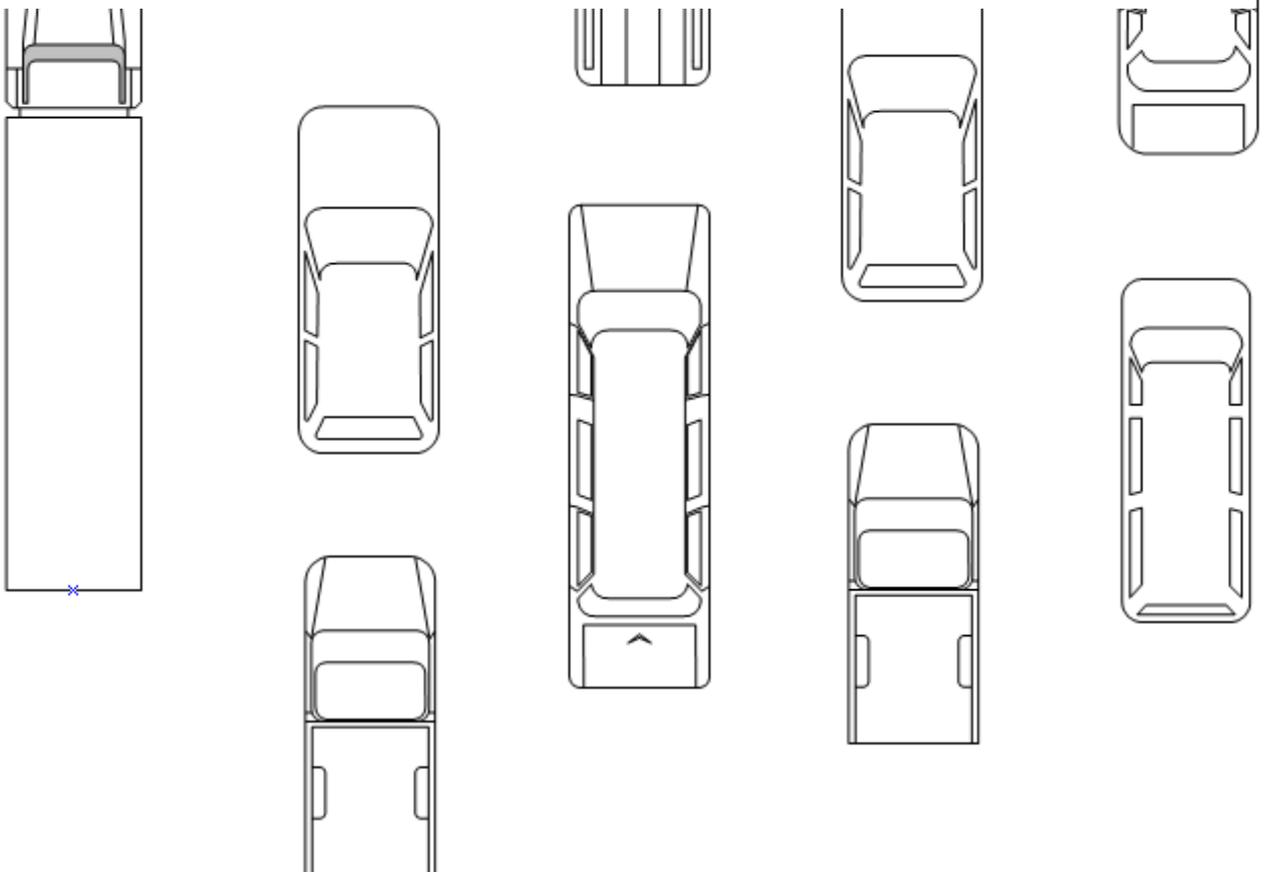


# Damn This Traffic Jam

*A puzzle hunt by members of Palindrome*

This traffic jam has been going on for so long, you even have time to do all these puzzles you brought with you. Maybe by the end you'll figure out how to avoid traffic jams forever.



