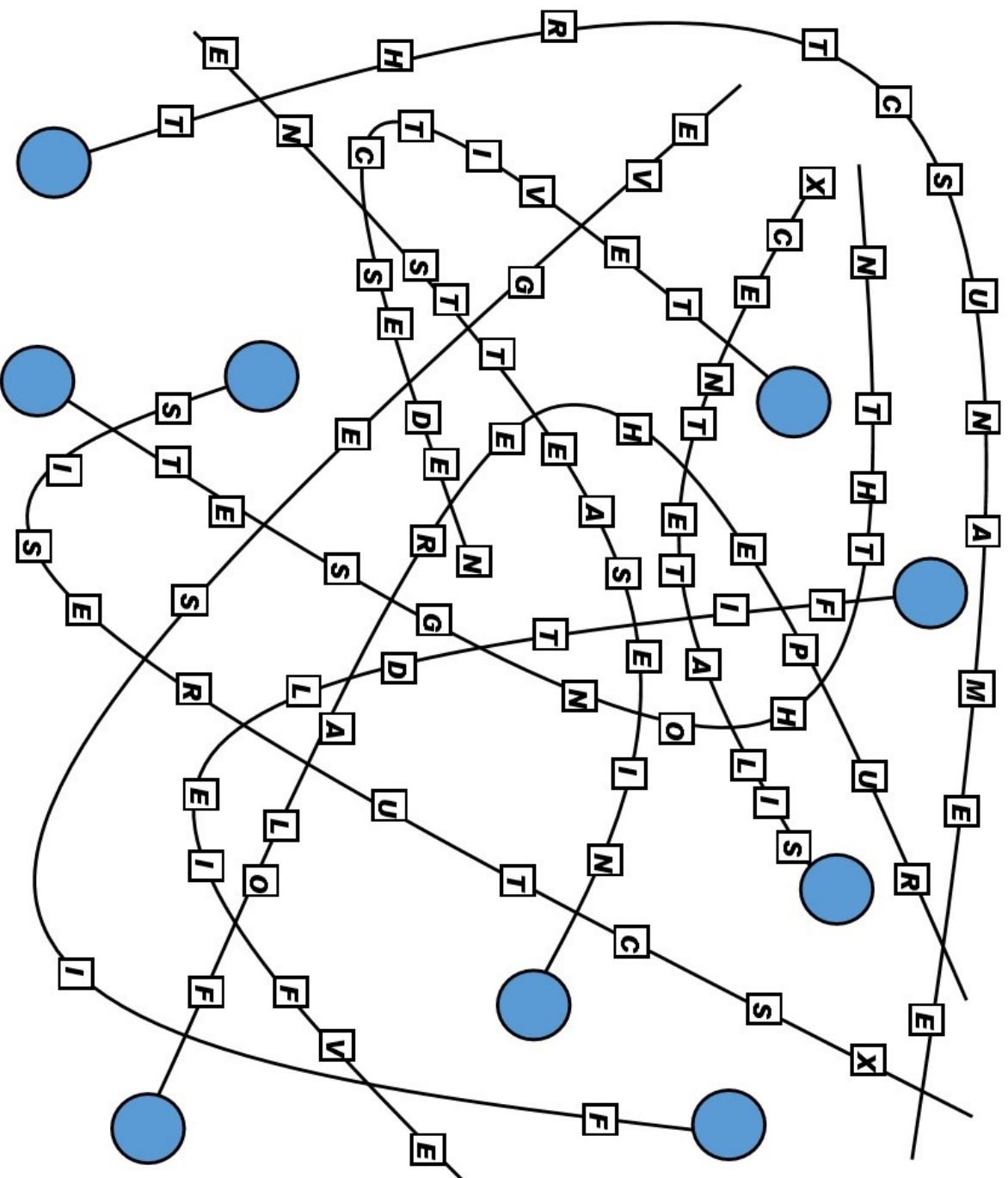
Robin Hood

My, they make merry. (Your answer will be a four-letter word.)



- 1) Which word, when spelled backwards, becomes a conjunction followed by a pronoun? (1)
- 2) ...is a homophone of a word for a part of the eye? (1)
- 3) ...when spelled backwards, is one of the seven dwarfs? (4)
- 4) ...can be either a noun in English or a verb in Latin? (1)
- 5) ...without the first letter, is a word that means "help"? (9)
- 6) ...becomes a bird after you delete a letter? (2)
- 7) ...is made up entirely of Roman numerals? (2)
- 8) ...when spelled backwards is the locale of a major puzzle event? (1)
- 9) ...is a past tense verb that becomes present tense when you double a letter? (2)
- 10) ...has two homophones that are one letter longer than itself? (1)
- 11) ...becomes word #19 when you advance the fourth character one letter in the alphabet? (2)
- 12) ...becomes a plural animal when you move the first letter to the end? (6)
- 13) ...can be split into two words? (2)
- 14) ...forms a new word when followed by word #15? (8)
- 15) See #14 (1)
- 16) ...begins with a silent letter? (6)
- 17) ...becomes a pronoun when you drop the last letter? (4)
- 18) ...can go after "cry" or before "talk"? (4)
- 19) See #11 (2)
- 20) ...is a homophone of a word meaning "trash"? (1)

Breakaway



Loop the Loop

It's an old-fashioned roundup!

