



COSMOPOLITAN

Answer: TRENDY

- Step 1: Put a different letter in each blank so that each is part of a contiguous word, reading left to right, of at least six letters. Some rows can make multiple words, but there's only one way to make all the gray blanks different. The solution is shown on the following page, with the words highlighted in green or red.
- Step 2: Notice that six of the words are the names of cocktails, just like the title, Cosmopolitan. Also, these words are evenly spaced, providing additional confirmation that they're important. These six words are shown in red on the following page.
- Step 3: Read the letters in the gray blanks for those six words, from top to bottom. They spell the answer, **TRENDY**.



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