# Party Cars

There's a bit of confusion as to which group is in which stretch limo—those up front in each car aren't quite sure who's in back. And some partygoers are in danger of being left behind entirely.



<i>Birdwatchers' Society</i>	BOSSUPZ	HCLEBEO	ERHYUD
<i>Union of Vegetable Farmers</i>	SPPRHAU	TTUCTAN	GSNHON
<i>Geography Bee Contestants</i>	EVCLUEI	BRSAINN	RRDOCH
<i>Shakespeare Scholars</i>	SOHMYTA	ZCAAGSO	JEEISL
<i>Condiment Makers of America</i>	MCKUSHE	TRAZRAI	CLTKLH
<i>Art School Graduates</i>	PVCAINE	AENNLIT	AOTMRH
<i>American Kennel Club</i>	SBMAAPS	EASTNOD	RAICBP

# Truck Stop

*It's all about life's little joys when you're a trucker on a long haul—even if the vending machine's array is a bit off-kilter...*



\$3



\$2



\$5



\$10



\$2



\$1



\$5



\$5



\$6



\$4



\$7



\$6

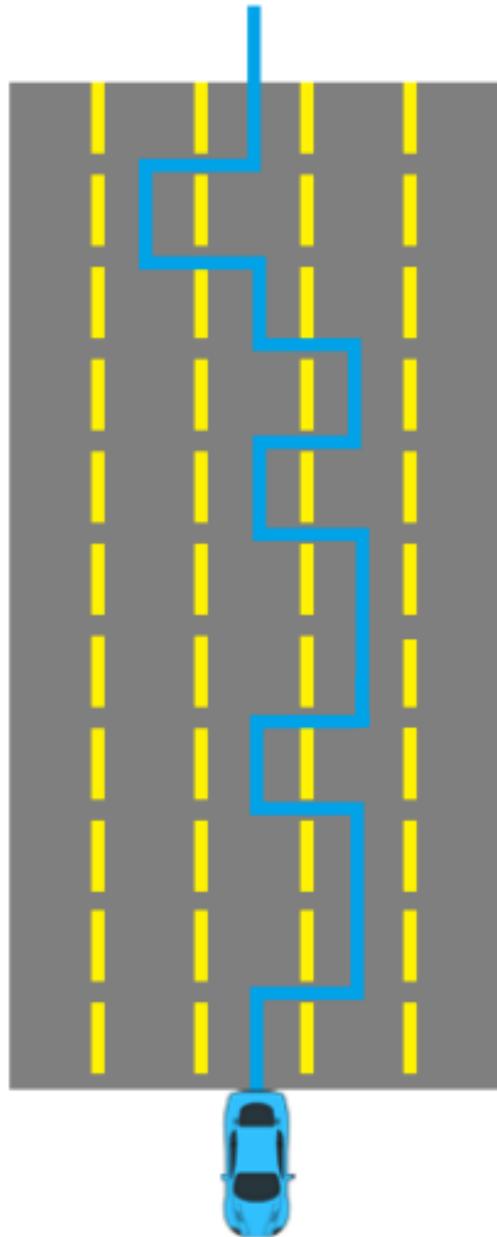


\$6

Ariel had (11)  
 Looking for star (5 6)  
 Boisterously (7)  
 Kate Bush song featuring cliff (9 7)  
 Band (4 4 5)  
 Game show where you could win (7)  
 Member (6)  
 Variety with brown skin (6)  
 Composer (6 5)  
 Spread (6 6)  
 Sheet, for example (5 5)  
 In TV terms (5 4)  
 Musical featuring The Club (7)

# Reckless Driving

*Whoa! This guy is all over the road!*



Askew, with "off-" • Caret's directive • Certain artist, or where that artist might keep some supplies •  
Certain shrimps • Creator of literature • Impede • Love of the Beast • Make wealthy •  
Spanish celebration • User of bleeps • Web site that allows computer programmers to collaborate