S A V A N N A H V C A N Y O N
D T G A O R E N U D E T S I M
D N A L S S A R G O R N N E R
E A L P A C A M T R E E O C T
D N A S E O D I R A S N W O E
L I X V S B S S A M O I B L F
T M Y O A N T A I O R T O O R
L U L L I C H E N S S N E G O
E R N C E L R T Y S T O F Y S
V T H A B I T A T L O C E R T
O E A N Y A N I B O R E E A I
C I T O I B M Y S S M A R S H
N A O S F E R N T B I O M E I
G L A C I E R E E N I V G M L
R A D E C S F R U T H E K A L

ALPACA

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ARID

BIOMASS

BIOME

CANYON

CEDAR

CONTINENT

COVE

CRAB

DUNE

ECOLOGY

FERN

FROST

GALAXY

GLACIER

GRASSLAND

HABITAT

HILL

LAKE

LICHEN

MARSH

MESA

MIST

MOSS

NICHE

RAINY

REEF

ROBIN

ROOT

RUMINANT

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SNOW

STORM

SYMBIOTIC

TOAD

TREE

TUNA

TURF

VINE

VOLCANO

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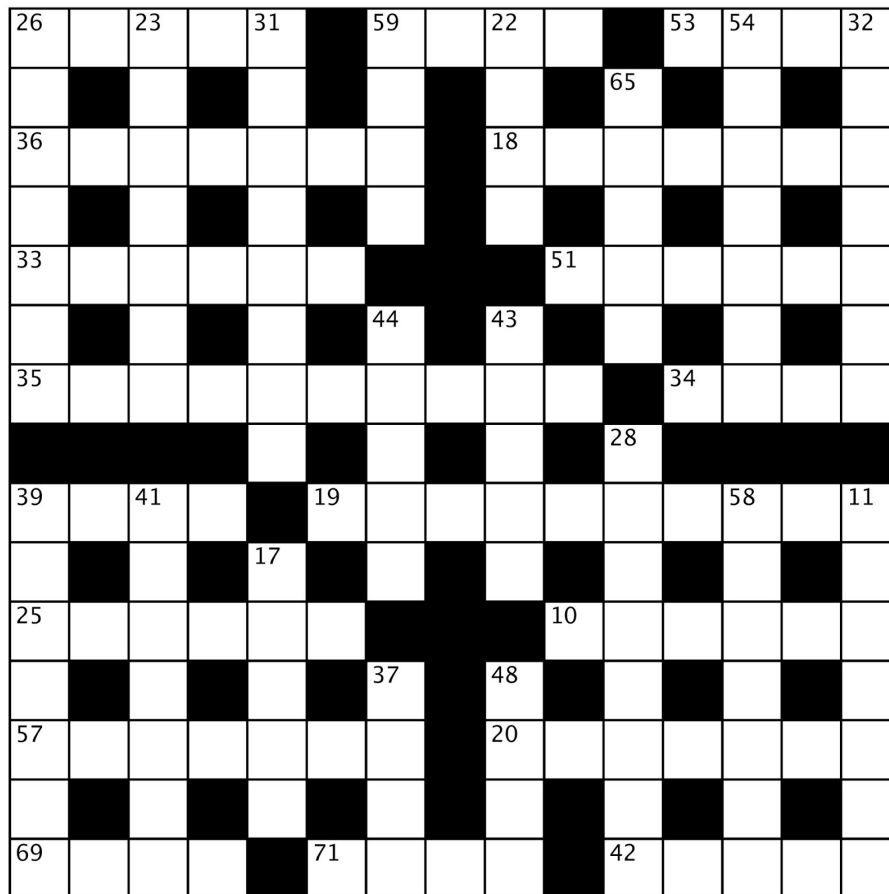
Atom Smasher

It's generally not wise to put everything into your routine. Figure out what's definitive, and relegate the rest to the old atom smasher. Watch out for debris!

