



Podcast Puzzlemania

Put your podcast knowledge to the test with these mind-bending puzzles by Eric Berlin.

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The Editing Room

The podcast titles below need a little editing. Cut one letter from each word, and respace what remains to get the name of a podcast.

PITY CHEF PORK RED VIA EWE

NEVER YET HINGE VISA LIVER

ARM TICKLE SOW FAINTER BEST

ONE WHY CORK TERRA DIM OCHO FUR

WHET FRESH FOUL DWEEB EGO PIN

LAWS TYPO DOC WAS TONTO HELEN FAT

CONGA KNOB RIB PENNE BED SAFE RILE NOD

USE THIS BOX TO WORK IN



What’s Your Podcast About?

Across

- 1. Google’s one-time instant messaging app, casually
- 6. Datebook abbr.
- 10. Residents of Mount Olympus, in myth
- 14. Gate fastener
- 15. Chip’s partner in cartoons
- 16. “___ Code” (WNYC’s podcast about opera)
- 17. A podcast that looks at how recent news stories were reported, NOT a podcast about literally sitting atop a pile of reporters
- 19. Participate in a classic children’s game, say
- 20. On two legs
- 21. Gift when you contribute to the organization that produces “Planet Money” and “Fresh Air”
- 23. Lady of Spain
- 24. What many podcasters do when they get famous enough
- 25. Actor Lowe, host of “Literally!”
- 28. A podcast about how we see our bodies, NOT a podcast about giving a piece of gym equipment to a Stephen King monster
- 33. ___ Barak (former Israeli prime minister)
- 35. Initials in 1950s politics
- 36. On one’s back
- 37. In ___ (amazed by)
- 39. Sinuous swimmer
- 41. Kind of panel (one that doesn’t discuss topics on a podcast)
- 42. Prefix meaning “against”
- 44. “N.Y. State of Mind” rapper
- 46. Family rooms
- 47. A podcast about various stories on Reddit, NOT a podcast about stealing things in pairs
- 50. The first of December?
- 51. ___’acte (intermission)
- 52. Fraternal group
- 54. Unscheduled wintertime break
- 57. Signals to an inattentive driver, “Hey, the light’s green”
- 61. Kind of list
- 62. A podcast about conversations concerning race and society, NOT a podcast about how to translate Morse into Braille
- 64. Assert
- 65. Tinged with color
- 66. Calendario start
- 67. Small chore
- 68. Greek H’s
- 69. Discourage

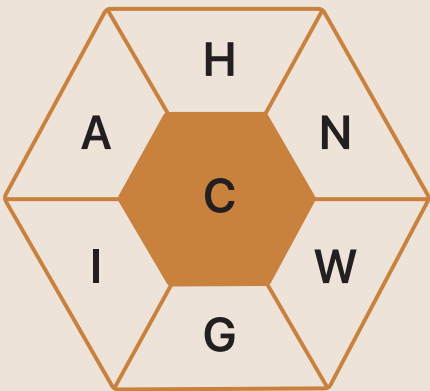
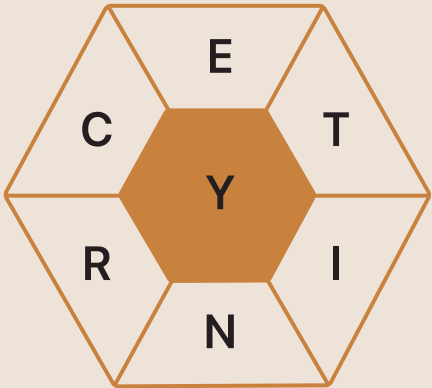
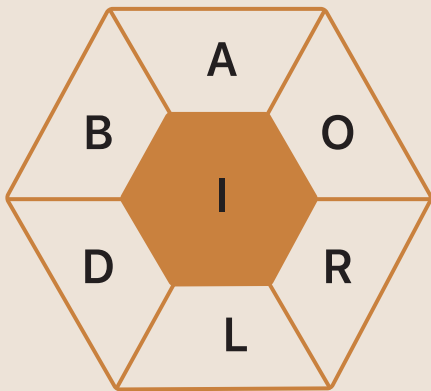


Down

- 1. Shapeless mass
- 2. Request for permission
- 3. URL starter
- 4. Felt it, after rigorous exercise
- 5. Topic on the “Morning Brew” business podcast, perhaps
- 6. The capital of South Australia
- 7. One of several on a hockey player
- 8. Statue base
- 9. Chamomile brewers
- 10. A podcast about food culture and science, NOT a podcast about slugs and snails
- 11. Creme-filled snack
- 12. Topic on the podcast “Fundamental Health”
- 13. “For goodness’ ___!”
- 18. Like lions
- 22. Singer/songwriter Wainwright
- 25. Respond to a stimulus
- 26. “Holy moley!”
- 27. “El ____, la Mala y el Feo” (Spanish language podcast)
- 29. Actress Davis
- 30. Ticked off
- 31. Ludicrous
- 32. Abrupt in tone
- 34. A podcast about dating and relationships, NOT a podcast about getting through all of the day’s chores
- 38. Palm leaf
- 40. Bottoms of some bodies of water
- 43. ___ case
- 45. Three-time French Open winner
- 48. Audition
- 49. Delivered with a certain bias
- 53. Courage, metaphorically
- 54. Number of downloads for a podcast episode, for example
- 55. “___ Now” (one-time PBS science podcast)
- 56. Dedicated poems
- 58. Proofreader’s “undo” mark
- 59. Farm unit
- 60. Topic on the podcast “Marvel Cinematic Universe”
- 63. Narc’s org.