# Picking Up Hitchhikers

*There sure are a lot of weird characters out there.*

“In general,” Geri announced (8)

————→ Gift containing \$500 to lead investor (6)

**Pretty good street with a gym (8)**

Flexible moccasins (5,4)

Officer behind schedule chasing criminal (11)

**IVES'S PARTNER ON THE RADIO (7)**

Sillier than frolicking (8,6)

Mischievous one to play a part (6)

**Loudspeaker in front of Hispanic man (8)**

**DAD MAKING A MESS OF SYRUP (7)**

**For each cat or dog's central hind-  
quarters (8)**

You and I follow borders of crosswalk in turn (8)

Client's out of order (7)

**Cold becoming hot in Washington city (6)**

**WIRE PRETTY BADLY (10)**

Finale of show arranged in detail (4,5)

2 5 6 5 5 6 2 4 3 8 3 4 6 1 12 8

# Car Wash

Keep those rags and machines hummin'! Of course, all rags fall apart eventually, into scraps of various sizes, and will need to be recycled somehow.

Contemptible or inferior	8	4	3			
Dad's wife's dad's wife's kid's kid's kid, perhaps	16	6	14	5	2	
Desk item brand	17	12	10	8	11	
He saw his mother hang	2	14	12	13	8	18
Like a Californian's travel to the Mystery Hunt	15	13	18	8	3	
Like Scrooge before the ghosts	7	10	5	16	18	4
Marcher in a 2005 movie	9	10	7	12	16	
Neither here nor there	1	2	14	18	5	
Occasional character in the Popeye cartoon series	17	5	6	15		
Part of R.E.M.	13	12	9			
Pasta variety	8	12	10	7	11	
Portable heat source	13	18	1			
Shoe feature	12	16	13	6		
You don't need to see a list to order it	14	4	5	2	11	

# Suspension

*I keep seeing the same portly gentleman in different places all over the world.*

I've seen him...

... leaving a pet shop with terriers in California.

... crossing a Quebec staircase, right at the top.

... passing a display of paintings in a small Vermont village, near the parked limousine of an old art lover.

... drinking champagne at a party in a Rio mansion.

... in a newspaper ad, stranded in the Atlantic.

... riding a bus with a very handsome man in the Riviera one day.

... from behind, watching an acrobatic troupe in the Morocco marketplace, wearing a suit and putting his hands into his pockets.

... in Sydney, standing with two other men on the steps of a government building.

... just outside of a Phoenix office.

... in a Manhattan apartment, where he was winding a clock.

... bouncing a child on his knee in a hotel in Copenhagen.

... carrying a trumpet across a Frisco street.

... at a flat in London, staring out from a photograph of a reunion dinner.

... trying to board at the railway station in a town called Metcalf, with a double bass fiddle.

... just missing a green city bus in Manhattan, where the doors unceremoniously closed in his face.



# Weaving In And Out Of Traffic

*But those gaps are so inviting!*

A) A small metal element with "Weird" spike symbol	2	4			3	1				
B) In Britain, relating to the TV series with main artery "Street"	6	2	3			1	4	5		
C) Homophone for things... <i>you're</i> unpleasant to look at	4	1			2	3				
D) Recent presidential papers giving candidate Lincoln useful information (2 words)	4	3	1			2	6	5		
E) Gymnastic goddess: feats of knowledge performed upside down	3	4	6			2	1	5		
F) One brand in meme who interferes with Kermit	2	6	4			1	5	3		
G) Marine company known for their mammal catalogue (2 words)	4	3			1	2				
H) Disfiguring film star or mutilating Neeson	4	3			1	2				
I) Inclined to top vomit quality (hyph.)	3	1			4	2				
J) Epic Debbie _____ journeys to Dallas, a faraway place	2	1			4	3				
K) Payments to Mayberry's youngest retired resident workers	2	4			3	1				
L) Teacher's priority of implement for marking importance (2 words)	4	1	5			3	2	6		
M) Polish pianist Arthur's friend Arthur Baxter	6	2	1			3	4	5		
N) Self-evident song statement by Gershwin	5	3	6			2	1	4		
O) Having having a more backbone backbone	4	5	2			1	6	3		