1. CAREFUL DIG MONITOR POOL SAFETY
2. CIRCLES CONIC LIKE NECTAR NESTED
3. CHOICE DELI PAIN SMART SMOKED
4. FUNDING PRODUCT SITE SKIRT TRACKED
5. ANIMAL CARTOON HEART PEN PINK
6. CLIP FILM JOIN PIECES SEA
7. INFO OFTEN STOOD TEXT UNDER
8. EARTH PICNIC ROAR SIGN WINTER
9. BATH LETTER ORDER PLANE STANDARD
10. CONTAINER INK PRINTER RAG VERDICT
11. COARSE SMOOTHER SPREAD PANE WOOD
12. EAT FANCIER LUNCH SCHOOL SPOT
13. CHESS DRAWS LATEST SOME TEAMS
14. ENCLOSURE GENEROUS HOE PLANT WARM
15. BAG COVER DOWN REPLICA SLOW
16. CHEWING ELEVATOR HEAVY PART TORTURE
17. DROP FEATURE HAVING LINES TEAR
18. AIR BARN GAUGE PRESSURE REMOTE
19. COST COURSE FISCAL INCOME THEORY
20. CANDIES MINUTE PERIOD NOON TIME
21. FELINE LOUD RACE SOUND WALNUT

Braintwister

Let's do the twist. (Your answer will be a three-letter word.)



Across

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|----|------------|----|-----------|
| 1 | Senator | 21 | Allowance |
| 2 | Quiet | 22 | Pineapple |
| 3 | Seas | 23 | Deaf |
| 4 | Stipulated | 24 | Fix |
| 5 | Widen | 25 | Lame |
| 6 | Robes | 26 | Snapped |
| 7 | Canoes | 27 | Rapier |
| 8 | Head | 28 | Detail |
| 9 | Repast | 29 | Lamb |
| 10 | Attaches | 30 | Salve |
| 11 | Speeds | 31 | Tears |
| 12 | Stands | 32 | Note |
| 13 | Leases | 33 | Sad |
| 14 | Impression | 34 | Furs |
| 15 | Clichés | 35 | Angered |
| 16 | Lighten | 36 | Creditor |
| 17 | Betrayal | 37 | Note |
| 18 | License | 38 | Lube |
| 19 | Browse | | |
| 20 | Solemn | | |

Down

- | | | | |
|----|---------------|----|-----------|
| 1 | Mercurial | 21 | Trawl |
| 2 | Tidy | 22 | Parboil |
| 3 | Perceive | 23 | Ascot |
| 4 | Trailing | 24 | Capsule |
| 5 | Nuns | 25 | Buys |
| 6 | Resists | 26 | Laze |
| 7 | Dustpan | 27 | Lemur |
| 8 | Lamps | 28 | Nail |
| 9 | Tardy | 29 | Cargo |
| 10 | Fighter | 30 | Posh |
| 11 | Ardor | 31 | Lies |
| 12 | Perfectionist | 32 | Lever |
| 13 | Teal | 33 | Celebrate |
| 14 | Interment | 34 | Hectic |
| 15 | Lance | 35 | Pikes |
| 16 | Trickles | 36 | Hymn |
| 17 | Key | 37 | Granted |
| 18 | Flaneur | 38 | Rescind |
| 19 | Loyal | | |
| 20 | Jackets | | |

Chopsticks

It's not that hard a song! Can't anybody play it right?

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Barrel Rolls

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The Man on the Flying Trapeze

Just one of a million spectacular sights! Step right up!