Trapezoidal Tangle

Create words of four or more letters from the letters in each trapezoid. Words must include the center letter, and letters can be used more than once. Each puzzle contains at least one pangram that uses all seven letters... and also the name of a notable podcast. How many words can you find in each puzzle?



Dropquotes

For each puzzle, drop the letters from the columns down into the grid to spell a quote from a notable podcast host reading across the rows. Words are separated by black squares, and words might wrap from one row into the next, as with the word GET, which has been placed for you as an example.

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MARC MARON

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KARA SWISHER

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So You’re a Podcast Expert, Huh?

Then you should be able to find the 23 podcast titles we’ve hidden in this grid even if we remove all the vowels from the word list, and close up the spaces in multi-word titles. Answers can be found reading in a straight line in any direction—up, down, left, right, or diagonally. After you’ve found all the titles, read the unused letters to spell out a bonus message.

BRKNRCRD

CRMNL

DCDRNG

DRPTS

DSGRCLND

FFLN

FRSHR

HDDNBRN

LNGFRM

NRMLGSSP

NXPLNBL

H S D W O U M R O F G N O L
S H E I L T A L K H O U S E
I I D R S S E L T R A M S A
L D S H I G O W M T H T A T
G D R C L A R A O S E U D T
N E E O L T L A Y U E C R X
E N F C P G S A C N M E O T
N B R I O O N A E E P H C N
I R E S P D U D C X L T E E
A A S T N H E T E P E A R M
L I H S O O N R S L O C N G
P N A I D S I A R A L P E D
H I I E E A L R A I R C K U
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PLNNGLSH

PPCST

RMCHRXPT

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SRL

SWTCHDNPP

THCT

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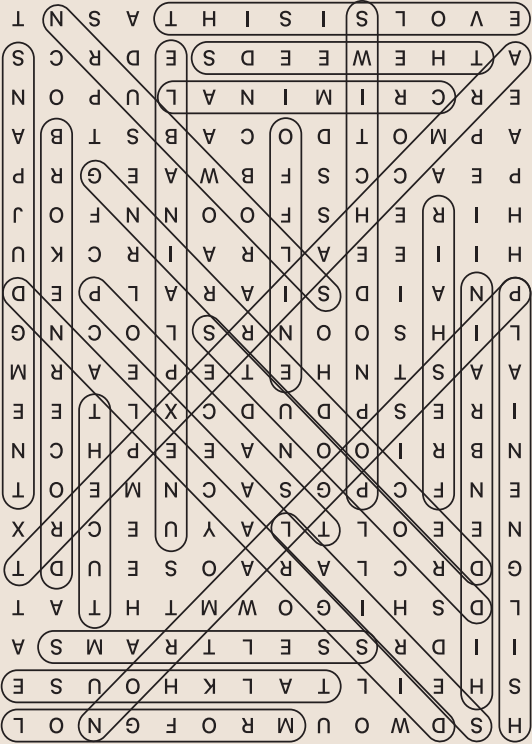
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Answer Key



World Search Bonus Message

"Would a show that closely examined the social hierarchies of peas be a pod caste podcast?"

Trapezoidal Tangle

PUZZLE 1

RADIALAB ABOIL AIOLI AIRBALL ALIBI ARBORIO
ARIA ARID ARIL BAIL BAILOR BARRIO BILABIAL BILL
BILLBOARD
BILLIARD BIRADIAL BIRD BOIL BRAID BRIAR BRIDAL
BRIO BROIL DIAL DILDO DILL DRIB DRILL DROID IDOL
LABIA
LABIAL LAID LAIR LIAR LIBIDO LIRA OLIO RABBI RABID
RADIAL RADII RADIO RAID RAIL RAILBIRD RAILROAD
RIAL RIBALD RILL ROLL

PUZZLE 3

NICE TRY CENTRICITY CITY CYNIC ECCENTRICITY
EERY ENTIRETY ENTITY ENTRY ETERNITY EVER EYRE
EYRIE EYRIR
EVERY INTERCITY ITTY NETTY NICETY NINETY NINNY
NITERY RECCY REGENCY REENTRY RENITENCY
RETICENCY RETRY
RETTYRY RICEY TEENY TERRY TINNY TINY TREY
TRINITY TRYER TYER TYRE YENTE YETI

PUZZLE 2

CHINWAG ACACIA ACAI ACHING ACING CACHING
CAGING CANCAN CANING CANNA CANNING CAWING
CHAI CHAIN
CHINING CHANGING CHANGING CHAW CHAWING
CHIA CHIC CHICA CHICH CHINA CHINNING
CHIN - WAGGING CINCH CINCHING ICING INCH
INCHING NIACIN WHICH WINCH WINCING

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Dropnotes
Ira Glass: I think stories get better the more people try to amuse themselves.
Marc Maron: It's easy to maintain your integrity when no one is offering to buy it out.
Kara Swisher: I love all my scoop children, but consistency and persistence is really my aim.