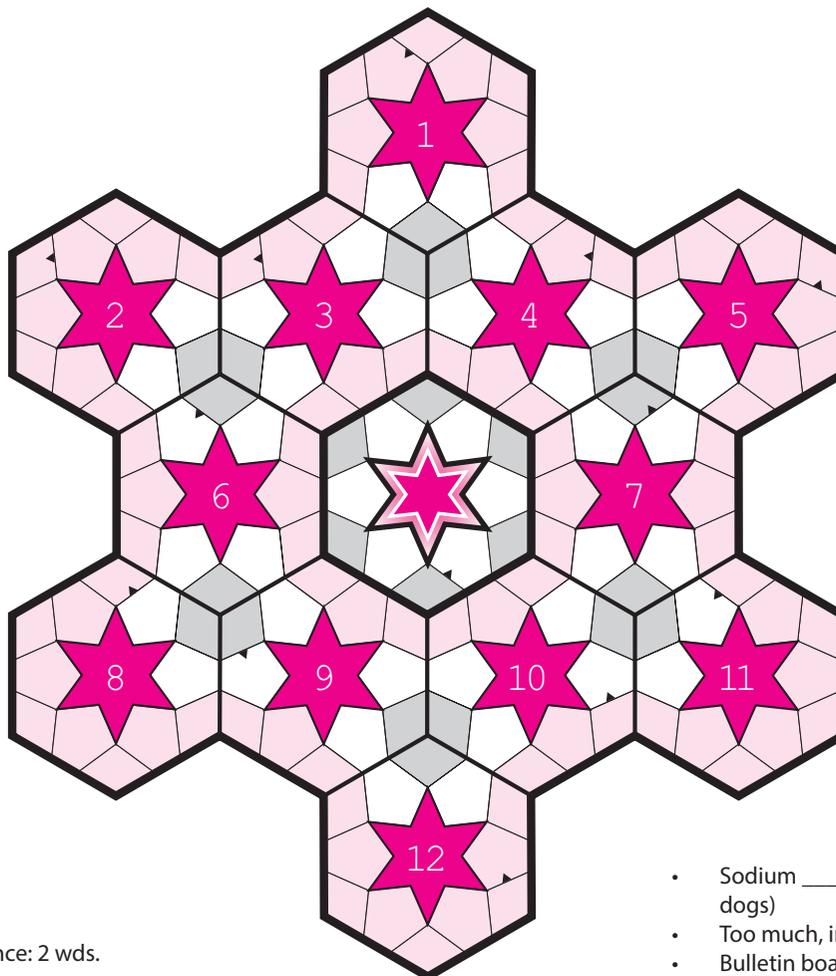


Flag down your friends and show them this beautiful puzzle—or enjoy it all by yourself! The answers to each numbered clue pair below go in the 12 spaces surrounding the correspondingly numbered red star in the grid. The first answer of the pair starts in the arrowed space and proceeds counterclockwise, with the second answer following.

The answers that go in the two pink stripes (the one that travels the perimeter, and the other that borders the central hexagon) are clued in order. It's up to you to determine where each answer chain begins, but we can say that it goes clockwise in the outer stripe and counterclockwise in the inner one.

As the grid is filled in, a trivia question (category: trivia!) will emerge. Read the white spaces touching the numbered stars from left to right and top to bottom. The answer will be found in the white spaces surrounding the center star, reading the same way. You might want to hold off on solving the center star clues until you've had a crack at answering the question. Hats off to you if you get it right!

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## STARS

1. Bettor's reference: 2 wds.  
Fill to excess
2. Carrot's paler cousin  
Razor sharpener
3. Director Soderbergh  
Bridal party?
4. Dull and spiritless, as prose  
Emulate Earhart
5. Off the mark  
Ovenbound bird
6. Kanye West's genre: Hyph.  
Guy who's rolling in dough: 2 wds.
7. "The It Girl" Bow  
Pajama fabric
8. Bolstered  
Ideology, briefly

9. Double-check with a stopwatch  
Holy
10. Puts in an inappropriate role  
Goldfinger's nemesis
11. Hightails it  
Range of colors
12. Attic window, often  
Christmas glitter

## OUTER STRIPE

- Keystone Cops producer Mack
- Ticked away
- Noggins

- Sodium \_\_\_\_ (preservative in hot dogs)
- Too much, in Toulouse: 2 wds.
- Bulletin board extras
- Harmonious relations
- Welcome time-out
- Tacky
- Turkish inn

## INNER STRIPE

- Drink of the gods
- Durango domicile
- Desert processions

## CENTER STAR

- Deborah's costar in *The King and I*
- Threw into confusion