Introduction

Welcome, Class of 2026, to the tenth **Aquarium Puzzle Hunt!** To get started:

- Form a team (with **3 to 5 people**). Your team needs **one phone** that can send text messages. **Always use the same phone**.

- Then, text your **team name** to **(234) AQUAPUZ** or **(234) 278–2789**.

- Go look for puzzles! There are **8 puzzles** hidden in the aquarium; you can do them in any order. Take only **one copy per puzzle** per team. Each puzzle has an answer that is a **word or short phrase.**

- 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.**

- Spongebob's Friends 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 need a hint, feel free to ask any of Spongebob's Friends!

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

Hello friends!

Have you ever listened to the FUN song? It starts like this:

> *F is for friends who do stuff together,*
> *U is for you and me,*
> *N is for anywhere and anytime at all,*
> *Down here in the deep blue sea!*

Unfortunately, Patrick told us that Spongebob's not been having that much fun lately. So Patrick came to us, his friends, to ask for some help to cheer him up. Maybe you can puzzle together some answers to figure out how to make him feel better!

Thanks,
Spongebob's Friends

A Warm Feeling

Mmmm... I always love a good game of Semantle. It always has this delicious... what's the word again?
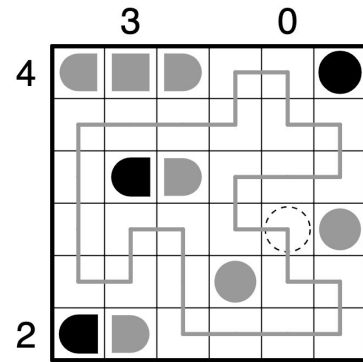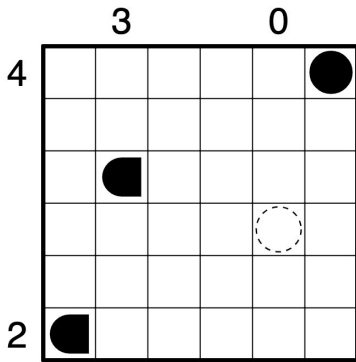

Text "**WARM [word]**" to **(234) AQUAPUZ**.

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#	Guess	Similarity	Getting close?
12	_ _ _ _ _	100.00	FOUND!
11	vote	47.51	987/1000
10	choose	40.81	957/1000
9	caucus	38.12	935/1000
8	decide	37.74	930/1000
7	office	31.60	798/1000
6	congress	31.15	775/1000
5	choosing	29.46	692/1000
4	polling	27.95	598/1000
3	primary	24.66	212/1000
2	choice	24.46	183/1000
1	Clinton	20.23	(tepid)

#	Guess	Similarity	Getting close?
11	_ _ _ _ _ _ _	100.00	FOUND!
10	strength	41.84	971/1000
9	skill	38.74	957/1000
8	execute	34.62	904/1000
7	talent	30.84	785/1000
6	functionality	29.79	729/1000
5	capacity	29.60	716/1000
4	proficiency	28.67	647/1000
3	trait	27.03	470/1000
2	character	24.50	66/1000
1	achievement	22.01	(tepid)

Battleship

We need to arrange all our ships so that none touch, not even diagonally! When you're done, take a walk clockwise around the shipyard to inspect the ships, starting from the station in the upper left corner. Oh, and check on every fourth letter along the way, starting with the A.

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2	◖▶				

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A	B	O	U	◖	T	T	I	M	E
F	O	U	R	M	I	L	◖	E	S
F	U	◖	L	L	P	O	W	E	R
2	B	L	U	E	R	◖	I	V	E	R
R	O	Y	A	L	A	R	●	M	S
E	N	●	G	I	N	E	E	R	S
4	H	U	D	S	◖	O	N	B	A	Y

Diner's Choice

Can't decide what to order? Why not everything?

This delicious **novel by Leo Tolstoy** will give your stomach **calmness and tranquility**.

___ _____ ____[_]

This **brief and pleasant** dish is a **sauce offered with McDonald's chicken nuggets**.

_[_]___ _____ ____

This **traffic collision crime** is so good, it's criminal. You'll want to **escape and conceal** it, so that you don't have to share it with others.

_[_]_ ___ ____

This **classic ice cream flavor** is also used as a **pair of coffee sweeteners**.

_____ _____ [_]____

Forget all your **fixed and definitive rules**! This will get you acting **recklessly and irresponsibly**.

____ ___[_] _____

This will remind you of **the present moment**, and is best enjoyed **time to time**.

