

The Ænigmatic Addenda:

Guest Constructors revisit the Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 23: Mr Walker Anderson revisits Ænigma #16

Gentle solver,

For our twenty-third *Ænigmatic Addendum*, we are indebted to Mr Walker Anderson of Pennsylvania, a scholar at M.I.T. and a four-time representative of the United States at the World Puzzle Championship. His postings may be read at twitter.com/WA1729.

As in my original ænigma, Mr Anderson took his inspiration from *horticultural* concerns: pray consider that the grid below represents a garden plot. We should like you to *completely* remake the pathways among these plants.

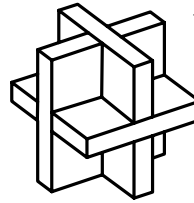
We have already placed *some* paving stones, as denoted by the *black* squares in the grid; your task is to place the remainder, such that it is possible to walk, horizontally and/or vertically, from any stone to any other in the garden, stepping *only* on stones. The *circles* in the grid represent spaces where no stone may be placed; the initial circles locate our beloved shade trees, but you will, no doubt, introduce many more such spaces.

To prevent the creation of any long and *tedious* straight paths, we must constrain your placements a bit: within any row or column, there may be no more than *three* adjacent stones.

Once you've completed your task, you can move on to finding the final answer to this ænigma by *walking* in the garden. Enter at the stone labeled "S," facing into the garden, and proceed by the *shortest* path to exit at the stone labeled "E," turning *only* when necessary. As you walk, whenever you find your path blocked by a white square, *before* turning, note its letter. Reading those letters in order will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

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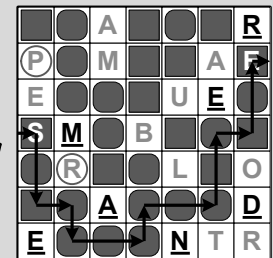
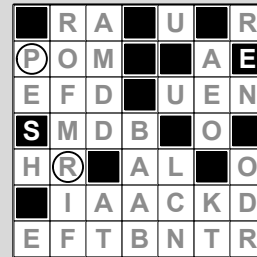
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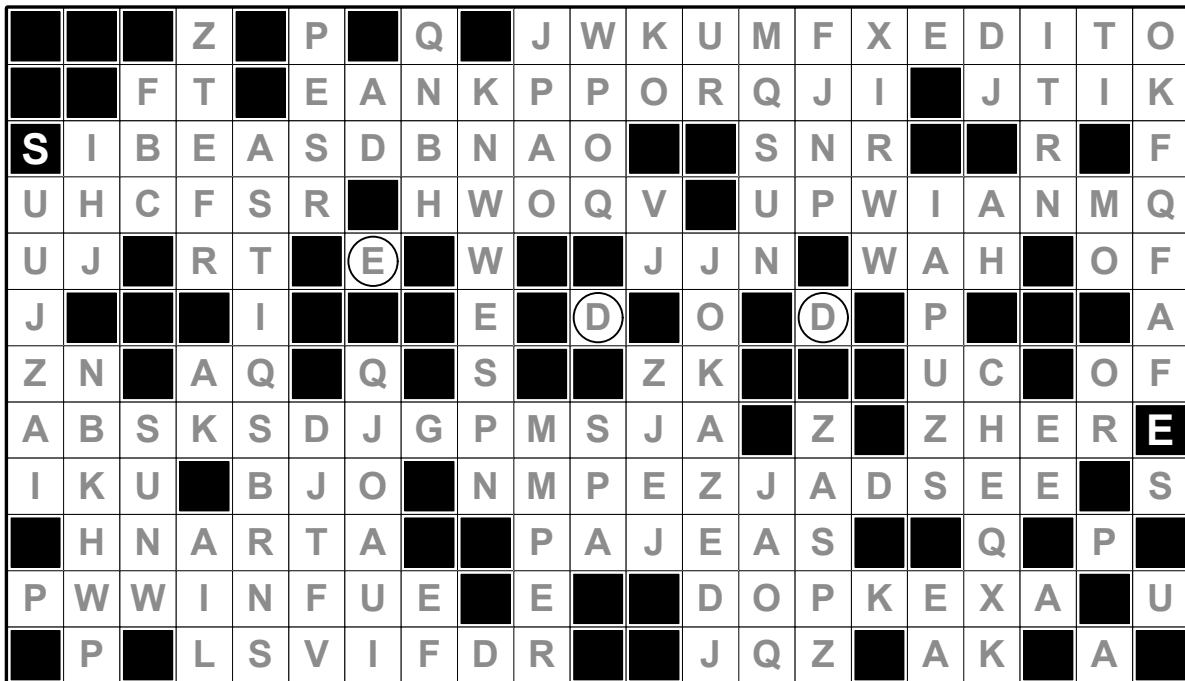


Example



Answer:
MEANDER

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