

# PUZZLEBOMB

# SOLUTIONS

PHRASETRACER:  
conceived by @stecks,  
set by @apaultaylor.

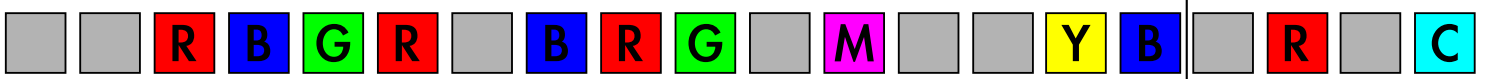
## PHRASETRACER

	H	A	Y	D	O	
			P	Y	N	C
→	H	A	P		E	D
					W	W
			A	E	Y	E
			R			R

Seasonal greeting relating to calendar  
reset = HAPPY NEW YEAR

	M	J	H	I	J	
	Y	T	H	I	R	B
	T	N			T	B
		E			E	J
→	T	W			E	V
					N	N

First year with no repeated digits  
since 1987 = TWENTY THIRTEEN



## SEQUENCE

SEQUENCE: Possessing factors of 3, 4, or 5 adds in the base colour  
by @stecks. with that many letters in its name (RED, BLUE, GREEN).

## APIS CLUES

They are namesakes of the Famous Five: Julian Glover, Dick Whittington, Anne Diamond, George Bush and Timmy Mallett.

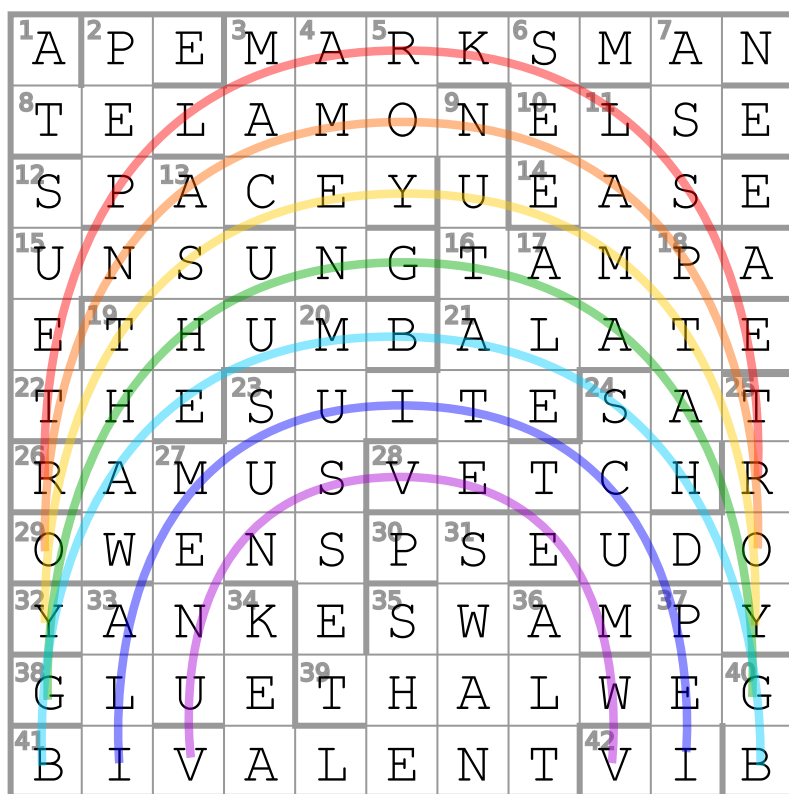
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1. Ultimate brag enthusiast: one who covers hands? - GLOVER
2. Twit in thong confused for Lord Mayor of London - WHITTINGTON
3. Jewel in crown has a third cut away, around the start of the working week - DIAMOND
4. Hedge bets at first, then press on pennilessy - BUSH
5. American shopping centre alien to first TV presenter - MALLETT