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People come from **everywhere** to enjoy this dish. It's by **a great amount** better than anything else.
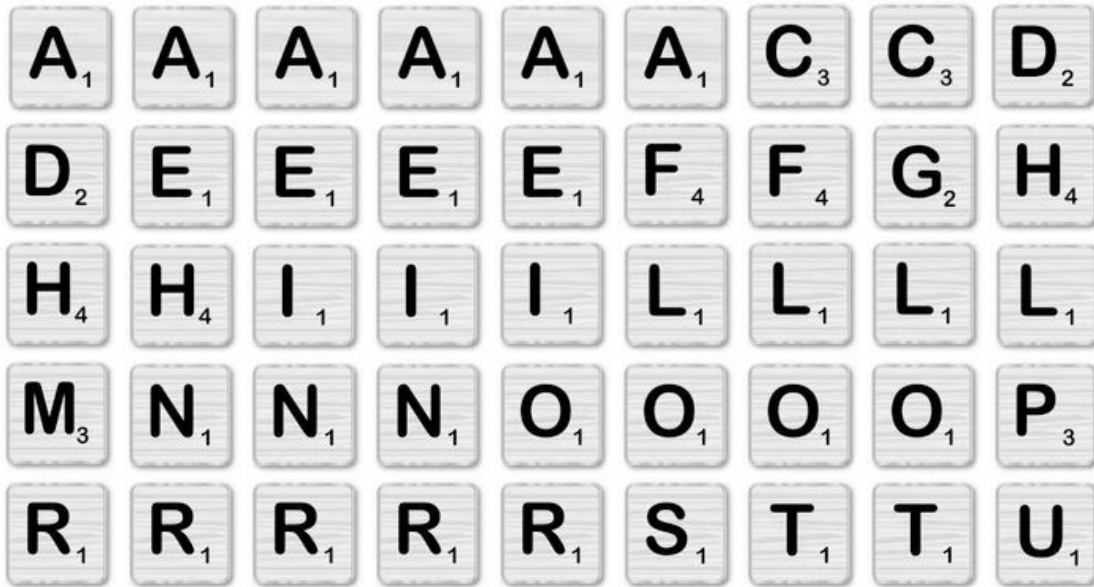
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This **Hollywood radio goodbye** will help you make a good recovery, and get you to **be active** after a few days.

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Keeping Afloat

These ships carry other ships!

Letter tiles:

A₁	A₁	A₁	A₁	A₁	A₁	C₃	C₃	D₂
D₂	E₁	E₁	E₁	E₁	F₄	F₄	G₂	H₄
H₄	H₄	I₁	I₁	I₁	L₁	L₁	L₁	L₁
M₃	N₁	N₁	N₁	O₁	O₁	O₁	O₁	P₃
R₁	R₁	R₁	R₁	R₁	S₁	T₁	T₁	U₁

Load the letters of each ship from top to bottom. Lighter ships go on top of heavier ships.

Writer (6)
 / What makes one a writer
Winner (8)
 / Thing that can be won
Banner (4)
 / Leader of a fleet
Buddy (6)
 / Essence of buddyness
Guide (6)
 / Ability to guide
Connection (8)
 / Form of connection
Intellectual (7)
 / Source of money

CAPACITY 17 pts.

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CAPACITY 20 pts.

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CAPACITY 19 pts.

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CAPACITY 15 pts.

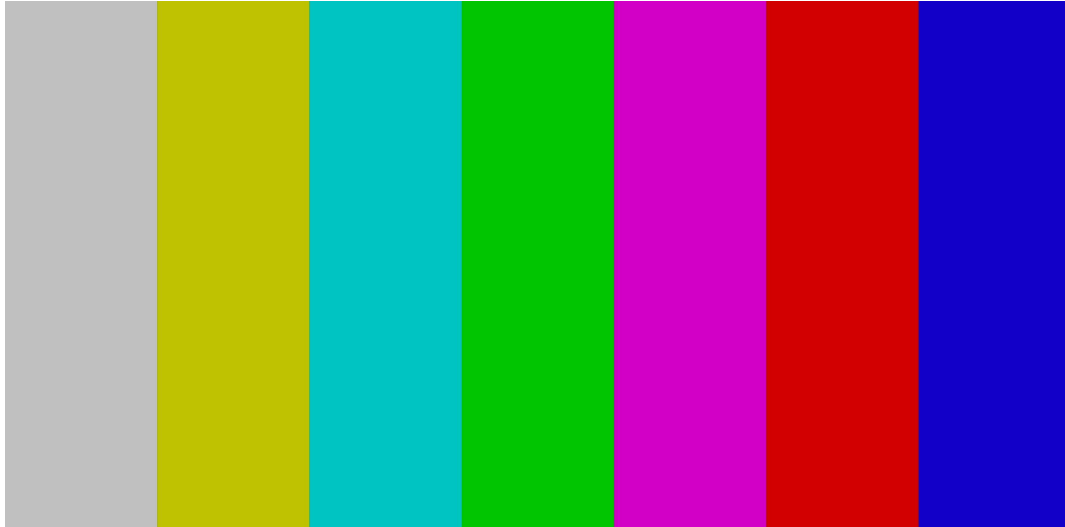| |
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Saturday Morning Showings

