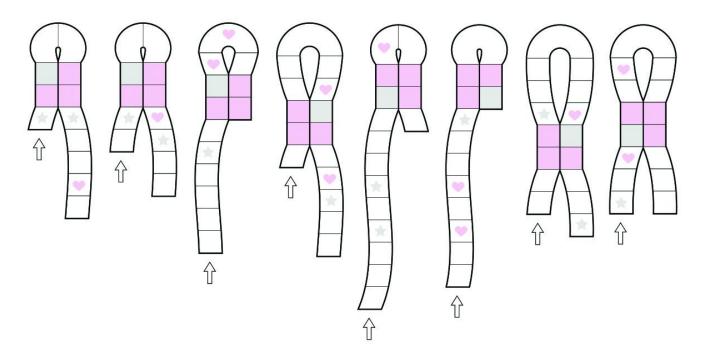
### Our Present Situation

for Ange & Jen

Congratulations, Ange and Jen! We know you said not to, but we got you some wedding presents! And we all kind of went off-registry; again, sorry!

To make up for this, we've concealed the identity of each gift with a puzzle. Once you've figured out what the gifts are, you must attach an appropriate ribbon (each of which has some festive pink and grey squares) to each gift.

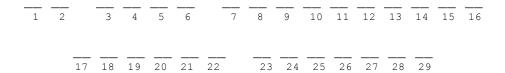


When you've done this, look at the heart-adorned squares on each ribbon to see what theme these squares embody. Then, look at the star-adorned squares to see why each grey letter, far more than the three pink ones, really stands out at this particular wedding.

### Blockbuster Video

We might have gone a little overboard at the "buy 2 get one free" closeout sale, but now you have a ton of movies and TV boxsets starring some of our favorites!

American Pie	6 19 25
Back to the Future	
Becker	28 11 10
Boston Legal	
Buffy the Vampire Slayer	5 29 _ 2
A Bug's Life	
CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	3 22 27
Dude, Where's My Car?	0.6
Family Ties	_ 26 16 20
Frozen	9
The Golden Girls	
The Good Place	15 21 7
Homeland	
Hot in Cleveland	1 17
How I Met Your Mother	
The Lorax	_ 23 _ 14 24
Mame	
The Mary Tyler Moore Show	8 12 4 _
Maude	
Miss Congeniality	
My So-Called Life	
Romeo + Juliet Seinfeld	
Spin City	
Star Trek	
That '70s Show	
Three Men and a Baby	
Two and a Half Men	
Veep	
Veronica Mars	



### Waffle House

I didn't bake cookies for your wedding – I made waffles! Fill each one with raspberry jam, blueberry compote, and lavender honey, then stack them up!

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### Some Assembly Required

We thought a piece of furniture might make a nice gift, but it's from IKEA, so....

#### PIECES

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1 Provide weaponry to	1		16				8							
<ul><li>2 "Just so you know"</li><li>3 "Speak" response</li></ul>	2													
<ul><li>4 A wedding or baptism, e.g.</li><li>5 Way off-base?</li></ul>	3													
6 More like Happy	35574		65		1	1	-							
7 and more like another dwarf	4		es.			120								
8 "Bon appetit!"	5													
9 Restore to health	-	-	26	-	-		- 0		_	-	_			-
10 Storm tracker	6													
11 One at a bishop's side	-		- 1		+ *	- 0	-							_
12 Christmastime tableaus	7													
13 One-dimensional	8						- 20							
14 Where IKEA originated	0													
15 Like Psycho in 1998	9				<u> </u>									
16 Weightlessness in space			8				9							-
17 Ceiling-painter's aids	10													
18 Illuminated in an old-fashioned way	12111-211	-	-	-	1	V-	-							
19 CORE component	11													
20 Vulpine females 21 Corset's cousin	12	6 6	×	- 0		70	- 3							
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22 Like many sci-fi devices	13													
23 Moon-shaped bones or stones	ıs		0			0							v	
24 Broadcasting	14													
25 Some one-horse, open vehicles			2		3	S.	- 2	3						
26 Headgear for Holmes														