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Captures first of monsters

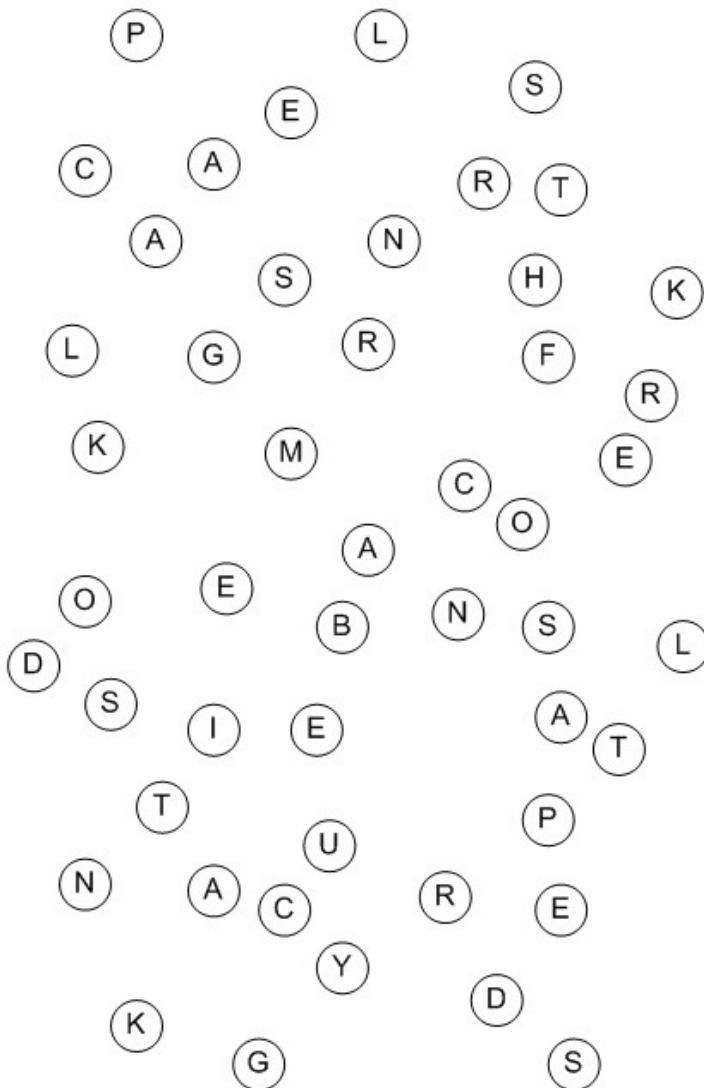
Policeman's
Taking back Spanish one

Recite "connect,"
Up at last

A hip dude embraces
In Pacific, almost

Streaming garbled
Small bloodsucker

Cold, sad
Woes



Aliens following
Mr. Lowe

Wake up
Lewd pictures for Rev. Spooner

Bigot beaten
Polar opposites?

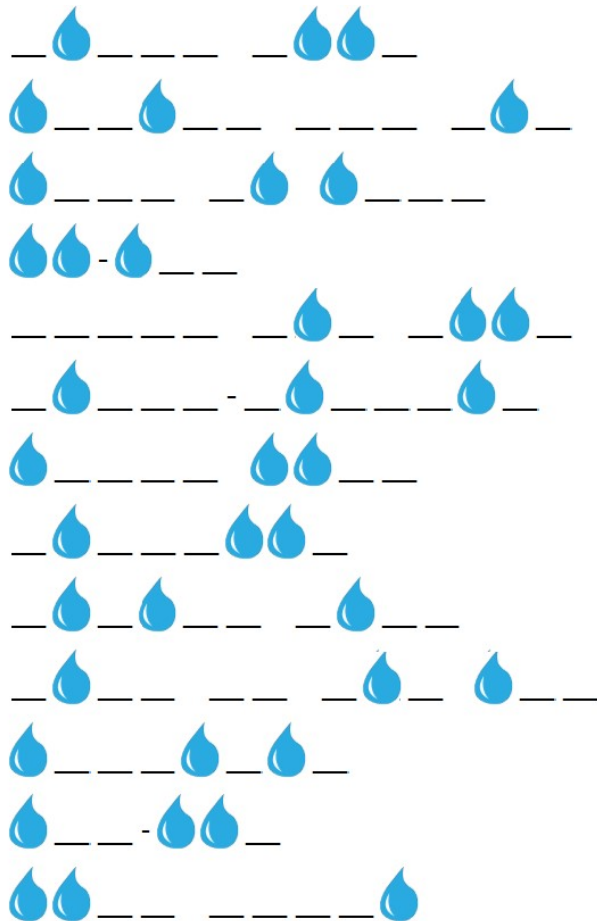
Crazy relation
After end of <i>Interstellar</i>

Broken dish
At gym class

Cats and dogs
An oft-used storytelling device

Waterfall

Water, water everywhere. Water, water nowhere.



Wet

75%

Borrrrring

Busiest airport in Europe

Device that helps prepare paper for binders

Egyptian rulers

Fool around on the farm?

Here and there, more poetically

Like the music of *Hamilton*

Like two-player games

Low blow

Main spacecraft, from which smaller crafts are dispatched

Shine in a small role

Time to get cheap drinks

Dry

Big bird

Egyptian stationery

How most medicines are taken

Least cooked

Like some bad dads

Magritte subject

Make tidy (2 words)

Men and monkeys

One side of the Peloponnesian War

Oolong holders

Oppressively ruled

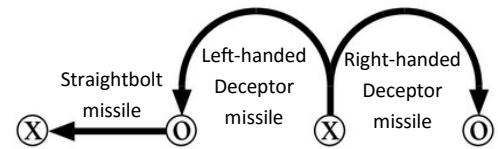
Plants in an orchard (2 words)

Uses flattery to persuade (2 words)

