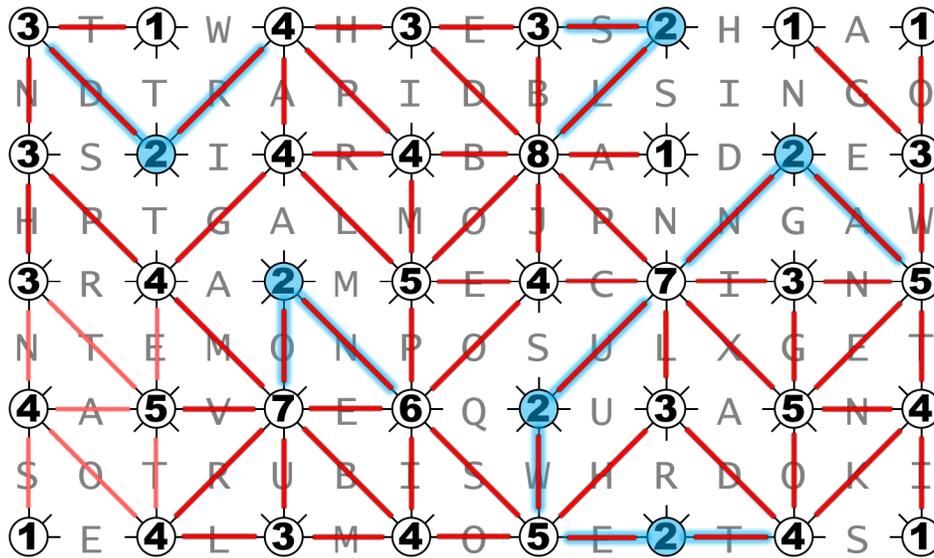


Connecting the Dots

SOLUTION

You might find a clue by mapping the paths of the waiters and seeing if that reveals information to help you solve the crime. Draw lines connecting the round tables shown below, according to the following rules:

- Each line connects a table to the closest table in one of the (up to eight) directions indicated.
- The number on each table specifies how many lines will connect to it.
- Lines may not cross.



The solve is straightforward except for the lower left corner. If you have solved the rest, you'll have those six tables (3 4, 4 5, 1 4) remaining to connect (ultimately with the seven lighter lines shown above). Consider what happens if the 1 connects to the 5: that would eliminate two options from the 4 next to the 1 – the line blocks a diagonal, and the 1 would be full – which would leave just three possible connections for the 4. Thus, that line (1-5) can't connect. Since the 5 already has two other blocks (right-side diagonals) at this point, that 1 is the last direction that can't connect; all the other spokes from the 5 must connect.

Reading the letters that haven't been crossed out yields "WHAT is inside tangram squares." This is a statement (not a question!) that refers to the *Putting the Pieces Together* puzzle.

Looking at Evidence refers to this puzzle: "WHY is semaphore on tables." This is a statement (not a question!) that tells you that the "why" answer can be found by reading semaphore from the tables. Read tables with two connections (highlighted in blue above) as semaphore:

↖ ↗ ↘ ↙ ↕ ↔ → HUNGER, the "why" answer.

The bar has a corkboard where families of all sizes can post pictures of their pets. During the theft, the culprit knocked all the photos off the board. The captions listing the family members are still in their places on the board, but the bartender needs help identifying which pet belongs in each family. Some of those pets are rather unusual – ranging from ferret to goose to iguana – but they’ve been given **names** to help them **fit in** as part of their **families**. Each pet name can be found in the letters of one family name. The first row below illustrates that.

After you’ve helped get the pets matched up with their owners, you can look for what the culprit might have wanted to hide. The bartender tells you that **all the members** of each family identified a useful **characteristic in the species of animal** they chose. Maybe those characteristics will prove to be useful for your investigation as well! Use the number of people in the family (also clued by letter of the alphabet) to index into the species. These letters are highlighted in tan below, and reveal the phrase, “WHY is semaphore on tables” – this is a statement which refers to the *Connecting the Dots* puzzle.

