

## Web Designs

**THE OUTER BLUE HEXAGON RING** holds five six-letter words starting at small triangles 1 through 5. The middle yellow hexagon ring holds three six-letter words starting at 6, 7, and 8. The inner green hexagon holds one six-letter word starting at 9. All the six-letter words read clockwise, with no scrambling. The sides of the large hexagon also form the bases of six equilateral triangles. Nine-letter words can be made from the entries in the small triangles of each large triangle. These nine letters are not ordered and must be rearranged.

For **Excruciating Level** solvers, the clues are presented below and you must determine which lead to nine-letter words and which lead to six-letter words.

For **Extremely Difficult Level** solvers, the hints in the blue box below identify the nine-letter words.

For **Very Hard Level** solvers, the hints in the yellow box below identify which hexagon ring the six-letter answers are entered into.

For **Still Pretty Darn Hard Level** solvers, the hints in the green box below reveal the starting position of each six-letter answer.

When you send me your solution, tell me at which level you should be listed.

All 26 letters in the alphabet are used. There are no proper nouns or foreign words. Everything is playable in Scrabble. There are two unusual words, one at clue e and one at clue o. Ignore punctuation, which is designed to confuse.

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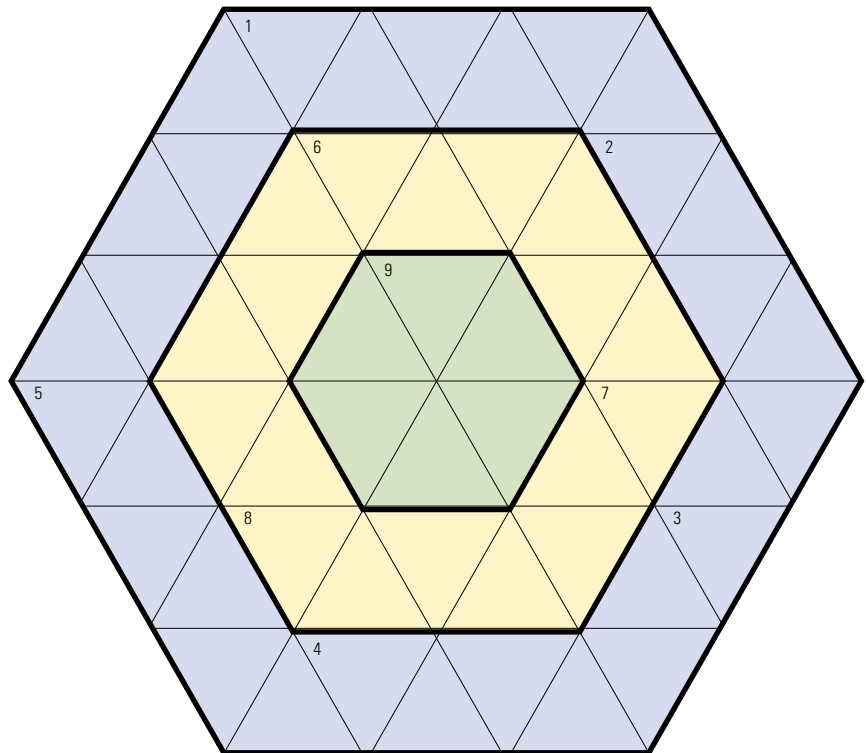
### Clues

- Roaring at a sibling's prejudices
- Zap biting bugs at christening
- Imaginatively risqué country gent
- Skier's smash-mouth

- Discounting the odds? If we are, I'd try savagery
- Wrapped companion edition
- Creating havoc by trying different dishes after the opening
- Observed scattered dewiness around Thursday

- Problems appearing as general manager rages
- Computer controls Mark's thrills initially
- Tuned up car for a funeral procession—with red exterior?
- One of the little women she had teased
- Expect Gaga to object
- Conditioned to relieve FX spread
- Variety, especially, and lightness, to some extent, can be an uplifting process

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**Still Pretty Darn Hard Level**

- Outer ring—Clue c's answer starts in triangle 1, Clue e's in 2, Clue f's in 3, Clue g's in 4, and Clue h's in 5
- Middle ring—Clue o's answer starts in triangle 6, Clue d's in 7, and Clue a's in 8
- Inner ring—Clue m's answer starts in triangle 9

**Very Hard Level**

The six-letter answers are placed in the rings as follows:

- Outer rings—c, e, f, g, and h
- Middle ring—a, d, and o
- Inner ring—m

**Hints**

The nine-letter words are at b, h, i, j, k, and n.