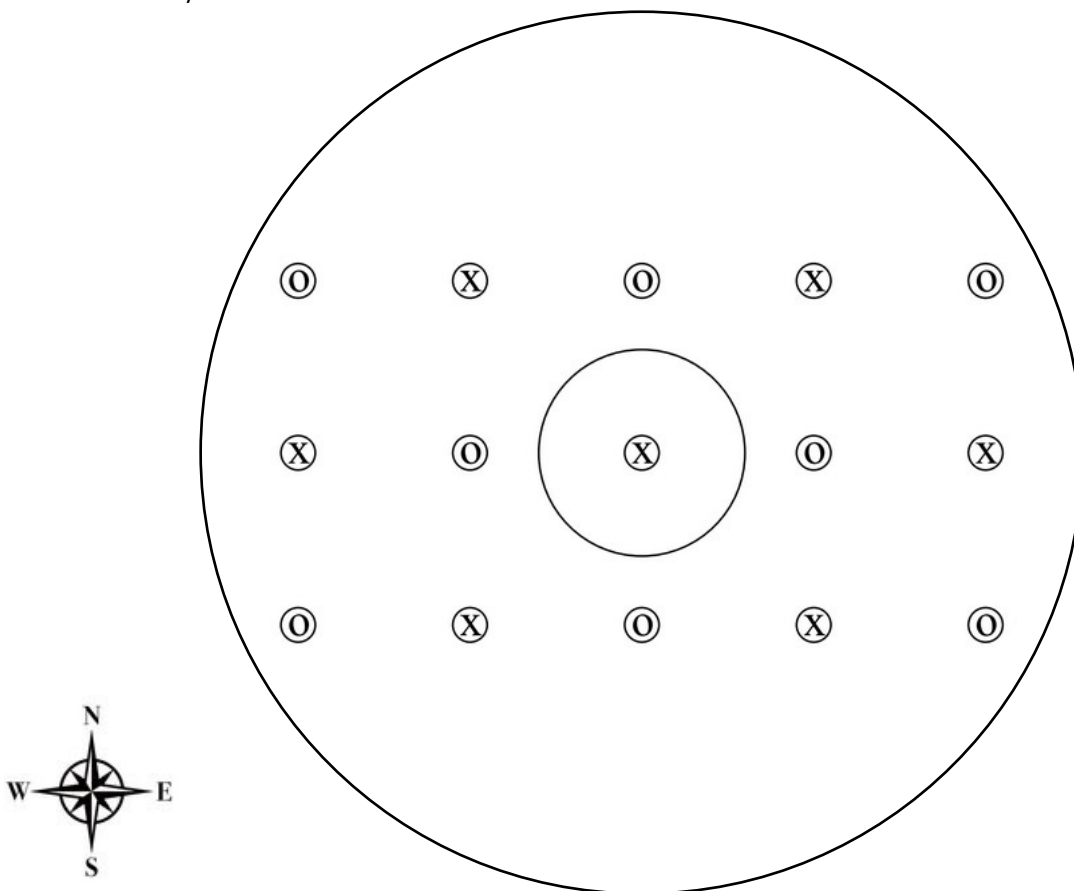
Flying Saucer

Oh no! The Xyrm bats' flying saucer has been boarded by the villainous Oombs! Can Captain Xigna keep her position in the center seat?

The Xyrm bats are armed with Deceptor missiles; a Deceptor missile aimed in one direction follows a looping course, ultimately hitting a target 90° from the direction of aim. (In particular, if a Deceptor missile is *aimed at* a given target, it will never *hit* that target.) The Oombs are armed with Straightbolt missiles, which fly straight. (Thus, if a Straightbolt missile is aimed at a target, it will always hit that target.)