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## BRAIN OW



Down

- 1 HAT with top knocked off = AT
- 2 PREP without R = right
- 3 CAME back = EMAC, remove one letter
- 4 Anagram of NAME
- 5 Even letters in gRoOvY
- 6 Third letter = C, sounds like SEE
- 7 Tramp in US = BUM, in UK means backside, in US
- 9 Brazil = NUT, consumed = ATE
- 11 LLAMA is an animal, remove the head
- 12 isSUE Two
- 13 A + 35dn = SHE
- 17 ALE, which becomes PALE when P is added
- 18 School board = PTA, Head's first = H
- 19 THOR when spoken aloud
- 20 SUM back to back with SET
- 23 monsterS UNder
- 24 Take the heads of State Can't Understand Maths
- 25 T + 5dn = ROY
- 27 Anagram of NUMEROUS without SOUR
- 31 Anagram of SWAN
- 33 Anagram of LIAR minus R
- 34 I leaving IKEA
- 35 Confused noises = EHS, reversed
- 36 Regularly spaced letters in bAlLeT
- 37 2.72 = E, contained in 3.14 = PI
- 40 BAG without its contents, reversed

Across

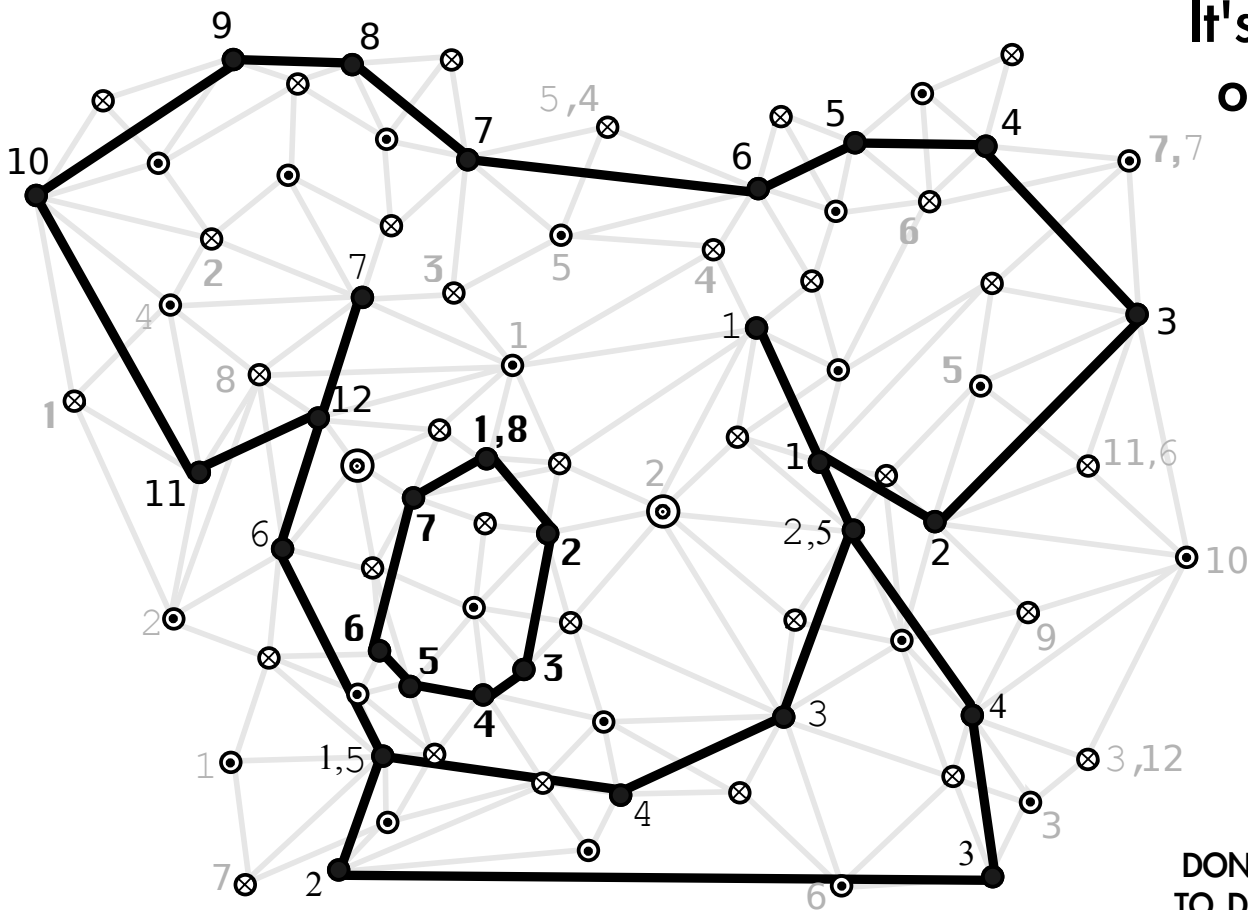
- 2 Centre of oPEn
- 3 Literally, MARK'S MAN
- 8 Anagram of MEAL NOT
- 10 chELSEa
- 12 Room = SPACE + Y
- 14 Sounds like 'Es'
- 15 GNUS reversed towards UN
- 16 sTAMP Again
- 19 HUM in TB
- 21 ET AL backwards to A
- 22 noT HEre
- 23 Sounds like SWEET
- 24 Endless task = TAS, reversed
- 26 RAM + US ('ewes')
- 28 Obtain = FETCH, V replacing F
- 29 EW will OWE NS something!
- 30 Anagram of DUPES + O
- 32 Anagram of KANY
- 35 SWAY holds MP
- 38 Anagram of LUGE
- 39 Anagram of LEG WHAT
- 41 AMBIVALENT without AM
- 42 VI = Roman numerals for 6

