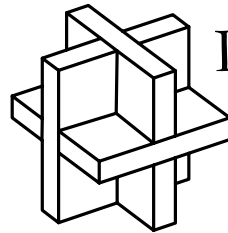


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Gentle solver,

So much of our society treats its residents as if they were all *alike*, interchangeable with respect to desires, requirements, and preferences. But by my own observation, nothing could be further from the truth: we humans routinely exhibit *vast* differences, each person truly individual, displaying a breathtaking *diversity* along all conceivable dimensions.

The Ænigma that follows was inspired by my ambition to explore this phenomenon in a somewhat more *abstract* context.

I should like you to partition the grid below into *regions*, drawing boundaries along grid lines. Each region stands for an individual person and must contain exactly one boxed letter, acting as their *nametag*. Some individuals appear multiple times within the grid: two regions containing the same tag must have *exactly* the same shape, in the same orientation, with the tag in the very same *position* within each region.

Just as every individual is distinct from all others, however, no two regions with *different* tags may have the same shape, regardless of orientation or mirror reflection.

Once you have finished your partition, you may move on to finding the final answer to my Ænigma. Identify each untagged square in a region of *prime size* (e.g., 2, 3, 5, etc.) and advance its letter in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A as necessary) by that size. 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

A	D	A	T	A	X	U
G	O	F	L	O	V	E
C	J	P	Q	W	I	O
X	A	P	N	A	G	M
I	W	H	B	S	K	L
L	A	C	E	J	O	F
Z	Y	Q	B	M	D	D

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G	O	F	L	O	V	E
C	J	P	Q	W	I	O
X	A	P	N	A	G	M
I	W	H	B	S	K	L
L	A	C	E	J	O	F
Z	Y	Q	B	M	D	D

T + 3 = W	A + 3 = D
G + 2 = I	P + 5 = U
O + 5 = T	M + 3 = P
F + 2 = H	I + 3 = L
J + 5 = O	F + 3 = I
P + 5 = U	Z + 3 = C
Q + 3 = T	Y + 2 = A
X + 3 = A	Q + 3 = T
	B + 3 = E

Clue:
WITHOUT A DUPLICATE
Answer:
UNIQUE

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E	N	Y	B	A	A	X	O	X	B	G	C	J	K	Z	D	A	N	Q	J	E
F	A	Q	G	T	V	K	L	H	F	I	U	I	R	L	M	J	N	J	W	I
K	J	O	V	G	H	J	O	J	G	H	K	I	A	H	K	A	F	L	N	
D	M	D	W	A	M	J	D	D	V	W	H	I	I	K	W	S	W	J	B	T
C	X	K	L	A	Y	I	H	G	H	Y	N	B	T	O	X	F	G	P	N	B
O	N	M	C	Q	Y	Q	R	M	V	H	K	S	X	E	T	M	C	C	W	R
T	B	Z	A	J	G	Z	L	P	E	V	I	B	A	P	O	U	L	L	A	Q
R	A	G	X	M	X	Q	J	Y	F	J	I	X	K	N	O	P	O	Y	F	Y
D	K	X	L	A	A	H	L	A	R	K	Z	Z	T	A	V	Y	H	J	D	A
N	U	L	M	D	H	P	M	Z	E	B	X	K	E	J	P	B	A	Q	M	X
D	O	W	C	L	Z	K	D	M	D	W	I	R	J	L	F	T	B	U	Z	J
B	M	U	L	Z	X	D	I	O	Y	C	X	Z	T	S	B	F	O	Z	R	B

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