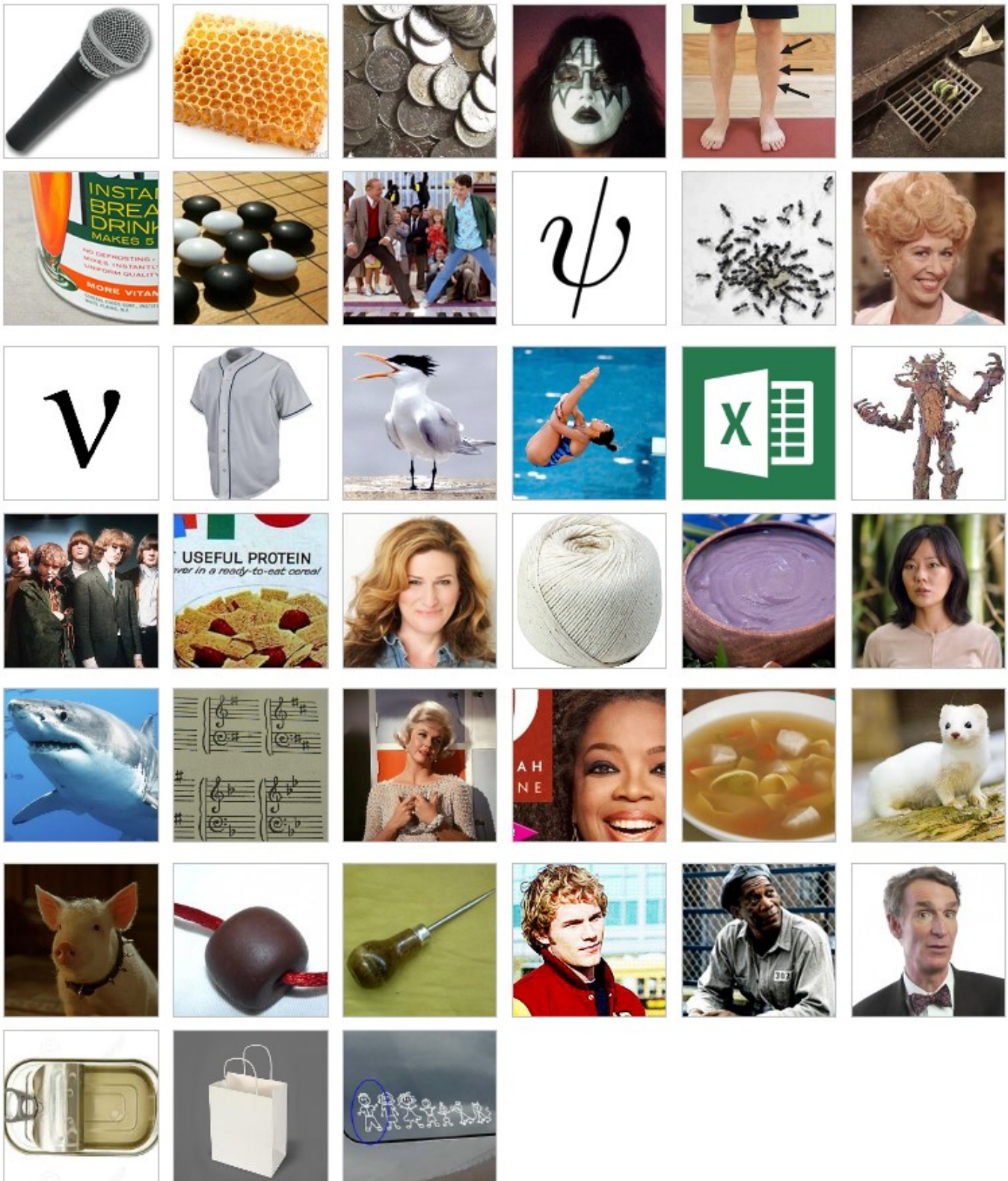
1. Every missile was aimed north, south, east, or west (but not necessarily aimed *at* anyone).
2. Every missile fired hit someone adjacent to the firer.
3. No two missiles fired by the same creature followed the same trajectory.
4. Every Xyrm bat who fired aimed all her missiles in the same direction.
5. Every Xyrm bat who fired fired a different number of missiles.
6. Every Oomb further east than Captain Xigna got hit exactly once.
7. Captain Xigna fired exactly one missile; it was left-handed.
8. No Oomb who was aimed at fired.
9. Every Oomb who was not aimed at fired exactly one more missile in a north-south direction than in an east-west direction.
10. Exactly four missiles were aimed north.
11. The difference between the number of missiles a creature fired and got hit with was never exactly two.

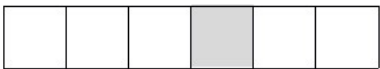
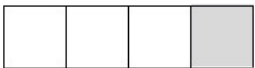


Walk the Dog

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If you learn to speak my language (which isn't much more than broken English), you might begin to talk normal.





Spaghetti

You puzzle hunters have proved that you can find a puzzle in a plate of spaghetti. But can you find a plate of spaghetti in a puzzle?

Are you tired of diet programs that ask you to keep a record of every single thing you eat? Are you sick of downloading expensive apps that catalogue the ingredients of every meal you eat? Have you been told that counting calories, carbs and fat is the only effective way to lose those extra pounds? Wrong! Forget everything you've ever heard about dieting. There is an easier way to lose weight. Try our patented new superfood! Ingredients from this superfood can burn fat molecules, tighten up sagging skin, curb your appetite and even freshen your breath. In just a few short weeks, you'll be counting up the number of inches that you've lost from your waistline. *These claims have not been verified by the FDA.*

Do you want to remove inches from your bulging stomach?
Our new diet with exotic superfoods drops pounds fast!
Our superfood is better than spinach, blueberries, etc.
If you follow our six-week program you will see fast results.
After only three weeks your waist will become much flatter.
It will soon be necessary for you to hire a tailor to fix all of your pants.
You will be able to go to the next hole for all of your belts.
You will look much better as weight is removed from your exact middle.
Your top and bottom will become thin but not as much as your tummy.
Watch as our program removes weight straight from your stomach!