On completing the grid, solvers can find the letters ROYGBIV occur only three times each, in three sets running down the grid. Joining the three Rs using a red curved line, Os using orange and so on, will produce the image of a beautiful RAINBOW, which is an anagram of BRAIN OW.

BRAIN OW: by @stecks and @apaultaylor.

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## DON'T TELL ME HOW TO DO IT



It's a picture of a koala!

DON'T TELL ME HOW TO DO IT: by @stecks

## APIS CLUES

The answers are BORE, CRYPT, RAID, KNEE, and ZEN: add -on, and they're homophones of chemical elements.

APIS CLUES: devised by @apisclues.

1. Drill makes Queen recoil from stink of sweat - BORE
2. Weep in front of heartless clergyman where you take your final rest - CRYPT
3. Invasion to pilfer aid contents - RAID
4. Born to follow king, as one once did before him? - KNEE
5. Semi-brazen kind of Buddhism - ZEN

PUZZLEBOMB: assembled by @stecks.

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## PHRASE TRACER

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	P	C	W	Y	H	B	
			O	P	H	E	R
			S		S	R	D
	L	O	T	S			N
	I		O	N	E		Q
P	H						X

Boy wizard's pensive masonry quest goal (12,5)

Clues to other words:

1. They might be placed
2. They might be charged
3. One's hard to do

L O T S  
L I F F F F S  
B B F F F F S  
F F F F F F S  
F F F F F F S  
F L A G

## THE METAPUZZLE

THE METAPUZZLE: by @apaultaylor.

## ERDOS CLUES

The answers are all words which can go before or after the word **FLAG** - FLAGPOLE, WHITE FLAG, FLAG DOWN, UNION FLAG and FLAGSTONE.

ERDOS CLUES: devised by @apaultaylor.

1. River for Italians, the French, or Eastern European? - POLE
2. Popular song penned by you and me for a musical sibling - WHITE
3. Not up for stuffing? - DOWN
4. Husband and wife trimmed bunions - UNION
5. Several pound notes shuffled - STONE

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PICK&MIX: set by @stecks, with help from @apaultaylor & @gheizhwinder

P	A	N	C	A	K	E						
			C	O	F	F	E	E				
H	A	S	H	B	R	O	W	N	S			
			S	C	R	A	M	B	L	E	D	
					E	G	G	S				
			B	A	C	O	N					
T	O	M	A	T	O	E	S					

<u>L</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>T</u>
<u>D</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>T</u>
<u>D</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>S</u>
<u>D</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>
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<sup>1</sup> 9	<sup>2</sup> 20	<sup>3</sup> 9	19
<sup>4</sup> 4	15	<sup>5</sup> 14	<sup>6</sup> 5
<sup>7</sup> 3	<sup>8</sup> 14	<sup>9</sup> 15	8
<sup>10</sup> 18	1	20	19

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<sup>1</sup> I	<sup>2</sup> T	<sup>3</sup> I	S
<sup>4</sup> D	O	<sup>5</sup> N	<sup>6</sup> E
<sup>7</sup> C	<sup>8</sup> N	<sup>9</sup> O	G
<sup>10</sup> R	A	T	S

