

The Semaphore Sailors

You've finally given it up to sail the open seas. Alas, the only ship that will take you on is a crew of rogue sailors on their way to settle a utopia. And they only speak in semaphore. They welcome you aboard and give you the chart below. If only it were that easy...



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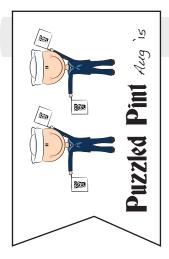
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[Note that these sailors are bad at holding their arms at 12:00, i.e. straight up and down. Instead they hold it at 11:00 or 1:00. Compare $C \not\subset D$ for an example. Just something to be aware of when solving these puzzles.]

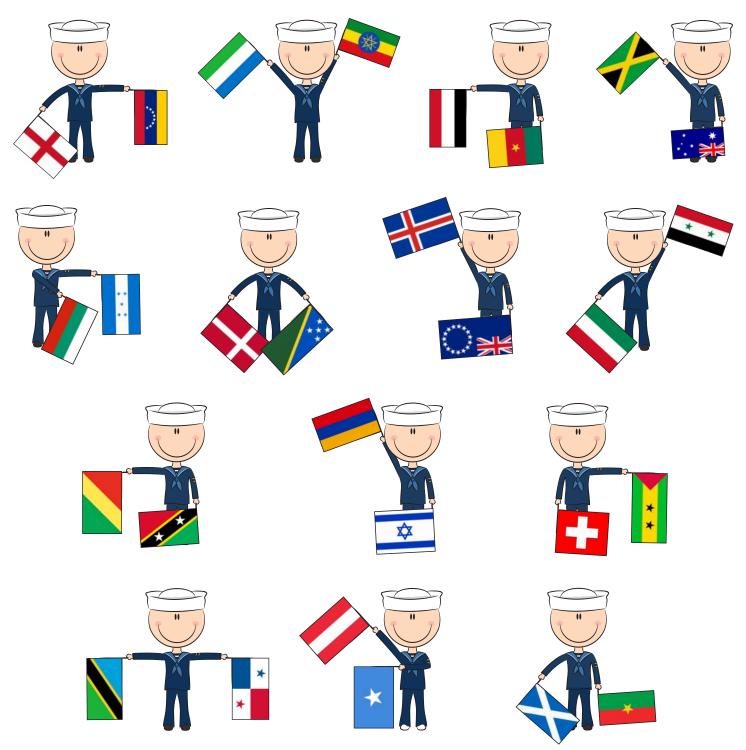
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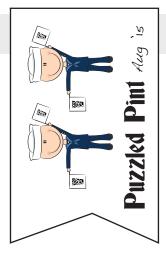




Sema-one: World Travels by Sandor W. (Chicago)

In all their travels, the sailors amassed a large collection of flags from places they'd been. They didn't care which country each flag was from. (And neither should you!) Instead, they calculated another way to communicate with them. Here they're telling you how many countries they've visited total.

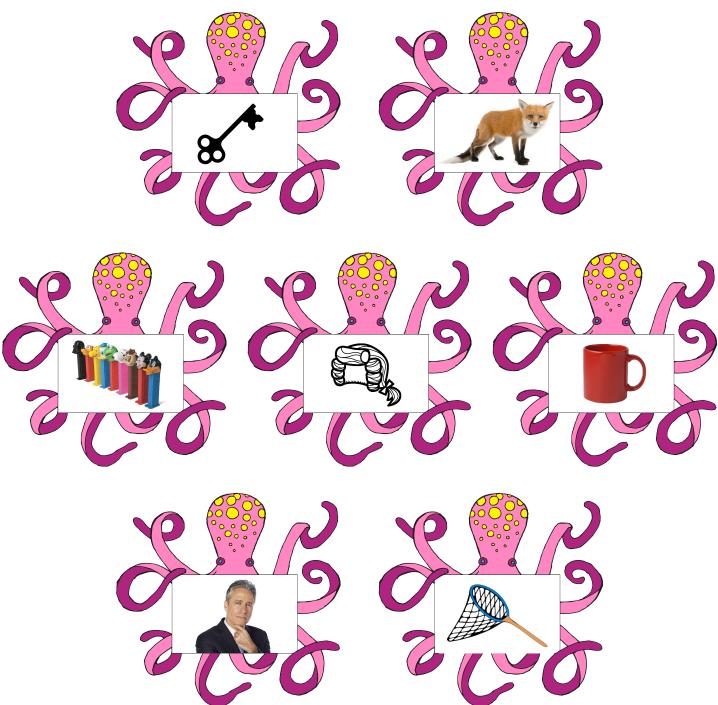


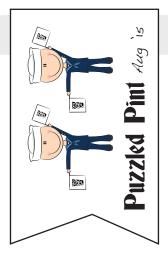




Sema-two: Octopuses by Sandor W. (Chicago)

Along the way, the sailors befriended a pod of octopuses and started to teach them semaphore. In gratitude, they each made their own flag. Careful though, they're only three-quarters of the way through their semaphore lesson. I wonder what they want to learn how to do next.