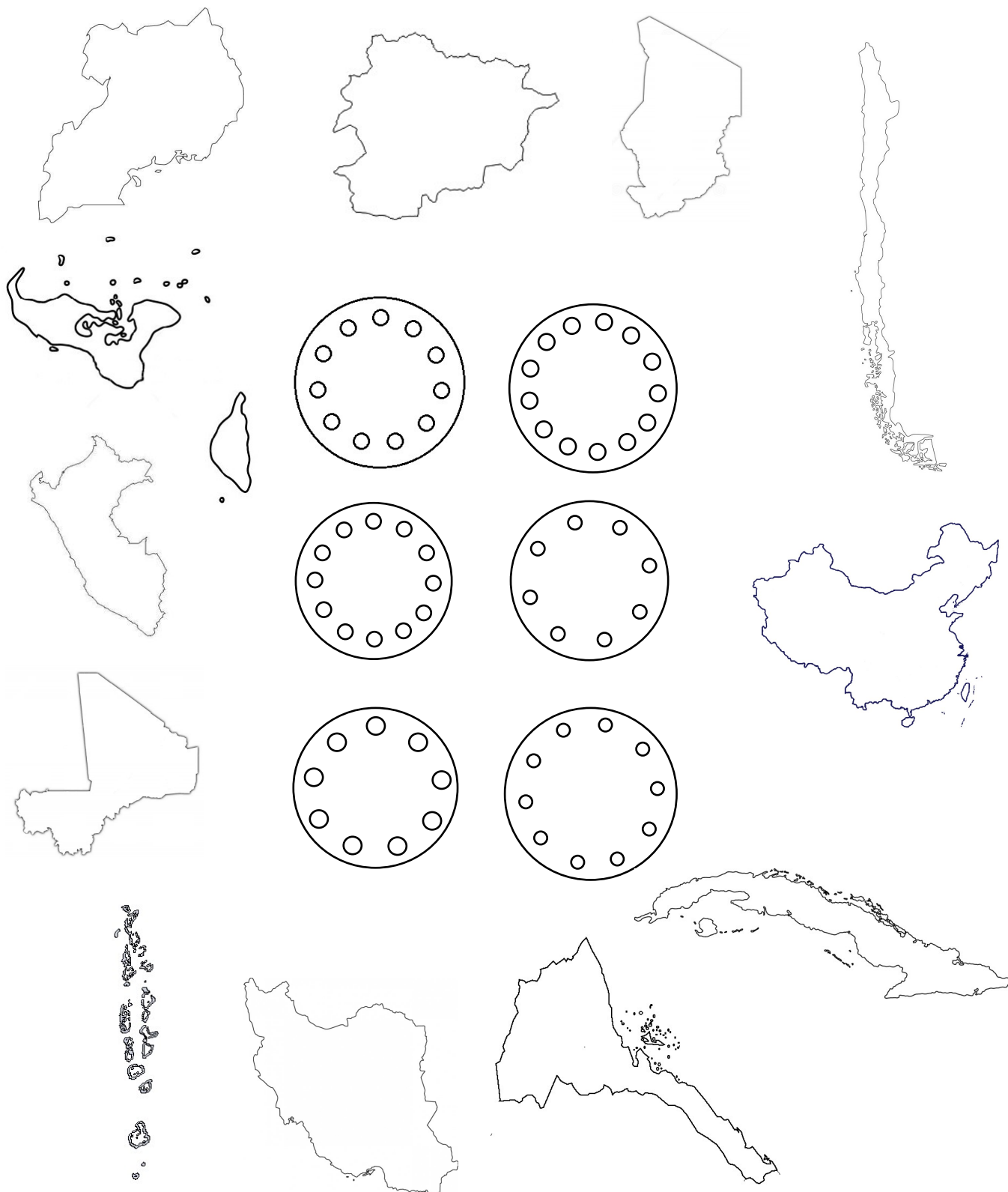
Skinny is in. Overweight people are at risk for blood sugar problems. You need a good diet. Common plans are often terrible. Order now, and in only a week, our superfood will arrive in your house. With a mere dash of this superfood, you can be as lean as a model. Easily reach your dream mass. Drop by "superfood dot com" and learn more. You'll love the new you! Your happiness is ensured.