PICK&MIX

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## MATHEMATICIANS

## CROSSWORD

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<sup>1</sup> P	O	I	N	<sup>2</sup> C	<sup>3</sup> A	<sup>4</sup> R	<sup>5</sup> E
I		<sup>6</sup> T	<sup>7</sup> G	O	D	E	L
<sup>8</sup> N	<sup>9</sup> E	W	T	O	<sup>10</sup> N	I	O
W	<sup>11</sup> R	I	<sup>12</sup> E	<sup>13</sup> M	A	N	N
H	<sup>14</sup> J	<sup>15</sup> T	U	R	I	<sup>16</sup> N	G
<sup>17</sup> E	U	L	E	<sup>18</sup> R	L	O	A
<sup>19</sup> E	R	D	<sup>20</sup> O	S	O		T
<sup>21</sup> L	A	G	R	A	N	G	E

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

**CROSS**

**DOUBLE**

DOUBLE  
CROSS:  
by @stecks

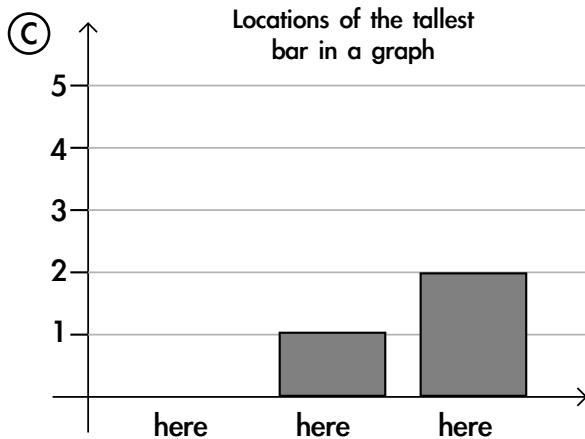
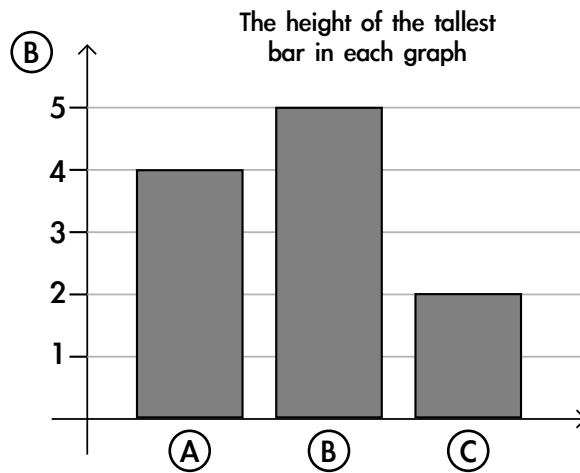
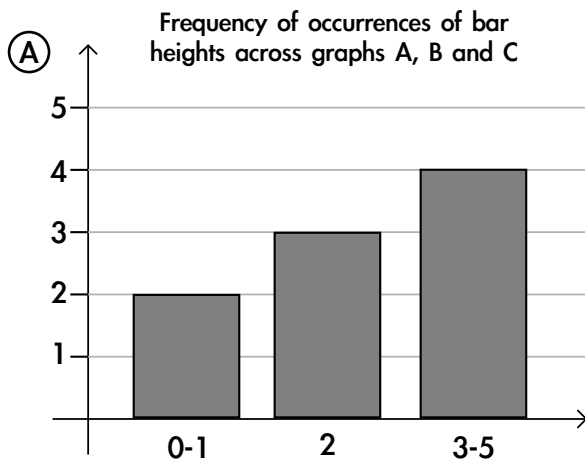
## APIS CLUES

MOON, WAR, WISDOM, THUNDER and FERTILITY are associated with the gods for whom Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are named.

APIS CLUES: devised by @apisclues.

1. Show your bottom for about four weeks - MOON
2. First affair overcomes heart of our Geordie horseman - WAR
3. "Endlessly twist Dominic" suggests Norman - WISDOM
4. Times dismisses the Queen, creating rumble - THUNDER
5. Horrendous trifle. Half vomity. Manure might improve this. - FERTILITY

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## CRYPTO-GRAPHS

CRYPTO-GRAPHS: by @stecks and @apaultaylor.

## APIS CLUES

In the Count of Monte Cristo, Edmond Dantés pretends to be a LORD, a CORPSE, a CLERGYMAN, a CLERK, and SINBAD THE SAILOR.