The captions are shown below, in the order in which they appear on the photo board. The photos are on page 2.

Colleen, Cindy, and
Casey's pet, NAN

DUN**C**AN, COW

Darrell, Donna, Dean,
and Derek's pet, STU

STO**U**T, FISH

Fred, Felicia, Fran, Flo,
Felix, and Fawn's pet, IAN

WIL**L**AMSON, MONKEY

Amy's pet,
SIMON

SIMP**S**ON, IGUANA

Diane, Daisy, Debbie,
and Dennis's pet, VERN

IVER**S**ON, ROOSTER

Daphne, Duane, Danny,
and Dustin's pet, MILO

MUR**I**LLO, HORSE

Blake and Beth's
pet, STAN

CAS**T**ANEDA, GECKO

Carla, Cheryl, and
Cecil's pet, BESS

BUR**G**ESS, CAMEL

Carol, Charlie, and
Chad's pet, CAL

MCD**O**NALD, GOAT

Allen's pet,
ARTIE

MART**I**NEZ, PIG

Bonnie and
Bill's pet, EVE

LEV**I**NE, SHEEP

Beverly and
Brian's pet, JEN

JOHN**S**EN, DOG

Belinda and
Ben's pet, TAI

TRAV**I**S, FROG

Emily, Edna, Elsie, Edith,
and Emma's pet, TINO

ATK**I**NSON, SNAKE

Bob and Bruce's
pet, MARTY

MCC**A**RTHY, GOOSE

Gary, George, Gus, Greg, Gene,
Gordon, and Glen's pet, RAY

BRAD**L**EY, RACCOON

Candace, Cliff, and
Connie's pet, MEL

MCC**O**NNELL, CAT

Brad and Blair's
pet, DOT

DOUG**H**ERTY, PARROT

Dave, Darlene, Doug,
and Dina's pet, WARD

WOOD**A**RD, RABBIT

Eileen, Erica, Evan, Eliza,
and Eleanor's pet, RICK

MCC**O**RMICK, TURTLE

Betty and Barry's
pet, ROD

ARN**O**LD, FERRET

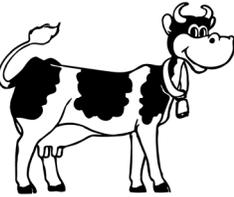
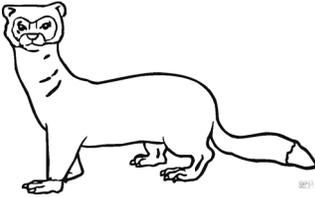
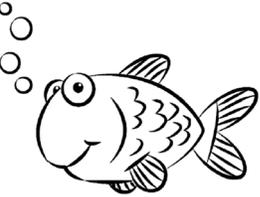
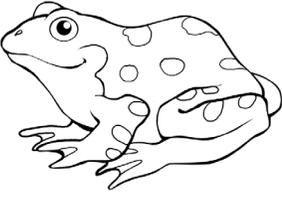
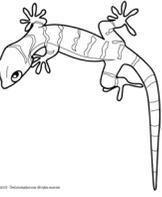
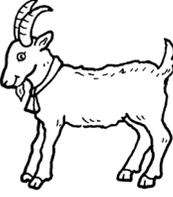
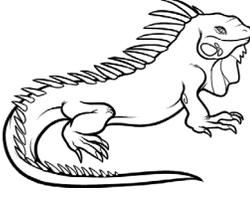
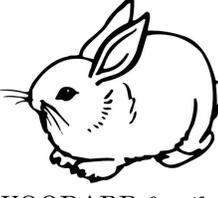
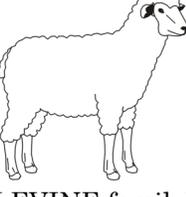
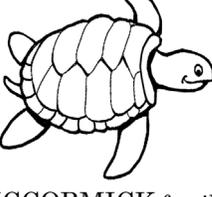
Ann's pet,
RON

HARR**I**NGTON, SQUIRREL

Searching for Clues refers to this puzzle: “On photo last names, read fourth letter.” Those letters are highlighted in blue above; they reveal the phrase, “Culprit got in via DOG DOOR” (the “how”).