— I8 — L1 — G2 — K3 — B8 — J4 — E1 — D1 — J1 — C6 — K1 — C6 — M8 — L9 — N5 — E4 — O2

— G7 — B2 — F3 — D6 — N8 — A6 — H4 — M4 — I1 — O9 — H6 — A8 — F9

4	1			3	2		
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# Drunk Driving

*It's been quite a vacation! I took a week off to have some fun, and now the cops are being totally unreasonable about me having a few drinks and claiming that my license should be suspended. They have some pictures of things they say I smashed into between drinks. But hey, it's not like I smashed everything!*

## WHAT I DRANK

**Day 1:**

Stella Artois  
Three Wise Men

**Day 2:**

Pinotage  
Staten Island Ferry

**Day 3:**

Spiced Rum  
Vana Tallinn Cream

**Day 4:**

Damn the Weather  
Sparkling wine

**Day 5:**

Peanut Lolita  
Stolichnaya

**Day 6:**

Agent Orange  
Dry Martini

**Day 7:**

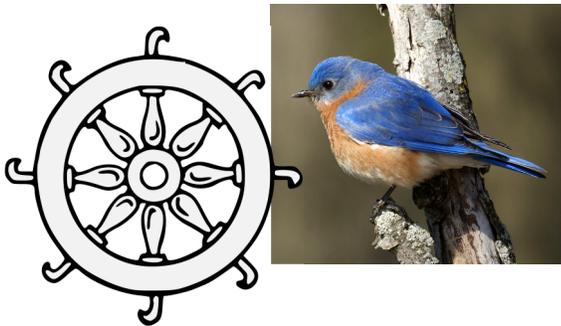
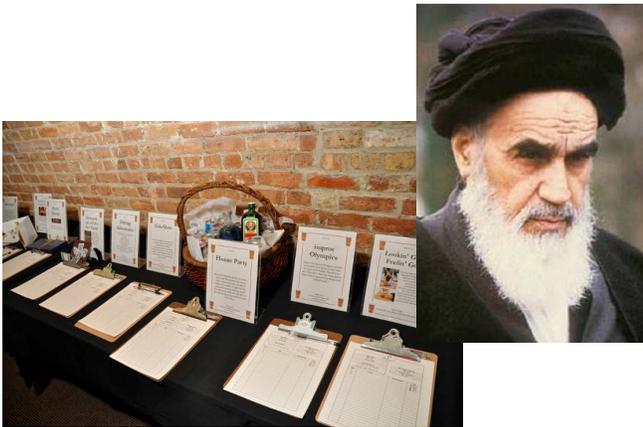
Incredible Hulk  
Wheat Beer

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4 6 5 1 2 6 3 7 1

## WHAT I (ALLEGEDLY!) SMASHED



# Drunk Driving



ENUMERATIONS: (7 7, 7 5) (7 3, 10) (6 7, 9) (8 5, 10) (5 8, 11) (3-6 7, 1 1 1 5) (9 5, 8)

# Model Ts

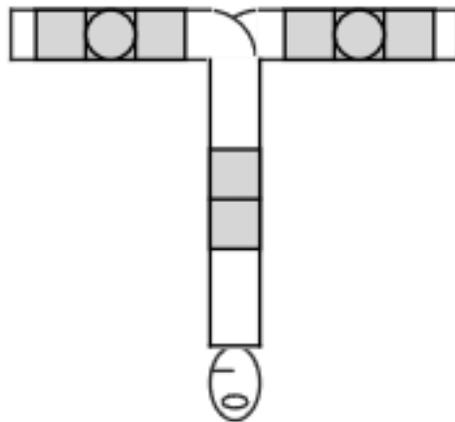
*Just when the models were all upside-down in their tops and (slightly mismatched) socks, and the camera was ready to go, the advertising people at Ford called and said our whole photo concept was “no longer under consideration.” Your answer is an entry in Merriam-Webster’s 11th Collegiate Dictionary.*

