

Colon Blow — Solution

Step 1: On each page, fill in the spaces in the analogy tree. That is, make it so that each sequence of spaces connected by lines going from left to right forms a valid analogy of the form A : B :: C : D. This will use 20 of the 21 words in the grid, plus a new word you make up to fit into the yellow space. See the next pages for all the analogies.

Step 2: On each page, put the unused grid word into the remaining gray space. Note that each of these unused words rhymes with a new word you wrote in a yellow space on another page. For instance, GEL rhymes with WELL. Use this to link the nine 40-degree arcs, one per page, into a 360-degree loop. That is, make each unused word point to the new word it rhymes with. This makes the loop:

GEL	→	WELL	—
CZAR	→	BAR	—
LAUGHED	→	DRAFT	—
PRESERVATION	→	RESERVATION	—
SOLE	→	ROLL	—
TYKE	→	STRIKE	—
BARGE	→	CHARGE	—
ROYAL	→	FOIL	—
JOINT	→	POINT	—

Step 3: For each made-up word, note the letter that appeared boxed on its respective page. (These letters are highlighted in red above.) In loop order, these letters spell the answer, **WAFER-THIN**.

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Relationship	A	B	C	D
B's color is A	INDIGO	RAINBOW	SILVER	FOIL
	RED			
	YELLOW			
a B assists an A	EXECUTIVE	AIDE	COMEDIAN	
	LEGISLATOR			
	TEACHER			
you use a B in A	BASEBALL	BAT	FENCING	
	SOFTBALL			
	CRICKET			
A is a synonym of B's past tense	SWORE	PROMISE	DEFEATED	
	PLEGGED			
	VOWED			

an A is found on a B	BLANKET	BED	CASINO	RESERVATION
	PILLOW			
	SHEET			
you need a B to go to the A	MOVIE	TICKET	RESTAURANT	
	CONCERT			
	PLANE			
A and B are antonyms	DESPAIR	HAPPINESS	CERTAINTY	
	WOE			
	MELANCHOLY			
B is the process of Aing	RAZE	DESTRUCTION	ALLOT	
	KILL			
	END			

B makes the sound A	SNAP	RICE KRISPIES	BOOM	CHARGE
	CRACKLE			
	POP			
As don't have B	TURTLE	TEETH	NEUTRON	
	PANGOLIN			
	ANTEATER			
A is a type of B	MAPLE	TREE	MURDER	
	PALM			
	PINE			
you use an A to B things	SCREWDRIVER	REPAIR	CREDIT CARD	
	WRENCH			
	HAMMER			

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a B is a part of an A	FLY	ANTENNA	CAGE	BAR
	RADIO			
	LOBSTER			
As are found at a B	DESK	SCHOOL	DRINK	
	BELL			
	LOCKER			
a B is a group of As	BUFFALO	HERD	LAWYER	
	DEER			
	ELEPHANT			
A is commonly shaped into a B	BRASS	RING	SOAP	
	DOUGH			
	RUBBER			

you score a B in A	SOCCER	GOAL	BOWLING	STRIKE
	HOCKEY			
	POLO			
an A is used to B	SHOVEL	DIG	HAMMER	
	SPADE			
	BACKHOE			
One can B A (in jargon)	STOCK	TAKE	GOLD	
	COVER			
	NOTICE			
A and B are antonyms	SHOW	HIDE	WORK	
	DISPLAY			
	REVEAL			

a B is an early version of an A	SPIDER	EGG	NOVEL	DRAFT
	CHICKEN			
	PLATYPUS			
you pick As with a B	MAYOR	ELECTION	SOLDIER	
	SENATOR			
	BOARD			
a B is a slow leak through an A	HOSE	TRICKLE	WINDOW	
	PIPE			
	FAUCET			
Bing is a strategy in A	FENCING	FEINT	NASCAR	
	BOXING			
	BASKETBALL			

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Relationship	A	B	C	D
you find A in a B	ORE	MINE	WATER	WELL
	COPPER			
	COAL			
"B-off" is a synonym for A	DEADLOCK	STAND	RICH	
	IMPASSE			
	STALEMATE			
B is the adverb form of A's synonym	RAPID	QUICKLY	GOOD	
	FLEET			
	SWIFT			
going to an A makes you B	SPA	RELAXED	HOSPITAL	
	BEACH			
	PARK			

"A and B" is a phrase	DOWN	OUT	ROCK	ROLL
	IN			
	OVER			
One can B A	CLOTHES	WASH	DICE	
	HANDS			
	DISHES			
a B is made of A	CASHMERE	SWEATER	DOUGH	
	COTTON			
	WOOL			
a B is a group of As	BEE	SWARM	NAME	
	LOCUST			
	WASP			

you use your A to B	NOSE	BREATHE	FINGER	POINT
	MOUTH			
	LUNGS			
a B is a part of an A	SHRUB	LEAF	PENCIL	
	BOOK			
	TABLE			
you get an A by connecting two Bs	MARRIAGE	PERSON	LINE	
	DUET			
	CONJOINED TWINS			
one A equals multiple Bs	WEEK	DAY	INCH	
	MONTH			
	YEAR			