It's almost time for the show! Before we start, we need to make sure that all of the colors are displaying correctly in the test pattern below.

Seafood item often associated with Maine

Tropical forests with dense vegetation

Shallow, light-colored ponds separated from larger bodies of water

Large restroom fixture that holds water

Sticky notes, as introduced by 3M in 1977

Cloud storage startup founded in 2007 with a logo depicting an open container

Mouth-puckering drink not made using lemons

With "cherry", ornamental flower seen in festivals

Some Rumors

These people always tell the truth or always tell lies.

AMY

"Dean is a liar."
"I was seated somewhere after exactly three liars."
"Ben is a liar."

TRUTH	LIE
P	Q

BEN

"I was seated first."

TRUTH	LIE
S	U

CECILIA

"I was seated last."

TRUTH	LIE
T	P

DEAN

"Hilda and Gertrude are both liars."
"I was seated somewhere before Gertrude."
"Hilda is a liar."
"I was seated somewhere after exactly two liars."
"Cecilia is a liar."

TRUTH	LIE
T	K

ERIK

"I was seated third."

TRUTH	LIE
N	D

FELIX

"I was seated directly after Dean."

TRUTH	LIE
R	J

GERTRUDE

"Hilda is a liar."
"I was seated directly after Hilda."
"Erik is a liar."

TRUTH	LIE
A	B

HILDA

"Amy always tells the truth."
"I was seated somewhere before Erik."
"Felix always tells the truth."
"I was seated somewhere after exactly one liar."
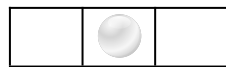"Gertrude is a liar."

TRUTH	LIE
A	E

Tennis Shot

You've hit upon a recording of a radio broadcast, but all it seems to care about are the hard-hitting points—so much so that it seems to have forgotten the actual details.

It's the middle of the second month with thirty days, and we hope you all are as excited as we are for the upcoming tennis championships!

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The tournament will happen right here in the largest city of Pennsylvania, also known as the "city of brotherly love".

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It'll be hosted at a stadium named for US president number forty—the same man who was a Hollywood movie star before becoming president near the end of the Cold War.

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Rumors are that the tournament will feature a guest appearance by the singer of "Fifteen", "22", "Shake It Off", and "You Belong With Me".

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That makes me feel so lucky that I should play a game of Monopoly and start rolling cubes with numbers from one to six!

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Pump Up

Spongebob's feeling a little deflated. What should Patrick do to cheer him up?

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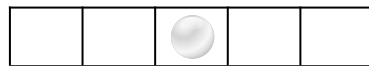
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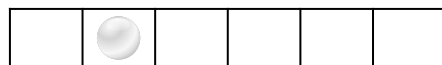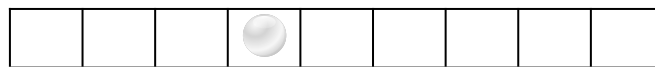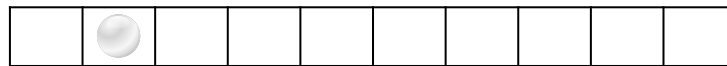5   16

13   1

2   10

12   4

6   9

Feedback

Thanks for doing the puzzle hunt! Please answer this form for your whole team.

How many members does your team have? _____

How much experience do you have with puzzlehunts?

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On a scale of 1 (least) to 6 (most), rate each puzzle's **difficulty** and **funness**.

	diff.	fun		diff.	fun
e.g. Intro	1	6	5: Keeping Afloat	_____	_____
1: Of __	_____	_____	6: Sat. Morn. Showings	_____	_____
2: A Warm Feeling	_____	_____	7: Some Rumors	_____	_____
3: Battleship	_____	_____	8: Tennis Shot	_____	_____
4: Diner's Choice	_____	_____	META: Pump Up	_____	_____

Any comments about our **PUZZLES**?

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Any comments about the **HUNT FORMAT**?

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Any other comments?

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