## Alphabetized wardrobe (top, near sock, far sock):

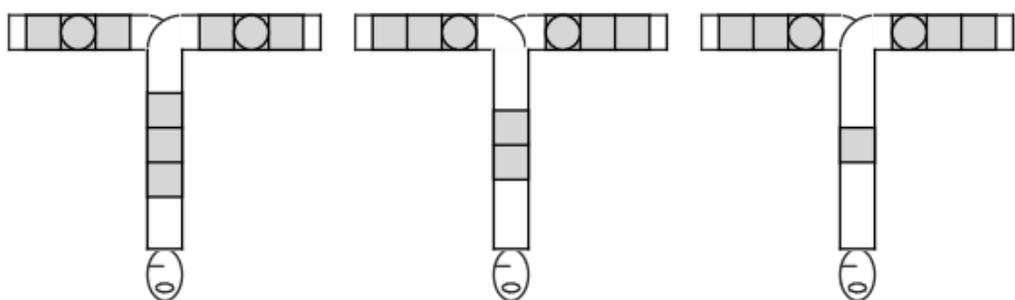
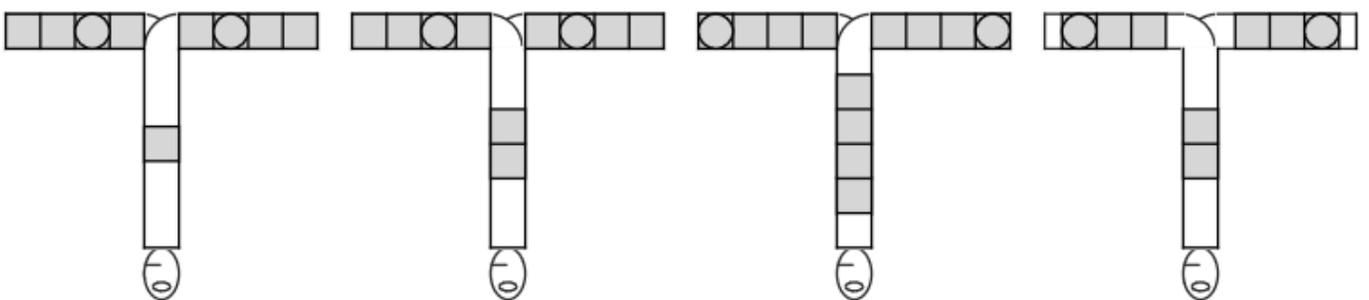
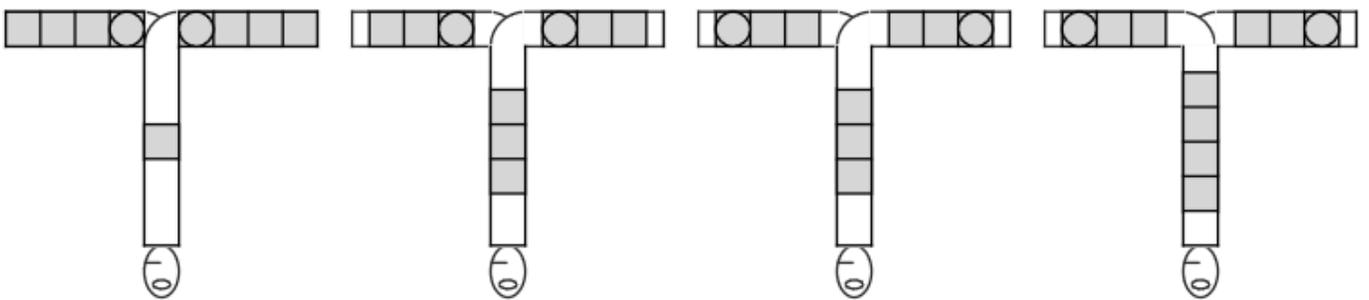
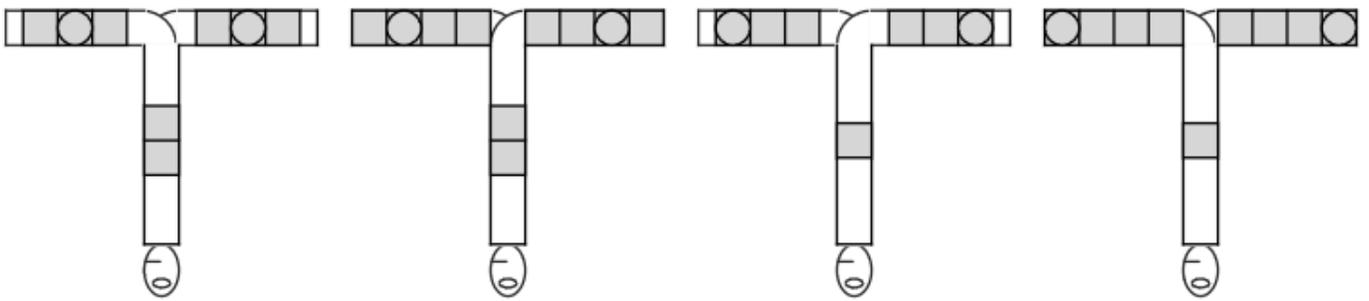
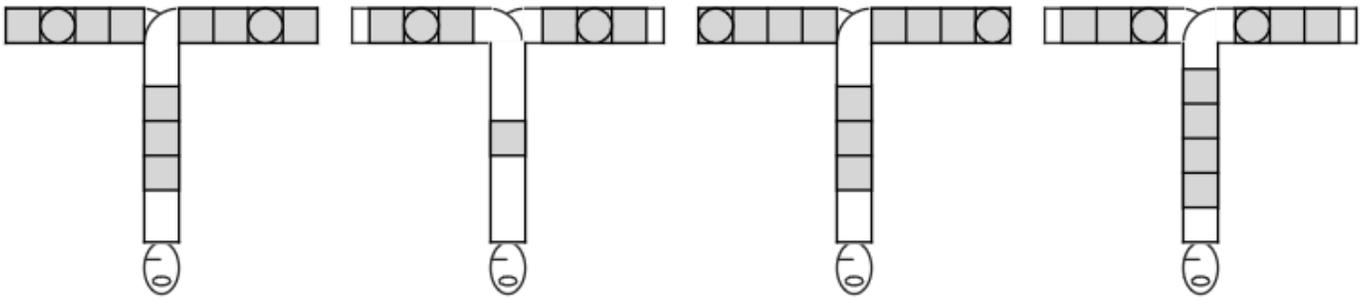
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|--|--|
| 1997 animated film about a Russian (9)                               | Sincere enthusiasm (11)                        |
| Like a negatively charged particle (7)                               | One irrationally devoted to some object (9)    |
| Creative types, pretentiously (8)                                    | Predicts (8)                                   |
| Of a legendary sunken continent (9)                                  | Lack of guile or culpability (9)               |
| Maror on the Seder plate (6 4)                                       | Diminishes (7)                                 |
| Gene-containing bodies (11)  | Suburb that Hialeah is west-southwest of (5 5) |
| Find at one’s house (4 4 2)  | TSA expedited-screening program (8)            |
| Joins end to end, as data from different cells in a spreadsheet (12) | Somewhat funny (9)                             |
| Followers of Jerry Garcia et al. (9)                                 | Snitch (10)                                    |
| Like the pronouns “this” and “that” (7)                              |  |

