

D) Each person likes items starting with some type of thing. Their names follow the same pattern.



# Treat Yo Self!

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Donna decided to spend Treat Yo Self Day with some lesser-known citizens of Pawnee this year, since Tom (whose favorite things are offal, forests, and attitude) was unavailable. She knew that it was important to start things off correctly, so she began by asking everyone to list a few of their favorite things:

**Perd** likes: Rhymes with "Perd"  
 Nerds  
Turducken  
30 Rock

**JJ** likes: Double letters  
 Aaron Sorkin  
"MMMBop"  
Llamas

**Marcia** likes: Month abbreviations  
 Novels  
Mayonnaise  
Septic systems

**Millicent** likes: Metric prefixes  Megan Amram  
Decaf coffee  
Attorneys

**Donna** likes: Solfege notes  Real estate  
Miniature horses  
Fame

(Do not cut out the items in this grid!)

<u>R-rated movie</u>	<u>Lactaid</u>	<u>Curds</u>	<u>Birdhouse</u>	<u>Exam books</u>
<u>Gigantic hamburger</u>	<u>Herd of cattle</u>	<u>Apricot brandy</u>	<u>Oolong tea</u>	<u>Juleps</u>
<u>Eel sushi</u>	<u>Mimosas</u>	<u>Murder mystery</u>	<u>Wordplay DVD</u>	<u>PetArmor</u>
<u>Pi cookie cutter</u>	<u>Red wine</u>	<u>Au gratin potatoes</u>	<u>Febreze</u>	<u>Jansport backpack</u>
<u>ZZ Top CD</u>	<u>Solar panels</u>	<u>Tiara</u>	<u>BB gun</u>	<u>Terani Couture dress</u>

Everyone treated themselves to five items from the table on the right. Can you figure out who picked what?

Afterwards, Donna carefully alphabetized each person's choices, but she still felt a *trace* of discomfort leaving Tom behind. Drawing on her experiences today, she realized how she felt celebrating Treat Yo Self without her best friend.

Answer: CRUEL

2) Locate 5 items in grid for each person.  
 3) Trace each person's items in the grid, in alphabetical order, to draw a letter.