#### ROWS

27 Penitent's garb

28 Many a journalist's address?

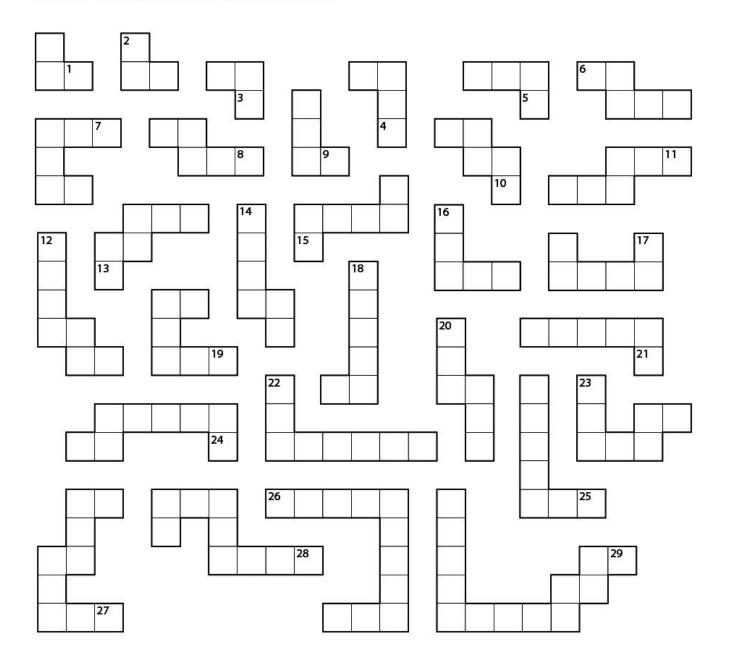
1 Vehicle for young Anakin Skywalker Dirty Rotten Scoundrels or The Sting role

29 "Father of the Nation," to some S. Africans

- 2 Software suite with GarageBand and Photos Furniture piece for coats and umbrellas
- 3 Lily Tomlin's phone operator Gracefully change the topic, perhaps
- 4 World capital on the Arabian peninsula Tote bag
- 5 Like apps you pay a little more for Barry Humphries, when cooing "Hello, Possums!"
- **6** Carnival peep show Like many Westminster Kennel Club champions

- 7 Country on the Red Sea Invented word
- 8 Gathering to chat over coffee Little Shop of Horrors neighborhood
- 9 Like Lovecraftian horror
  Obnoxious frat bros or theatrical fog-making gear
- 10 One of "The Two Coreys" Briefly-serving Pope born Niccolò Sfondrato
- 11 Purchasers' protection plans Make a home for oneself
- 12 "Yeah, right" Finlandia Hall site
- 13 Chinese fruit Winona Ryder's Beetlejuice character, e.g.
- **14** Near-infinitesimal fraction
  Toward sunrise

**PIECES** - Pieces may be rotated but not reflected



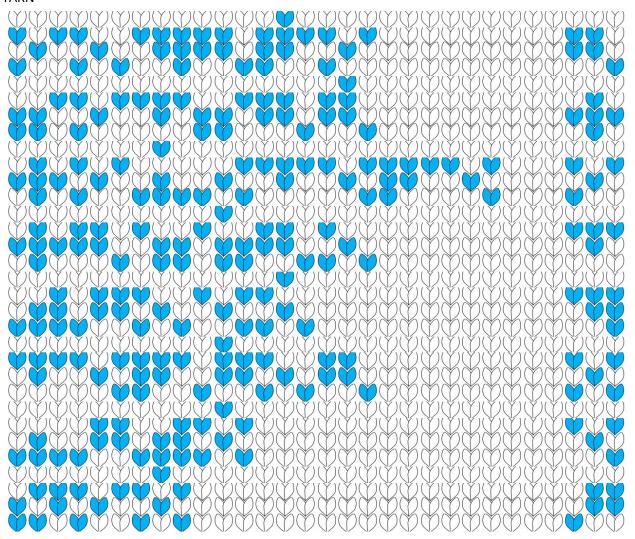
# It Was the Best of Times, It Was the Worsted of Times

"Are you sure," asked Jacques Two, of Defarge, "that no embarrassment can arise from our manner of keeping the register? Without doubt it is safe, for no one beyond ourselves can decipher it; but shall we always be able to decipher it—or, I ought to say, will she?"

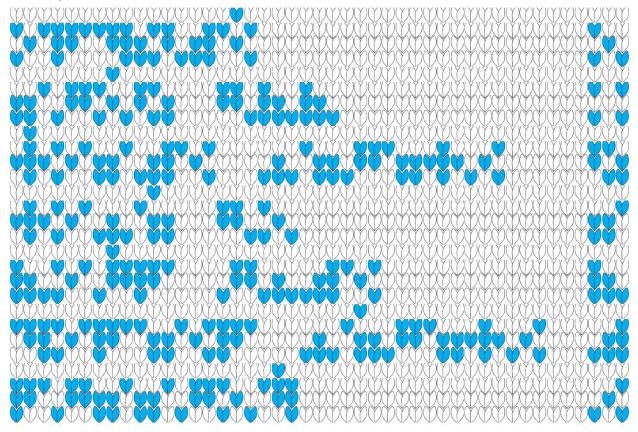
"Jacques," returned Defarge, drawing himself up, "if madame my wife undertook to keep the register in her memory alone, she would not lose a word of it—not a syllable of it. . . . [In] her own symbols, it will always be as plain to her as the sun."

