

Introduction

Welcome, Class of 2025, to the annual **aquarium puzzlehunt!**

To get started:

1. Form a team (with **4 to 7 people**). Your team needs **one phone** that can send text messages. **Always use the same phone!**
2. Then, **text your team name** to the Diving Supervisors at **(234) AQUAPUZ**, or **(234) 278-2789**.
3. Now, **go hunting for puzzles!** There are **8 puzzles** hidden in the aquarium; you can do them in any order. Each one has an answer that is a **word or short phrase**.
4. **To submit an answer**, text it in using the format: [puzzle number] [answer]. For example, if your answer for puzzle #6 was “fish”, you would text **6 fish**.
5. **The Diving Supervisors** at the front desk are available for help. General tips:
 - Look for patterns between the parts of the puzzle, and try to stay organized.
 - The title and the flavortext may have some subtle clues.
 - If you have a list of numbers between 1 to 26, try converting them with 1 = A, 2 = B, ..., 26 = Z.

The first 3 teams to finish the hunt will win **lovely prizes**. Best of luck, and have fun!

Dear brave divers,

You may be familiar with the Ivy League, a group of eight of our peer institutions. You may not know that in the ocean lies the Coral League, another group of eight universities, also known as the “Ivy Leagues Under the Sea.” We’ve been hearing reports from our Admissions Office that MIT has been losing students to the Coral League.

We want your help to figure out what the Coral League has that we don’t. Dive into the depths, seek out the eight universities, and maybe you can find some answers. We’re here to help you if you get stuck. Please work quickly, however—we don’t have enough oxygen to send you underwater for too long.

*Best of luck,
Diving Supervisors*