

# Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 26

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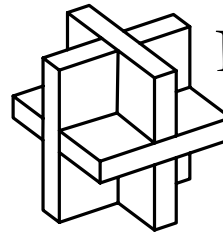
The seasons have turned as they will, and we are once again thrust, happily or no, into that fraught period of *holidays*. I say 'fraught' in describing this time of year out of a sense of impending *dread*, for along with holidays, inseparable it seems, comes the social ritual of giving *gifts*. So many friends and family, each expecting that one has made the *perfect* selection of an individualised, personally meaningful keepsake.

To escape, at least for a while longer, this stressful annual necessity, I have constructed the present ænigma.

Your task this time is simple: I ask you merely to draw boundaries along the grid lines below, partitioning the entire space into a multiplicity of square or rectangular *regions*, representing the boxes into which the holiday gifts will perforce be placed. Each such region must contain *exactly* one number, representing the gift itself, and that number must equal the total *area* of that region, as measured in grid squares.

Once you've completed your grid, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. Within each region, identify the grid square or squares that lie *closest* to the center of the region. Advance any letters in those squares *forward* in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary) by the number in that region. Reading the resulting letters, left to right, top to bottom, will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

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**Example**

M	C	M	Q	C	6	A
L	D	N	I	8	F	M
5	4	O	S	L	W	V
V	N	M	3	L	O	E
G	W	F	K	I	9	4
O	P	6	Z	Z	J	Y
A	4	Y	I	Y	R	H

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G	W	F	K	I	9	4
O	P	6	Z	Z	J	Y
A	4	Y	I	Y	R	H

**Answer:**  
WINTER  
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W	Z	P	8	U	W	N	S	D	W	V	A	J	4	Y	2	U	R	S	H	C
A	4	O	X	A	W	4	N	P	4	J	A	J	N	6	B	X	Q	H	10	E
X	L	5	A	W	Z	B	U	C	H	4	J	4	N	B	G	H	S	Z	C	M
8	W	M	P	4	P	Y	6	U	A	N	2	O	L	G	O	F	12	T	M	F
J	G	Z	4	E	G	M	M	Z	8	U	J	S	G	H	J	L	Z	8	W	Z
M	F	2	M	X	M	6	L	W	J	U	D	A	4	E	L	N	C	I	6	Y
Y	5	I	N	O	B	V	7	K	L	X	Q	P	Z	2	H	U	C	6	L	H
C	X	6	L	U	Y	N	G	J	K	J	10	U	L	I	N	C	6	L	S	K
Z	W	N	10	S	I	I	M	D	2	U	R	C	6	L	K	9	Y	N	L	4
T	Y	K	Y	R	O	G	R	4	R	2	C	I	N	Z	F	F	G	6	U	P
J	9	R	J	Y	I	5	N	D	Y	A	8	M	O	4	J	E	K	K	2	W
E	K	R	Q	T	6	C	2	W	C	K	K	A	W	C	H	U	6	Y	F	A

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