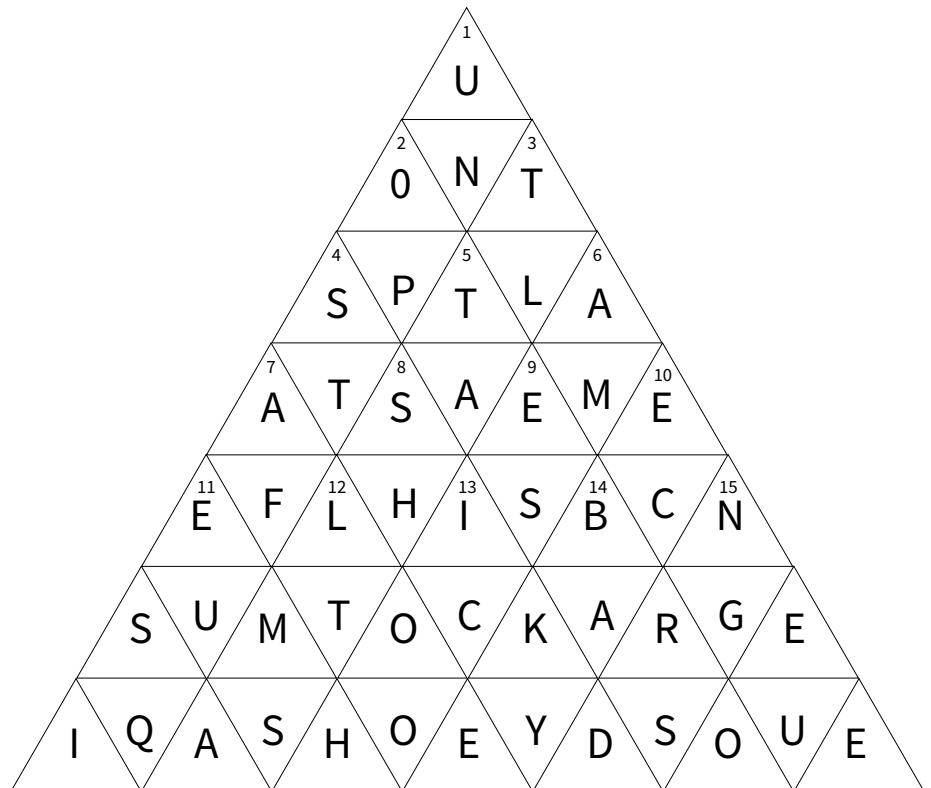




## Solution to Previous Issue's Puzzle—Love Triangles

1. POSTULANT—Scramble “outplans” + T
2. APOSTATES—APO (“center of crapola”) + STATES (“situations”)
3. STALEMATE—Letter bank of “Metals”
4. FLASHIEST—Anagram of “faithless”
5. ESTABLISH—EILISH—I around STAB (“Foolhardy attempt”)
6. AMBIENCES—AM (“The first person to be”) + BIEN (“pleasant in Paris”) + CES (reversal of SEC, which is “dry in French”)
7. FLAMEOUTS—Anagram of “at fulsome”
8. LOCKSMITH—Anagram of “shock, Milt”
9. ROCKABIES—RABIES (“Hydrophobia”) around OCK (“marvelous doctor”)
10. GREENBACK—GREEK (Euclid or Pythagoras) around NBAC (first letters of “nonagon bisectors and congruence”)
11. SQUEAMISH—SQUE (“grotesque faction”) + AMISH (“some Anabaptists”)
12. LOATHSOME—Anagram of “hate looms”
13. DOOHICKEY—DICKEY (“tuxedo accessory”) around OOH (“expression of amazement”)
14. KEYBOARDS—Anagram of “Boy, Drake’s”
15. UNDERGOES—UNDOES (“Releases”) around ERG (“work unit”)

**And the six-letter characteristic is:**  
UNIQUE



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