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











1. Peer right into headless fool - LORD
2. Laugh inappropriately when dogger's bottom is seen in trees - CORPSE
3. Priest's cry when mangled with mangled mangle - CLERGYMAN
4. Office worker transforming yesterday's good young man into king - CLERK
5. Disordered, bland histories about a Middle Eastern fellow who was carried away by a giant bird - SINBAD THE SAILOR



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## CEILIDH TABLE

CEILIDH TABLE: by @stecks & @apaultaylor, based on an idea by @christianp.

						
	X	R		R	L	
	L	X	L	X		
		R		R	L	
	X	L	X	L	R	
	L		L			
	R	L		R	L	
	X	R	L	X	R	
		L	X	L	X	
		R		X	L	
		X	L	R		
						

## WORD ADDER

WORD ADDER:  
by @stecks & @apaultaylor.

Nicholas II's taxi firm

**C** Z A R    **C** A B S

Rough description of an igloo

**C** O L D    **D** O M E

Veal recipe

**B** A K E    **C** A L F

Celebrities on the bench

**S** T A R    **S** U B S

Don't trust Loki. Use Mjollnir to fight the Frost Giants. Join the Avengers.

**T** H O R    **T** I P S

## APIS CLUES

These are the things (or the subjects of the work) for which the first set of Nobel Prizes were given in 1901.

APIS CLUES: devised by @apisclues.

1. Humanitarians found on English field, perhaps? - RED CROSS
2. No false suitor, fearless and confused, will produce what you're looking for - SOLUTIONS
3. Ten fish making waves - X-RAYS
4. Hesitate twice after second-to-last request for some of your blood - SERUM
5. Stick nose in, then stick toe in (wiggle it a bit) - it's done in lines, with rhythm - POETRY

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## TLA XWD

TLA XWD: by @stecks, @apaultaylor & @andrew\_taylor

F	B	I		B	B	C		R	I	P
F		R	A	F		I	R	A		I
S	Q	L		I	P	A		C	N	N
	P				P				F	
N	R	A		M	E	P		K	L	M
H		V	C	R		O	M	G		I
S	D	P		I	T	V		B	R	B

## WORD ADDER

WORD ADDER: by @stecks  
and @apaultaylor.

Czech town's harvest

B R N O    C R O P

Sean Sandler's counterpart

A D A M    B E A N

Fur not feathers on wading bird

I B I S    H A I R

Defeats enemies

E N D S    F O E S

Do you believe in life after this?

C H E R    D I E S

## APIS CLUES

APIS CLUES: devised by @apisclues.

BAND, THUMB, BACHELOR, CORONET and BEECHES are the last 5 things there are Adventures of in The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.

1. Ring musicians - BAND
2. Sing through bill without a hitch - THUMB
3. BA Baracus first to give pain - God gets ass kicked - BACHELOR
4. Crown brass player with circlet after exclamation of amazement - CORONET
5. Jim, Kenny and Albert of Port Vale cut short buzzing game? - BEECHES

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20		2	7	16	products	4480
3	8	17	12	1		4896
	19		15	6		1710
9	4	13	18	11		92664
		10	5	14		700
32	31	42	57	48		
sums						

# KNIGHT RIDER

KNIGHT RIDER: by @apaultaylor.

## FORTITUDE

FORTITUDE: by @stecks and @apaultaylor.  
Any valid solution will be one of those given to the right, or a variant starting from a different point in the cycle, and/or going backwards.