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(Tip: just write each photo's info by the appropriate caption; you don't need to cut out all the pictures.)
Photos are in alphabetical order by species name.

		 <p>The BURGESS family's pet CAMEL</p>	 <p>The MCCONNELL family's pet CAT</p>
 <p>The DUNCAN family's pet COW</p>	 <p>The JOHNSEN family's pet DOG</p>	 <p>The ARNOLD family's pet FERRET</p>	 <p>The STOUT family's pet FISH</p>
 <p>The TRAVIS family's pet FROG</p>	 <p>The CASTANEDA family's pet GECKO</p>	 <p>The MCDONALD family's pet GOAT</p>	 <p>The MCCARTHY family's pet GOOSE</p>
 <p>The MURILLO family's pet HORSE</p>	 <p>The SIMPSON family's pet IGUANA</p>	 <p>The WILLIAMSON family's pet MONKEY</p>	 <p>The DOUGHERTY family's pet PARROT</p>
 <p>The MARTINEZ family's pet PIG</p>	 <p>The WOODARD family's pet RABBIT</p>	 <p>The BRADLEY family's pet RACCOON</p>	 <p>The IVERSEN family's pet ROOSTER</p>
 <p>The LEVINE family's pet SHEEP</p>	 <p>The ATKINSON family's pet SNAKE</p>	 <p>The HARRINGTON family's pet SQUIRREL</p>	 <p>The MCCORMICK family's pet TURTLE</p>

Putting the Pieces Together

SOLUTION

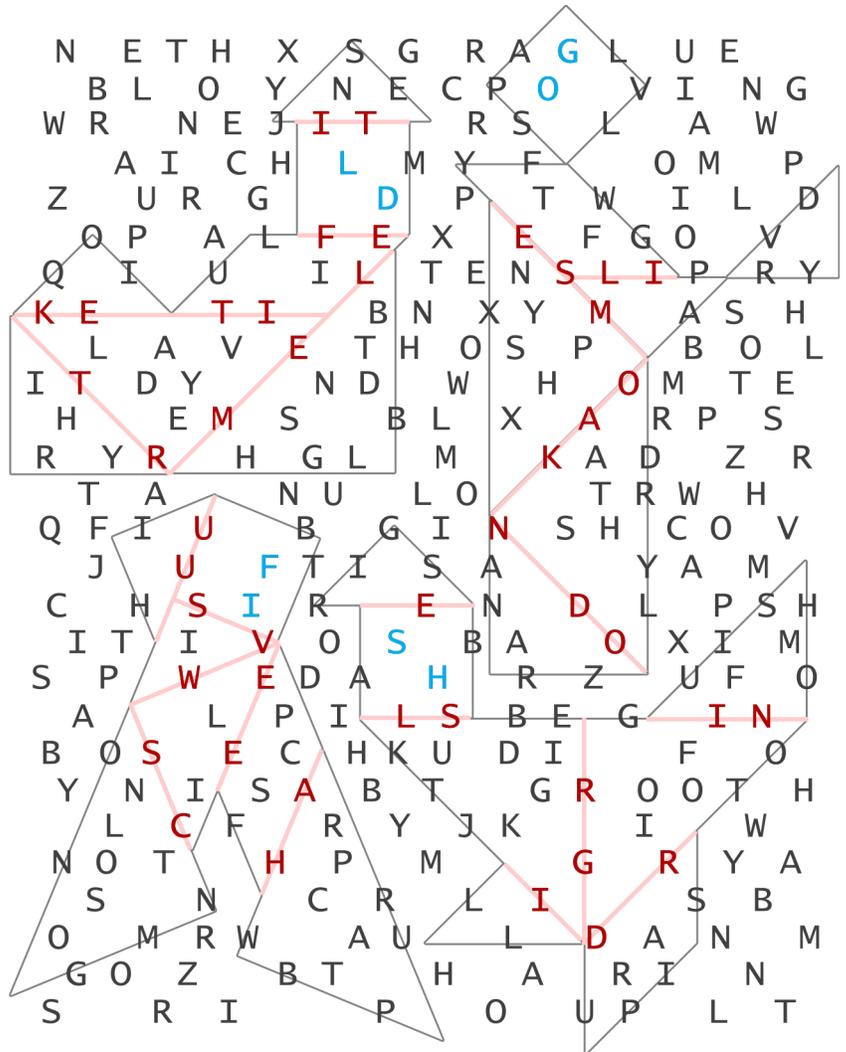
Sometimes, you can find answers when you **see how the pieces come together.**