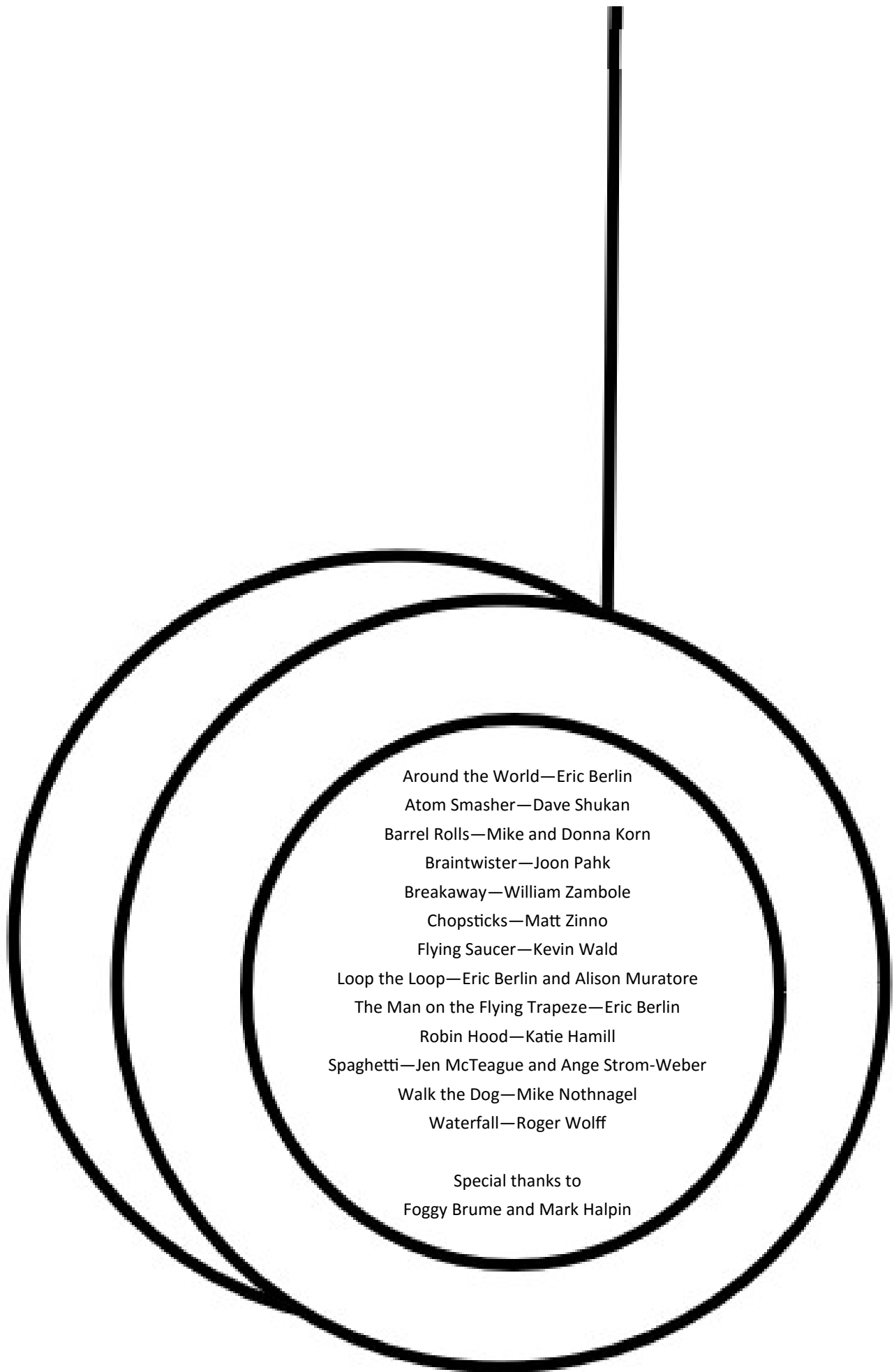
Do bullies say mean jokes about how you have the weight of two people? Do you want help proving them wrong? Let Patti MacNamara assist you with a boost of self-esteem! Often, programs focus on losing giant amounts of pounds via judicious applications of superfoods, but when you compare a pair of plans, they look exactly the same. Don't let your failures in those programs weigh heavily on you. Patti breaks the expectations of body-shaming organizations. Instead of narrowing in on your weight, she tries to eliminate the fat talk from being pointed at you in the first place. By hiring these enormous identical twins to stand on either side of you, your weight will seem insignificant by comparison. Even the wiliest teaser will be left with nothing to mock. Your self-esteem is important, and our founder Patti implores you to realize that and hire her self-esteem boosters today!

Escape the fat trap! So many people want to lose weight. Some have tried consuming nothing but acorn gruel. Some have tried praying to Jesus. Well, say goodbye to archaic diets. A-Channel Nutrition has the remedy for fat. This easy program is as good as it sounds right from the start. It's perfect for everyone from teenagers to centenarians. Participants will love to sink their teeth into these phenomenal superfoods. In one eyeblink, the pounds will melt off.

Around the World

You have nearly achieved the mental dexterity required to conquer the yo-yo! Use the answers you have acquired with the yo-yos below to discover what you are on the brink of mastering.





Around the World—Eric Berlin

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Barrel Rolls—Mike and Donna Korn

Braintwister—Joon Pahk

Breakaway—William Zambole

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Flying Saucer—Kevin Wald

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