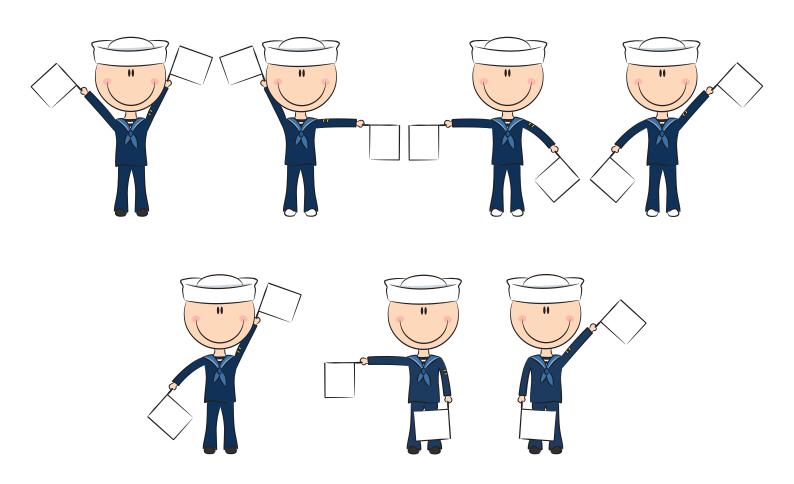






Sema-three: A Name by Sandor W. (Chicago)

For reasons unknown, the sailors all changed their name to the same name. Initially, they had used these 14 flags to display it, but things got mixed up. Help them put each flag in its correct spot, and you'll be able to figure out their new name.



Coyote

Hubbard

Johnny

Kirk

Michael

Philip

Thompson





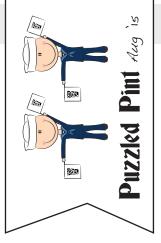














Sema-four: Destination by Sandor W. (Chicago)

"Where are we going?" you finally get up the courage to ask. One sailor responds by pointing you to a grid of lines on the deck of this ship and shoving a piece of chalk and a list of clues in your hand. Then he rotates you so you face this direction 1 and makes the semaphore for "N".

- 1. Cloth cone used to indicate wind direction.
- 2. Periodic warming in the Pacific near South America, often around Christmastime.
- 3. Right over left, left over right makes this shapely binding tidy and tight.
- 4. Put one of these on your head to shield your eyes from the brightness. We've got a bunch in the cabin from our trip to the US Open.
- 5. Black grain grown on the edge of lakes and streams, often good in pilafs.

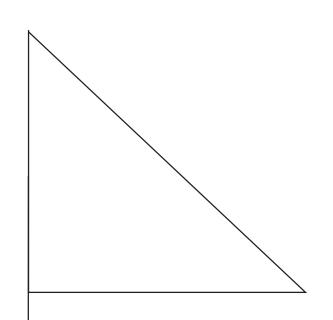
- 6. Extremely flat sea urchins, masquerading as money.
- 7. Manatees.
- 8. Like a shell discovered on the beach, or a old pop star no longer relevant.
- 9. Non-moving polyps that sometimes live symbiotically with clownfish.
- 10. Something one obsesses over, almost to the point of self-destruction.
- 11. Slow-moving, toasty weather system that often means rain or fog.
- 12. Where to find the power source in a steam-powered ship.

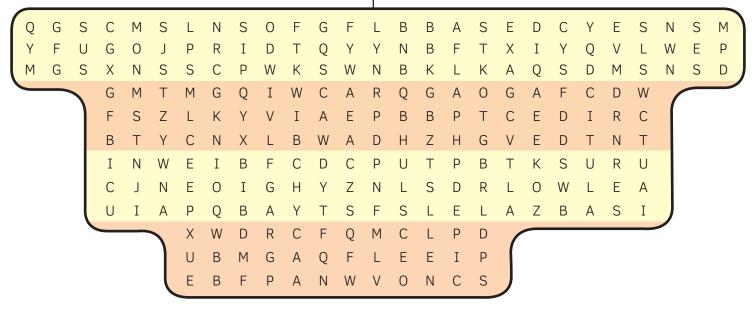
1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12

Meta-phore

by Sandor W. (Chicago)

The sailors think you're ready to be a part of their crew. They hand you this schematic of their ship. They finally speak: "Each deck of our ship relates to one of your challenges. Now take these two flags and learn how to properly..."





Instructions

- 1. Find your four answers in the ship above. Each will reveal a pairs of words or phrases.
- 2. Choose one puzzle sheet. Make a cut (or tear) between the flag and the first symbol in the flagpole.
- 3. Flip the paper over and, starting at the opposite edge from the flagpole, roll up the paper tightly. Leave the flag part unrolled. Tape it closed, if you have tape.
- 4. Repeat steps 2-3 with another sheet to make a second flag.

- 5. Hold one flag in each hand. Pinch the flag between your thumb and forefinger, with your thumbs on the black circles.
- 6. Start with the first pair of symbols. Keeping your hands in front of you and touching each other, rotate your arms and wrists so each flag has one of the symbols upright.
- 7. You're making semaphore! Have a teammate interpret it.
- 8. Repeat steps 6-7 for the three other pairs of symbols.