

Tom Brokaw Pre-Tapes — **Solution**

Step 1: Solve the clues on the left. Each answer is a word with a prefix, and answers are in alphabetical order. See the bottom left of the next page for the answers.

Step 2: Solve the clues on the right. Each answer is a fake word or phrase derived from a real word or phrase by removing a “prefix”. This “prefix” is a sequence of letters that matches one of the prefixes used in Step 1 but isn’t used as a prefix.

For instance, the real word NONAGON means “nine-sided figure”, and the prefix “NON-” as used in Step 1 means “opposite of”. NONAGON, of course, isn’t using NON in that sense. But, if it did, then perhaps the word AGON would mean the opposite of a nonagon. Thus, AGON is the answer to the clue “geometric figure having eight or fewer, or ten or more, sides”.

See the bottom right of the next page for the answers. There, each answer is color-matched to the Step-1 answer with the prefix it’s “missing”.

Step 3: Find the answers to the clues in the grid. Grid entries can make 90 degree turns, and each grid cell is used for exactly one grid entry. To find them, you need to put letters in the empty circles, one per answer from Step 2.

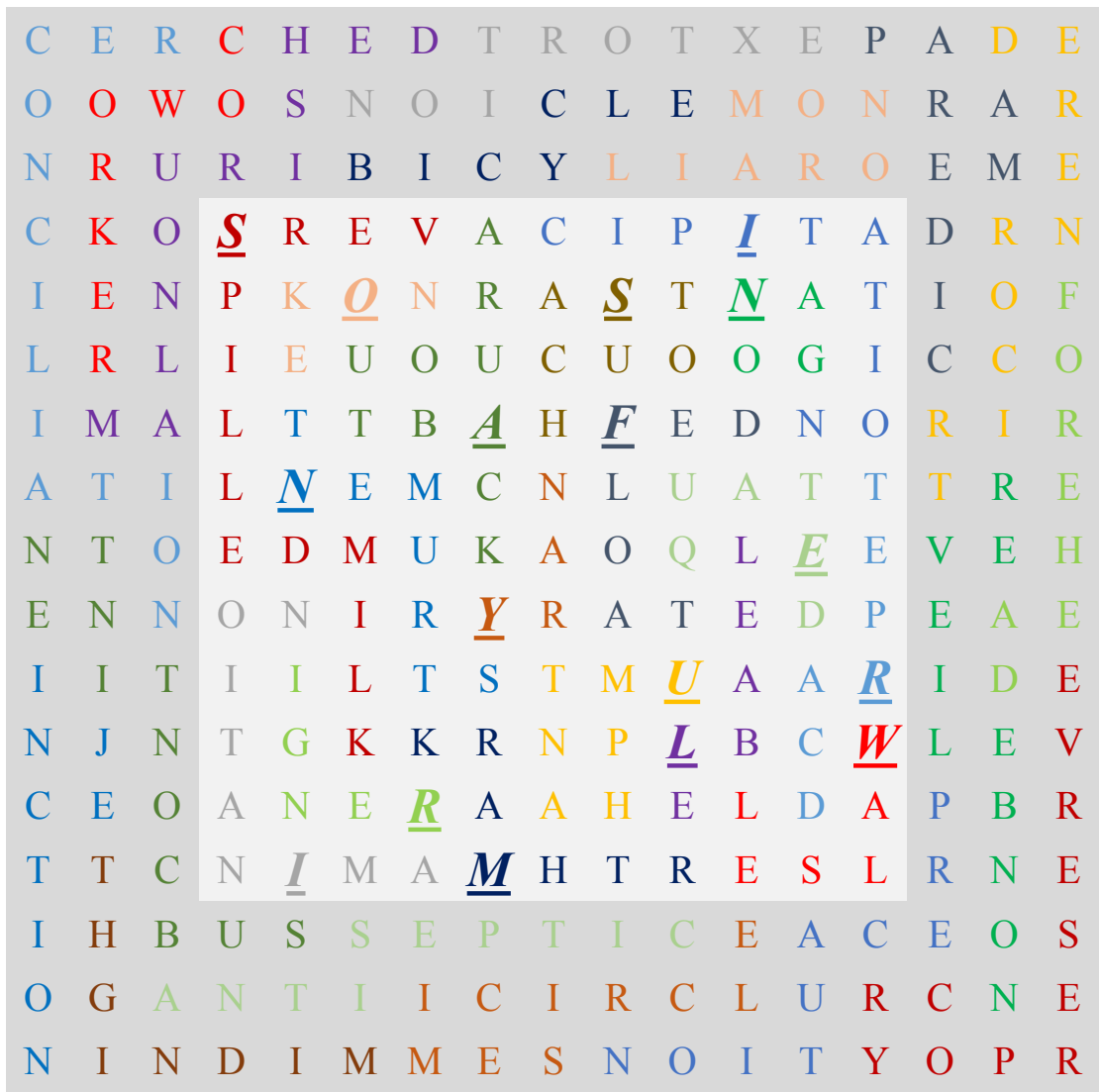
The top of the next page shows where the answers are. The 121 letters in the taped answers take up the central 11x11 grid, so that area is shaded differently. Letters written into empty circles are shown emphasized.

Step 4: Read the letters from Step 3 in order of the corresponding clues, adding spaces to make a message. That message is:

ANSWER IS UNIFORMLY

So, the answer is **UNIFORMLY**.

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Pre-taped	
ANTISEPTIC	MONORAIL
BICYCLE	NONBELIEVER
COWORKER	PARAMEDIC
CRYOPRESERVE	PRECAUTION
EXTORTION	RECONCILIATION
FOREHEAD	SEMICIRCLE
INJECTION	SUBCONTINENT
MALNOURISHED	TRICORNERED
MIDNIGHT	

Taped	
ARU OUTBACK	AGON
STRUMENT	CIPITATION
VER SPILLED MILK	DE FLOAT
LESLAW	NOKE
QUATED	IGNER
D CARPET	RTHMARK
AMINATION	LEABLE
AS TOUCH	NARY
UMPHANT	