## West sock ornaments:

## East sock ornaments:

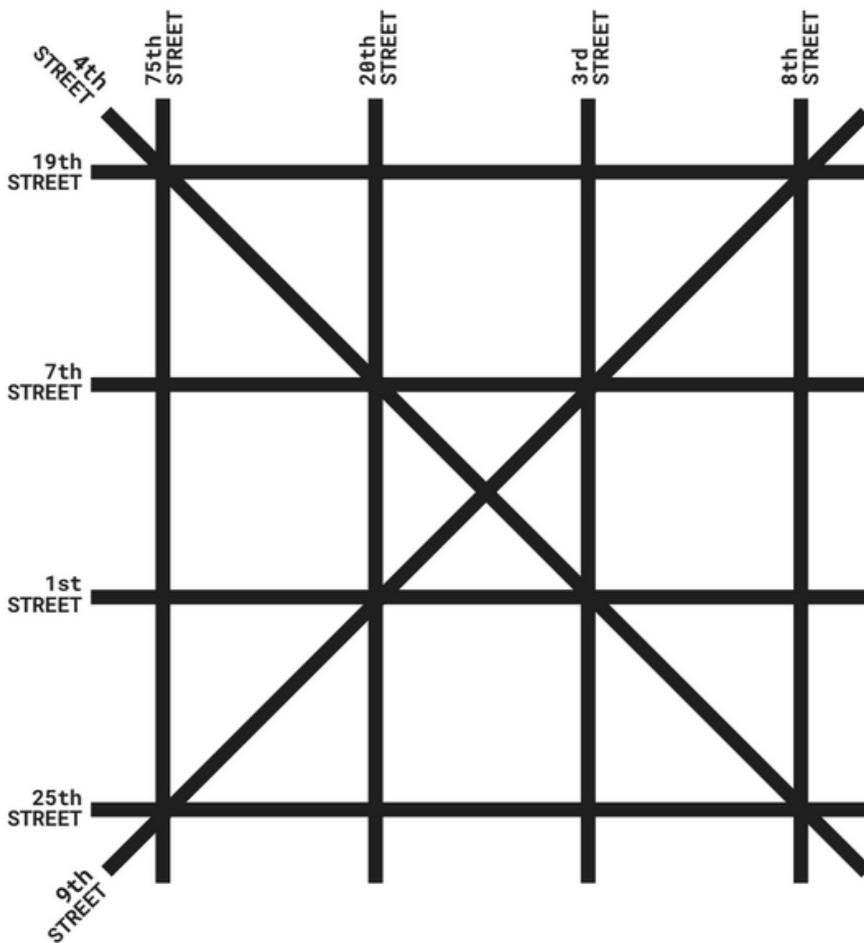


# Model Ts



# City Grid

*It seems to me that navigating around the city used to be easier.*



One more (7)

Troops (4)

Saloons (4)

Chomps (5)

Collapse (9)

100 years (7)

Fine particles (4)

Vixen (3)

On drugs (4)

Woman (4)

Tardy (4)

Affection (4)

Mr. Davis (5)

Hour parts (7)

Country (6)

High-strung (7)

Elixir (6)

Periods (5)

Carry-out (2,2)

Up to (5)

1

Travel length of Turnip St.

Turn on Avalanche St.

Turn on Bing St.

Left on Ice St.

2

Go 2 blocks on Zebra St.

Turn on Perry St.

Turn on Gravel St.

Turn on Celery St.

Turn and go 2 blocks on Drama St.

3

Go 2 blocks on Candy Cane St.

Turn on French St.

Turn on Prom St.

Turn on Eagle St.

Turn and go 2 blocks on Fin St.

4

Travel all of Dancing St.

Turn on Cardinal St.

Turn on Bar Code St.

Turn on Back St.

Turn left on Single St.

5

Travel all of Fire St.

Turn right on Pebbles St.

6

Take Heavy St.

Left on Yahoo St.

7

Travel all of Ellery St.

Turn on Crow St.

Turn on Scree St.

Turn on Kohlrabi St.

Turn on Benjamins St.