Cut apart the seven tangram pieces in the square below and use them to create the four images shown on this page. Place each constructed image on the second page of this puzzle, using one of the given parallelogram locations to guide placement, then trace around each piece to record its location on the page. Carefully outline each individual piece in every image.

- All seven tangram pieces must be used to form each image.
- Pieces may not overlap.
- You may rotate and flip tangram pieces when building the images.
- The images below are shown to scale, but are not actual size.
- There is only one way to properly assemble each image. Pay attention to proportions and details (e.g. the man's collar and the house overhanging the cliff).
- All images should be placed with the same rotation as in the sample silhouette. Images will not overlap.

Read the letters that fall on the lines where two pieces meet up. That yields the phrase, "It feels like TIME to mark unused vowels in search grid." That refers to the *Searching for Clues* puzzle.

Connecting the Dots refers to this puzzle: "WHAT is inside tangram squares." Inside the square pieces drawn for each shape are the letters GOLDFISH, the "what" answer.

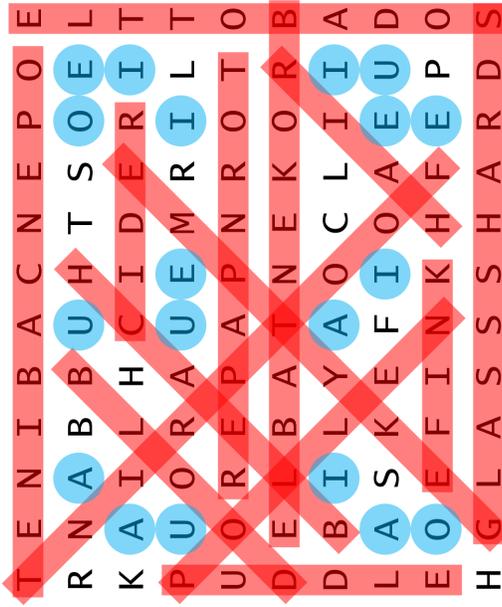




Searching for Clues

SOLUTION

In the grid below, look for things that you might find at the bar. Put them in the correct order (alphabetical) in the blanks on the right.



O	N	P	H	O	T	O	L	A	S	T
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
N	A	M	E	S	R	E	A	D	F	O
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
U	R	T	H	L	E	T	T	E	R	S
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33

When letters are transcribed to the spaces above, the resulting phrase is: "On photo last names, read fourth letters," which refers to the *Looking at Evidence* puzzle.

Putting the Pieces Together refers to this puzzle: "It feels like TIME to mark unused vowels in search grid" – they are highlighted in blue above. "Time" indicates we're answering the "when" question, and "feels" is a clue to read those letters as Braille, which yields SUNSET.

- B L E A C H 26
- B L O O D 5
- B R O K E N T A B L E 30
- C I D E R 32
- E M P T Y K E G 31
- F O O T P R I N T 2
- G L A S S S H A R D S 33
- H A I R 17
- K N I F E 21
- O P E N C A B I N E T 29
- P O L L E N 18
- P U D D L E 8
- S O D A B O T T L E 6
- T O R N P A P E R 28