1	2	3	8	9	4	7	6
1	2	9	8	3	4	7	6

## OEIS CLUES

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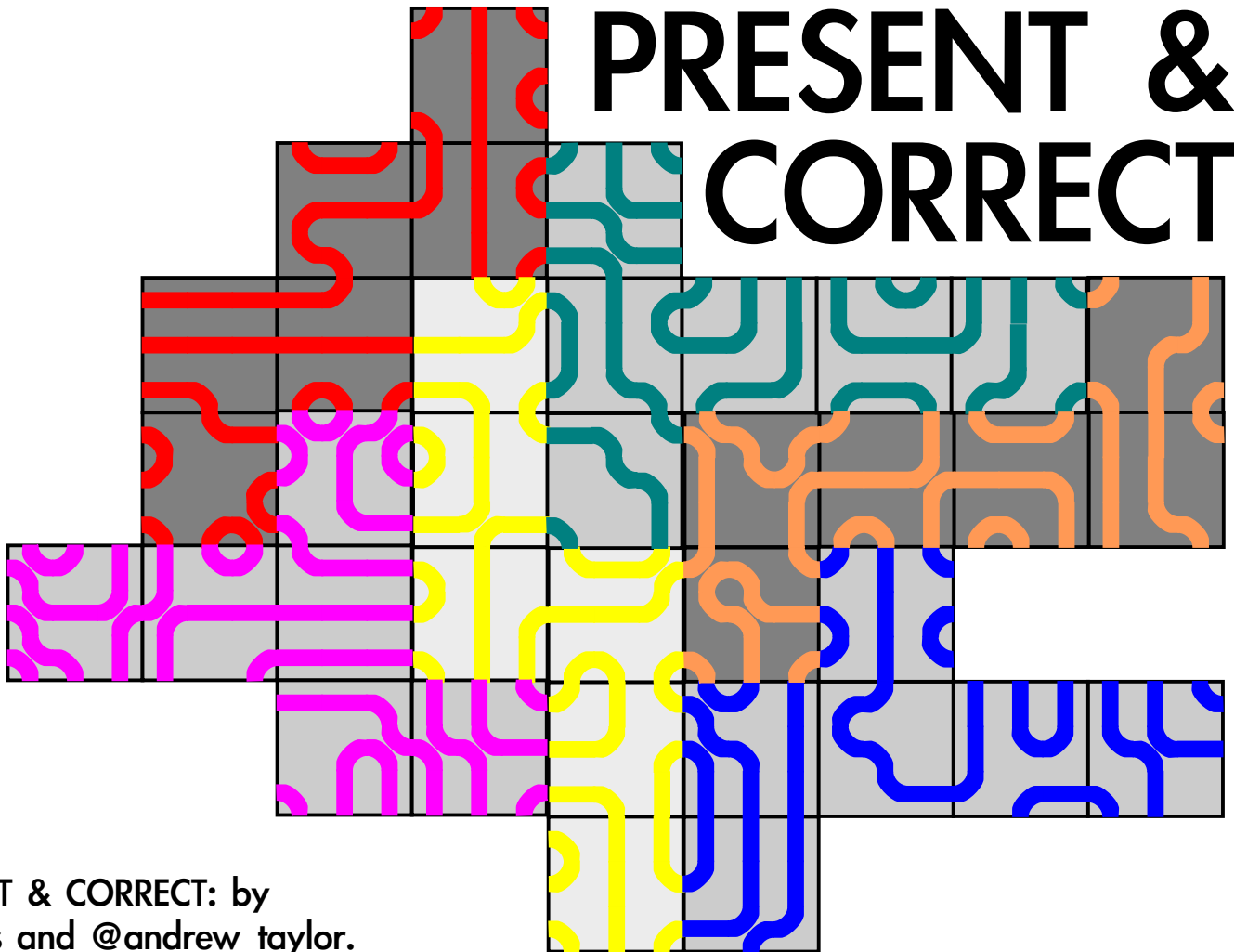
These are the years of the coronations of the last five Queens of Britain/England.

1. Consolidated (ONE); NINE to five; 52 weeks a year - 1952
2. Legal to drink: 18; THREE's a crowd; SEVEN wonders - 1837
3. ONE Armed bandit; aeroplane (707) - 1707
4. Winner (number ONE); SIX of the best; Olympic rowing event: EIGHTs; NINE sounds like a 'no' from Germany - 1689
5. Jamie Oliver's restaurant, FIFTEEN; recommended fruit daily: FIVE; consumed, or so I heard EIGHT - 1558

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## PRESENT & CORRECT



PRESENT & CORRECT: by @stecks and @andrew\_taylor.

SANTA CLUES: devised by @andrew\_taylor.

## SANTA CLUES

These are the names of the seven reindeer.

1. Bolt, or one who might? - DASHER
2. Foxy lady Hart, Internet mathematician, multiplied by constant number - VIXEN
3. Income tax constrains electronics store - COMET
4. Policeman laid back in rough regularly before the communist informant revealed closing theme song - RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER
5. Skipper's reply on the radio after press release - PRANCER
6. Spirit of love found in police cover-up - CUPID
7. Type of performer that can become stars with a key change - DANCER
8. Stormy weather in German river - DONNER AND BLITZEN

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