# Dashboard

*These modern dashboards really are a bit much.*

In each of the seven logic puzzles below and on the next page, you will assign icons to the dashboard according to specific rules. There are three types of rules:

 2R “The column with the 2 is between (but not necessarily adjacent to) the column with the car and the column with the R. The car and the R might be switched; the important thing is that the 2 is between them.”

575 “The column with the 7 is adjacent to the column with the 5, on one side or the other.”

 ...G “The column with the square is to the left (but not necessarily adjacent to) the column with the G.”

All of the possible locations of the various symbols are provided for you. Cross these out as you eliminate them as possibilities, and circle a symbol when you are sure of its location. On a completed dashboard, each symbol will be used exactly once.

T R U N K	T R U N K			
  	  	  	  	  
 	 	 	 	 
2 3 4 5 7	2 3 4 5 7			
  	  	  	  	  
 	 	 	 	 

3  2

  7

 ...7

575

  4

K4U

N...7

 4K

 2R

7...4

  K

5  K

 ...4

B R A K E				
2 3 4 5 7				

     R57      E3      B  
 B      A2      4      3...B  
2      4      2 K

G E A R S				
1 3 4 6 7				

     4G           ...G  
 E      6R      E1      3...S  
1 S           G...6      6...A

D R I V E				
1 2 4 6 7				

2... 6   
 2   
 2 1...

S H I F T				
1 2 3 4 5				

T I R E S				
1 2 4 6 7				

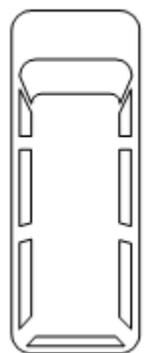
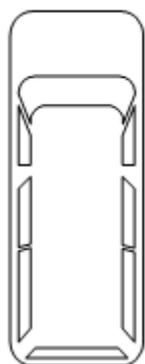
	241	R	I
	67	E1	...7
	I	R ...I	
T	6SE	...T	

C R A N K				
1 2 4 6 7				

N	R67	K2	C
C	A1	4	2...C
1	4	1 N	

# Tailgating

*Tailgating always messes up the traffic patterns.*



**SUBARU**

**JAGUAR**

**YAMAHA**

**FERRARI**

**CHEVROLET**

**TOYOTA**

**VOLKSWAGEN**

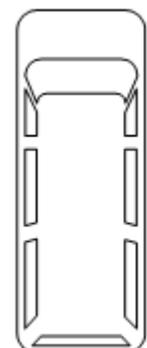
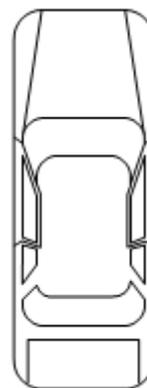
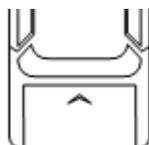
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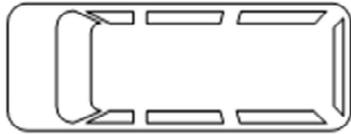
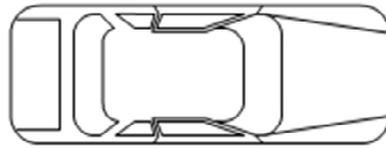
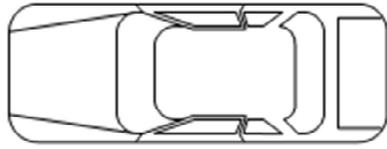
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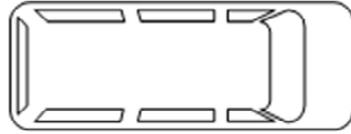
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**HUMMER**

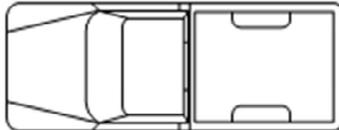




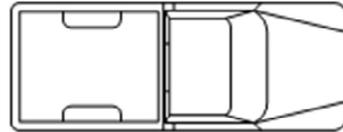
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