

# Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 14

Gentle patron,

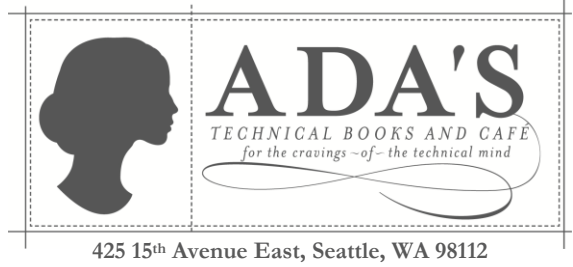
The seasons turn, and once again it is upon us: the time of rains, the time of *torrents*, bringing swollen streams and rising rivers. And such wondrous exotic *names* our rivers have! Snohomish, Sammamish, and Skykomish, they strike my ears like the names of ancient river *gods*, now awakening from their summer slumbers.

It is in reverence of our waterways that I have created this ænigma.

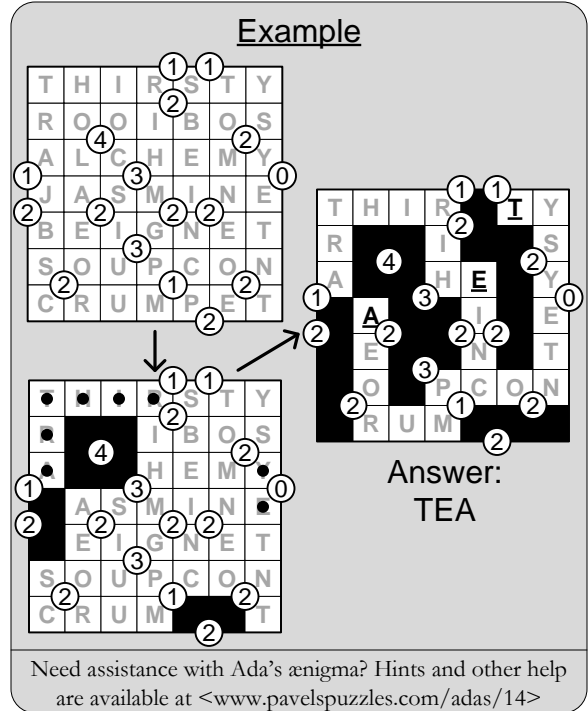
I ask that you blacken *some* of the squares in the grid below, to represent the *banks* of our rivers. Anywhere that a grid intersection is labeled with a number, that tells you *exactly* how many of the four adjacent squares must be blackened. All of the squares that you leave *undarkened* (that is, the actual *rivers* of our landscape) must remain connected to one another, horizontally and/or vertically.

Once you've completed filling in the grid, you can move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. Please find all of the *unlabeled* grid intersections that are adjacent to exactly *three* blackened squares. At each such intersection, clearly mark the letter in the fourth, undarkened square. Reading those letters in order, top-to-bottom, left-to-right, will reveal a clue to your final answer.

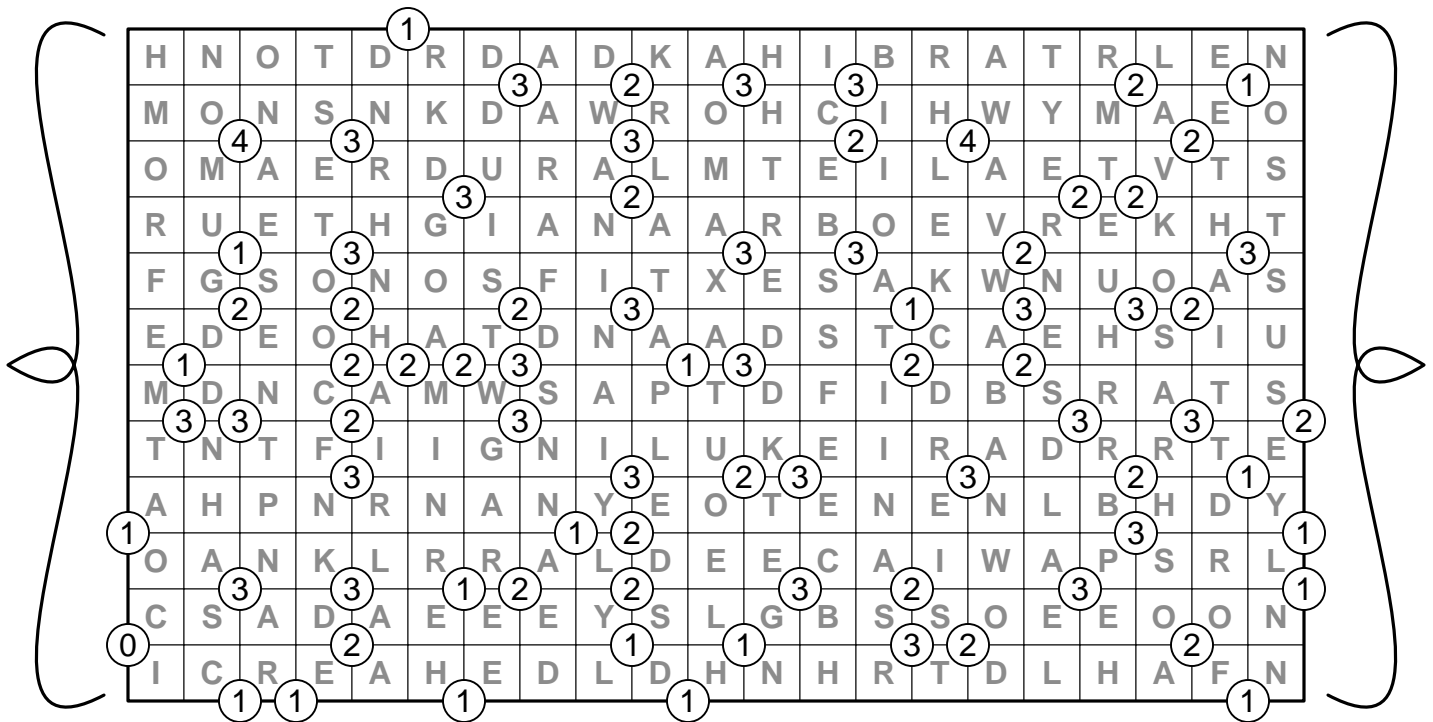
Good luck!

**Example**



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