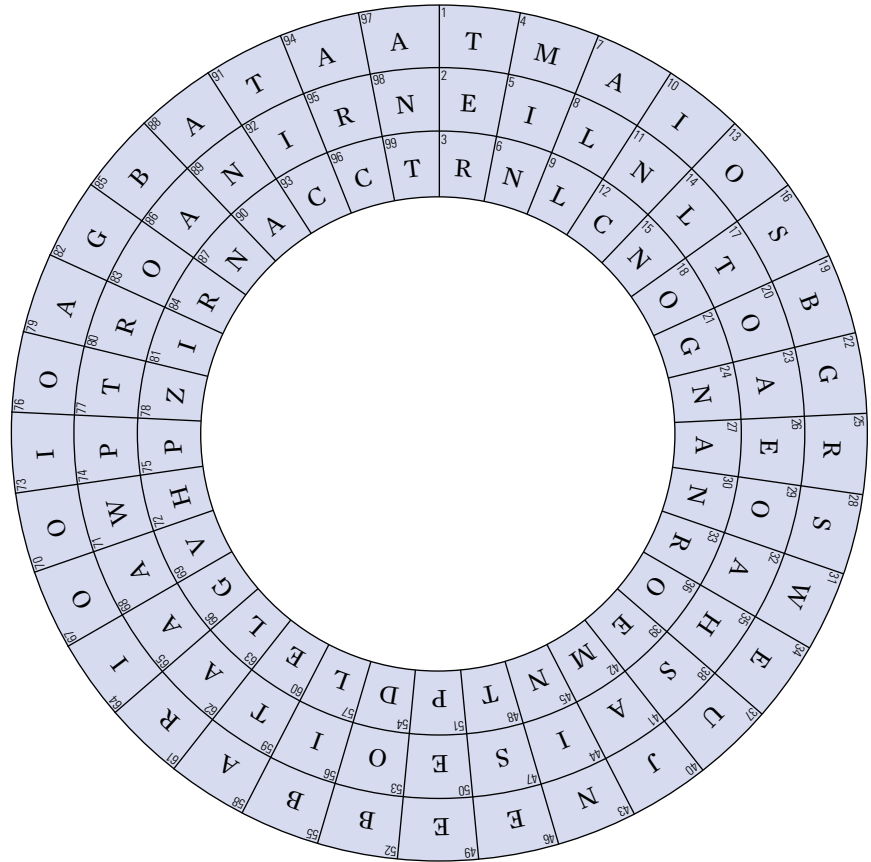
# Previous Issue's Puzzle—Three-Wheeler

## Clockwise Clues

1. TERMINAL—anagram of “tramline”
2. LINCOLNS—L (“left”) + COL (“Colonel”) inside INNS (“hotels”)
3. TOBOGGAN—anagram of “Go to bang”
4. REASON—anagram of “Señora”
5. WAREHOUSE—WARE (homophone of “where”) + HO (“a prostitute”) + USE (“to do drugs”)
6. JAM—reversal of MAJ. (“diminished Ionian mode”)
7. NINE—homophone of NEIN (“Germans? No” = Germans’ no)
8. STEEP—double definition
9. BOD—BO + D (“Diddley’s first”)
10. BILATERAL—BILL surrounding A + T (“one-time”) + ERA (“term”)
11. IAGO—I (“Italy”) + AGO (“in the past”) & literally
12. AVOW—Hidden in “AVocation’s workflow”
13. HIPPO—double definition
14. TZAR—ZA (“pizza”) inside TR (“right, but the wrong way”)
15. IGOR—(R)IGOR (“Strictness, after a fashion”)
16. BANANA—BAN (“Forbid”) + AN + A (“apple at the start”)
17. TIC—homophone of TICK (“the sound of a time bomb”)
18. ARC—anagram of “car”
19. ANT—anagram of “tan”

## Counterclockwise clues

20. ANTARCTICA—anagram of “cataract in”
21. NAB—NAB(OK + OV) (“all right, and everything else gets censored”)
22. ANGORA—anagram of “or a nag”
23. RIOT—anagram of “Trio”
24. ZIPPO—double definition
25. WHOA—WHO (“which person, not any particular”) + A (“one”)
26. VIAGRA—VI (“six”) + AGRA (“City of Taj”)
27. LATE—LAT(T)E (“Starbucks order missing one teaspoon”)



28. BILBO—BIO around LB (“Pound”)
29. DEEPEST—reversal of PEED (“Urinated”) + EST (“time for New Yorkers”)
30. NINJA—N (“born”) + IN + JA(PAN) (“Japan without censure”)
31. MUSEE—MU (“Mean”) + SEE (“to visit”)
32. HOW—anagram of “Who”
33. ARSON—anagram of “sonar”
34. REAGAN - anagram of “Age ran”
35. BOG—reversal of GOB (“Sailor”)
36. STOOOL—anagram of “Tools”
37. NIN—IN rotated (“In more ways than one”) and Anais Nin
38. CALL—C (“the third of December”) + ALL (“everyone”)
39. MINTER—anagram of “term in”

## Solvers using no hints:

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In order to make the solver list, your solutions must be received by Sept. 30, 2015.