

Solutions

3	7	1	2	9	6	8	4	5
4	9	6	5	3	8	2	1	7
2	5	8	4	7	1	9	3	6
5	8	3	1	6	7	4	2	9
7	1	4	9	2	3	5	6	8
6	2	9	8	4	5	3	7	1
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8	4	5	6	1	2	7	9	3
9	6	7	3	8	4	1	5	2

GM: 1:50; M: 3:15; E: 6:30

2	7	6	1	9	8	4	5	3
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7	1	8	9	3	5	6	4	2
9	3	2	6	8	4	7	1	5
1	2	7	8	6	9	5	3	4
5	8	3	2	4	7	9	6	1
6	9	4	3	5	1	2	7	8

GM: 1:45; M: 3:00; E: 6:00

9	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1
6	4	1	9	8	7	5	2	3
7	5	8	1	3	2	9	4	6
3	6	5	2	1	9	8	7	4
8	1	7	3	4	5	2	6	9
4	9	2	6	7	8	1	3	5
2	3	9	8	6	1	4	5	7
5	8	4	7	9	3	6	1	2
1	7	6	5	2	4	3	9	8

GM: 2:45; M: 5:00; E: 10:00

5	1	6	2	3	8	9	4	7
2	9	8	7	4	1	3	6	5
3	4	7	6	5	9	8	1	2
6	5	9	4	1	2	7	8	3
1	2	3	8	9	7	6	5	4
8	7	4	3	6	5	2	9	1
9	6	5	1	2	3	4	7	8
7	3	1	9	8	4	5	2	6
4	8	2	5	7	6	1	3	9

GM: 1:45; M: 3:00; E: 6:00

7	1	8	6	3	4	9	5	2
3	9	6	2	1	5	8	7	4
4	5	2	9	8	7	6	1	3
2	3	5	1	6	9	4	8	7
8	7	4	3	5	2	1	6	9
1	6	9	4	7	8	3	2	5
5	8	3	7	9	6	2	4	1
6	2	1	5	4	3	7	9	8
9	4	7	8	2	1	5	3	6

GM: 2:15; M: 4:00; E: 8:00

4	9	7	6	3	2	8	5	1
8	1	5	7	4	9	6	3	2
6	2	3	1	8	5	9	4	7
2	3	4	9	5	6	7	1	8
5	6	8	3	1	7	4	2	9
9	7	1	8	2	4	5	6	3
7	8	2	4	6	3	1	9	5
3	4	9	5	7	1	2	8	6
1	5	6	2	9	8	3	7	4

GM: 2:45; M: 5:00; E: 10:00

5	7	2	8	6	4	1	3	9
6	1	9	5	7	3	2	8	4
3	8	4	9	2	1	7	6	5
4	3	8	2	1	6	5	9	7
2	6	1	7	5	9	3	4	8
7	9	5	4	3	8	6	1	2
8	5	3	6	9	2	4	7	1
9	2	6	1	4	7	8	5	3
1	4	7	3	8	5	9	2	6

GM: 3:00; M: 5:45; E: 11:30

Border Patrol

by Thomas Snyder

Hint: For each “border crossing”, a word can be formed from the two 2-letter state postal codes for that border, and some of the shady characters. The final answer is an 8-letter word made out of four states’ postal codes.

Answer Word: **MANDARIN**

Solutions to clues:

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|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1 NEWSDESK | 9 INSOMNIA | 18 CONSTRICT |
| 2 SCOUTMASTER | 10 GIGAFLOP | 19 UNHARMED |
| 3 VACANCY | 11 SCIENCE | 20 SINEWY |
| 4 SLINKY | 12 COOKBOOKS | 21 BOHEMIAN |
| 5 MANHOLE | 13 WARRIOR | 22 CLAMSHELL |
| 6 COMPANY | 14 CORNMEAL | 23 FEMTOSECOND |
| 7 ALERTNESS | 15 CANVAS | 24 ORCHID |
| 8 TAILWIND | 16 AZIMUTH | 25 DEPARTURE |
| | 17 HARMONICA | |

Taking the Nth letter of the formed words, as indicated in parentheses for each set of shady characters, spells SMALL ORANGE OR ASIAN DIALECT which clues the answer **MANDARIN**.

NL Y CN N CT

by Thomas Snyder

Hint : The “Missing Vowels” categories involve two series of books, one set of sports teams, one set of musical groups, a set of television programmes, and a way to get around London. The answers form a “Sequences Round” clue with three names. Who comes fourth?

Solution: CHURCHILL

This puzzle is inspired by the BBC Two show Only Connect, and features various British groups.

The categories and members are:

“Harry Potter and the ...”: Philosopher’s Stone, Goblet of Fire,
Half-Blood Prince, Prisoner of Azkaban

“Northern Line Underground Stations”: South Wimbledon, London Bridge,
Elephant and Castle, Waterloo

“Last Year’s Most Watched Shows on BBC One”:
The Great British Bake Off, Call the Midwife, Planet Earth II,
Strictly Come Dancing

“Premier League Football Clubs”: Chelsea, Southampton,
West Ham United, Tottenham Hotspur

“Novels by Charles Dickens”: A Tale of Two Cities, Bleak House,
Great Expectations, Hard Times

“Top British Rock Bands”: The Beatles, Radiohead,
The Rolling Stones, The Who

Placing the identified clues in the unique spots highlights the letters in DOUGLASHOMEMACMILLANEDEN which are the names of UK Prime Ministers going backwards in order. Next in the series is CHURCHILL.