These days, Madame Defarge isn't so concerned with revolution, but she's still using her code. She made a lovely sweater encoding the types of yarn in her stash and her favorite techniques -- not to mention her wedding present for you.

#### YARN



#### **TECHNIQUES**



### ♥Sweet♥Heart♥Deal♥

Ange and Jen have made sure that all their guests enjoy their special day as much as they do! They pored over the seating chart and put a different special treat at the center of each table. However, it looks like many guests are migrating to adjacent tables to sample the treats there. What do the guests end up with after all this?

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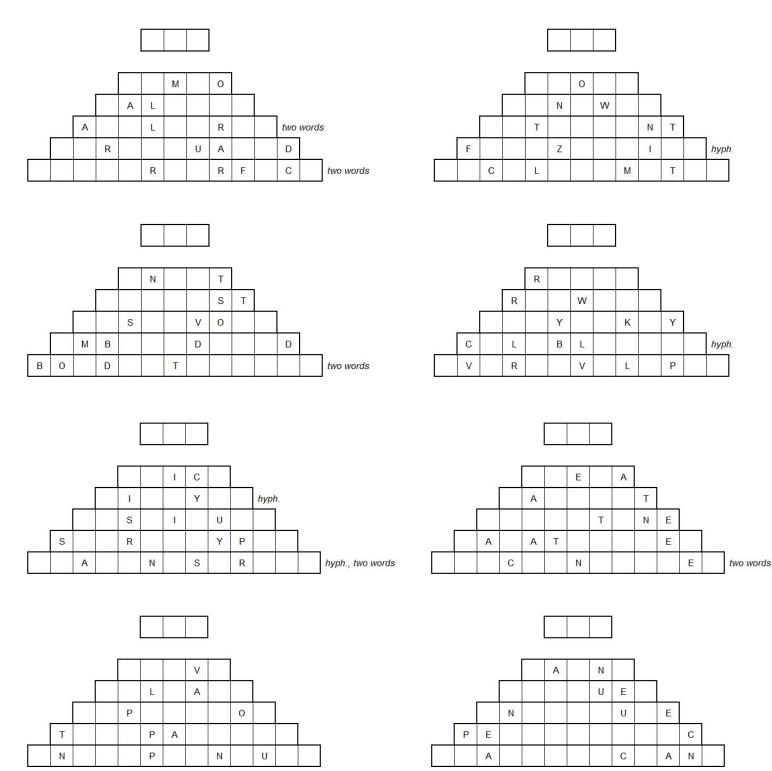


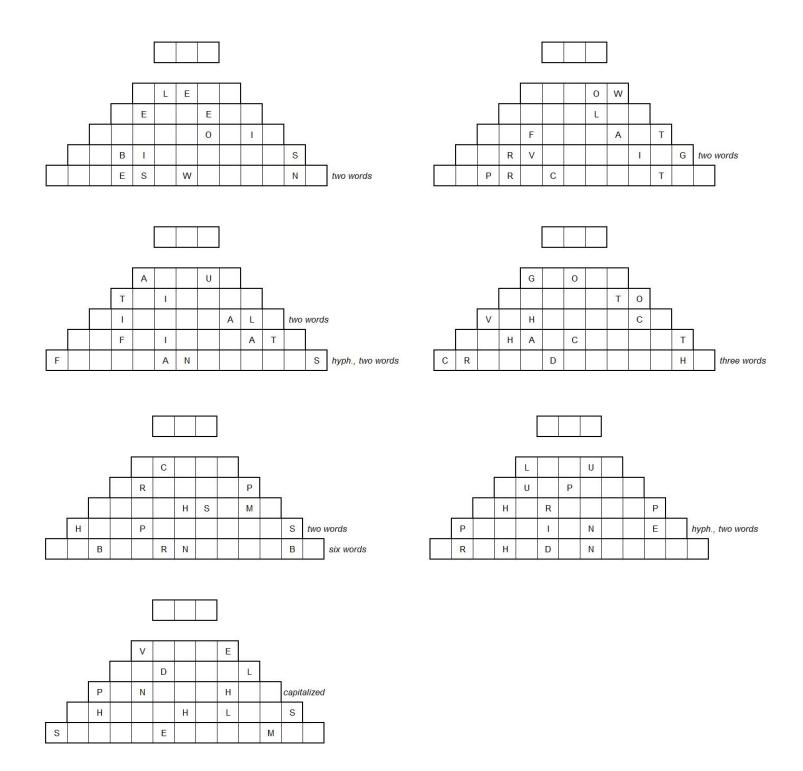




## Cake Toppers

Every wedding cake deserves the perfect cake topper.

