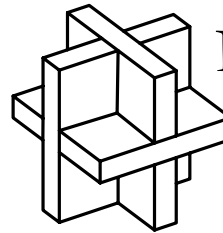


# Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 62



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Gentle solver,

As we enter the winter holidays, a time when the annual darkness is descending *simultaneously* with our being able to share increased time with dear friends and family, I am struck by how very *convenient* is that juxtaposition: we are weighted down with dreary shadows just as we are provided with those who can best help us endure them, by *sharing* that burden!

The ænigma presented here was born of my ruminations along these lines.

In the grid below, each circle represents a *person*, about to encounter the winter's darkness. Your job, playing the rôle of Nature, is to distribute that darkness about, by *blackening* some of the circle-less squares around and between the people. A number within a circle represents the *capacity* of that person to carry the darkness around them: please arrange that each such circle is horizontally or vertically adjacent to a set of blackened regions whose combined area *precisely* matches the given number. *Unnumbered* circles impose no constraint on their surroundings.

Once you have completed your grid, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. In all the *unblackened* and circle-less squares, shift the given letter forward in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary) by the total area of that unblackened, circle-less region. Reading the resulting letters in left-to-right, top-to-bottom order will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

*Ada*

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**Example**

I	(2)	R	P	F	D	Z
E	(1)	R	(2)	B	(0)	(3)
K	O	G	( )	Z	M	Q
D	(4)	(3)	N	(2)	(2)	L
F	G	K	( )	I	L	X
(2)	( )	B	(3)	L	(5)	P
R	B	Q	X	B	( )	P

I	(2)	( )	( )	F	D	( )
E	(1)	R	(2)	B	(0)	(3)
K	( )	G	( )	M	( )	( )
( )	(4)	(3)	( )	(2)	(2)	( )
F	( )	( )	( )	I	L	X
(2)	( )	B	(3)	( )	(5)	( )
( )	( )	Q	( )	( )	( )	( )

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K	O	G	( )	Z	M	Q
D	(4)	(3)	N	(2)	(2)	L
F	G	K	( )	I	L	X
(2)	( )	B	(3)	L	(5)	P
R	B	Q	X	B	( )	P

I + 3 = L	M + 1 = N
F + 3 = I	F + 1 = G
D + 3 = G	I + 3 = L
E + 3 = H	L + 3 = O
R + 2 = T	X + 3 = A
B + 3 = E	B + 2 = D
K + 3 = N	Q + 2 = S
G + 2 = I	

**Answer:**  
LIGHTNING LOADS

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H	H	(3)	( )	L	R	L	Y	L	(1)	H	(4)	Y	K	I	B	H	( )	( )	M	W
R	(4)	J	P	(2)	(3)	F	X	Y	A	(5)	F	R	U	S	(3)	(2)	W	R	(5)	Q
Q	(5)	C	B	I	S	( )	L	B	A	K	Y	P	V	(4)	C	G	Z	P	(3)	X
F	Y	( )	M	Y	D	(2)	E	N	E	N	B	O	P	(2)	D	Q	A	(2)	J	T
X	R	Y	J	(4)	G	M	(2)	(7)	D	(5)	J	(2)	( )	Q	F	(8)	Q	G	B	M
(3)	(5)	C	W	Q	( )	B	P	F	( )	M	( )	C	A	C	( )	Q	F	L	( )	( )
(4)	( )	K	B	N	(7)	X	O	B	( )	F	( )	O	B	R	(2)	C	Z	A	(3)	( )
J	Z	J	A	(4)	P	H	(3)	( )	R	(5)	Q	(4)	(7)	H	L	(3)	L	Y	V	D
Q	A	(4)	J	K	E	( )	Y	R	F	D	J	I	K	(4)	Y	K	D	(3)	B	M
A	( )	N	A	M	N	(2)	S	Q	D	A	P	M	E	(4)	S	S	L	A	(2)	L
G	( )	O	B	(3)	(4)	S	B	X	F	(5)	X	G	X	I	(3)	( )	S	C	(3)	G
Y	O	(7)	( )	Z	B	J	X	J	( )	V	(5)	N	K	Z	L	C	(4)	(3)	N	C

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