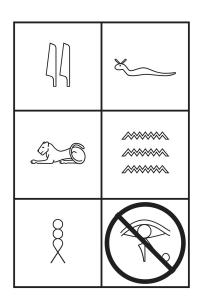




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#### Just Associate!

Welcome back to Just Associate, the quiz show where the setting is English, the presenter is Welsh, and Egyptian hieroglyphs represent! We're in the final round (so the Eye of Horus will now be unused and unseeing); the categories here are given explicitly . . . in a big mixed-up box, alas. The members of each category are presented in alphabetical order, with their original spaces intact; they have been disguised by first Welshifying the five standard English vowels, and then replacing each of five one- or two-letter combinations (wherever it appears) with a star. Can you figure them out and win the valuable, exotic prize?



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WAVES	EXHIBITS	TURNS	IN
METHODS	AN	OF	ELECTRO- MAGNETIC

Category 1:

\*WN \*\*W PWT\*

\*WT \*WL\*WW\*

\*DDLW \*\*NC\*

T\*W LWW W\* WVW\*GWS

Category 2:
CWW\*WND WND \*SW\*
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Category 3:
BWN\*W\*
CW\*\* \*LWS\*
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Category 4: WWCWL\*PTWS \*WNW\* LWCWST \*\*WGWN\* S\*CW\*\*

### What Do You See?

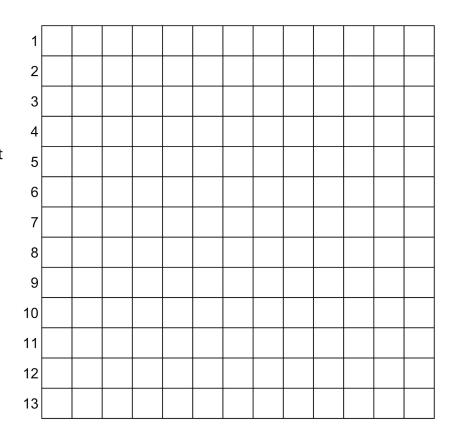
Here are some boxes and some... well, perhaps you should tell me.

#### **ROWS**

- **1** a Cast-iron pan
  - **b** Subject of King Arthur
- **2 a** Really let somebody have it
  - **b** Radar part, originally
- **3** a Doesn't agree
  - **b** Imply: 2 wds.
- **4 a** Claim
  - **b** Groundbreaker
- **5 a** Starts to go viral
  - **b** Allow to board: 2 wds.
- **6 a** Shedding feathers
  - **b** Goes at an angle
- **7 a** \_\_\_ tower (part of a power plant)
  - **b** Skinny?
- 8 a Puts off
  - **b** Key subject in urban planning
- 9 a Christmas, in San Cristóbalb Looked like a creep
- **10 a** Least kempt
  - **b** Disconcerted, in modern parlance
- **11 a** Put one's foot down hard **b** John F. Kennedy's daughter
- **12a** What a major improvement might take things to: 2 wds.
  - **b** Comes to Earth
- **13 a** Sports standout: hyph.
  - **b** Fiddle (with)

#### **BOXES**

2,000 pounds (3 3) Boss (6) Firming, as muscles (6)



Intensely enthusiastic (6)
Sunglasses (6)
Feeling like pins and needles
(8)
Least complicated (8)
"Time to hit the road!" (3'1 4)
Nightclub at the center of a
landmark 1969 LGBT rights
protest (9)

#### ???

Thorough way to fall for an April Fool's prank: 4 wds. Defamatory
Write the death of, as a fictional character: 2 wds.

Attract, as customers: 2 wds.
All-time greats
Wavering musical effect
Ore-Ida trademark: 2 wds.
Some Paleolithic painting:
2 wds.
Faked an illness
Solar-powered timepiece
Place of refuse: 2 wds.
Word association game that

won the 2016 Spiel des

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### Credits

Blockbuster Video - Ben Smith and Katie Hamill

Cake Toppers - Eric Berlin

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Just Associate - Kevin Wald

Some Assembly Required - Mark Halpin

Sweet-Hearts Deal - Susan Glass and Aaron Fuegi

What Do You See? - Joon Pahk

Waffle House - Ben Smith

Meta - Sorta all of us

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