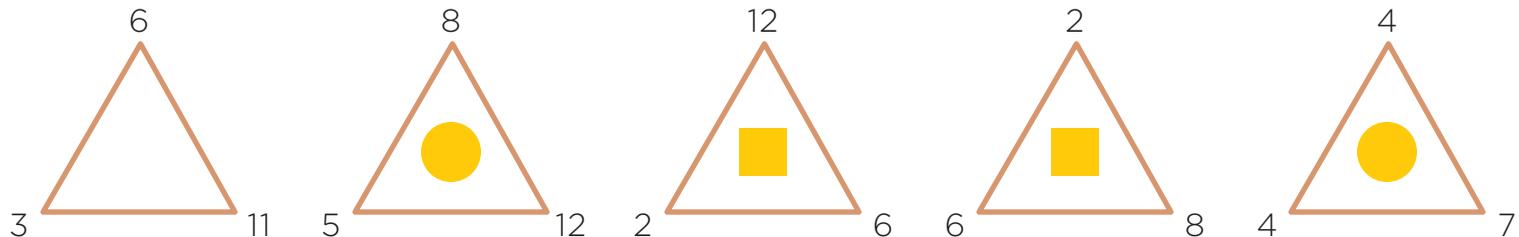


A PUZZLING CONCLUSION

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The Empty Triangle

What shape — a square or a circle — should be in the empty triangle?



Letter Locales

Use each clue below to select a letter of the alphabet and enter it in the blank that follows. The correctly chosen letters, read in order, will reveal a word we hear frequently these days.

Make it competitive: Compare your solution time with an opponent's.

- 1) The first letter appears in Achill and in Glen Cross _____.
- 2) The second letter is found in Alton and in Laurel _____.
- 3) Crombie has the vowel you need here, so does Primrose _____.
- 4) Both Horning's Mills and Campania offer the consonant that goes here _____.
- 5) The correct choice appears three times in either Honeywood or Amaranth _____.
- 6) The letter needed at this step appears twice in either Cataract or Peepabun _____.
- 7) To complete the word correctly you will need a letter from Monticello _____.

Anagram Maze

Anagram a selection of four-letter words (e.g., change a word like SALT to LAST) that will enable you to enter this maze at EATS and exit at TACO. You may move up, down, right or left (not diagonally) by anagramming words in adjacent squares.



A Little Toughie (with clue)

What feature do all the words below have in common?

flip cross
 oblong ulna
 dealer hymn
 built queue

Two clues follow, but only one is relevant. (After all, it is a toughie.)

- 1 The letter 'e' is the 5th letter in the English alphabet.
- 2 The letter 'e' is the most used letter in the English alphabet.

Know Your Colours

A ranch-style house in Creemore has a green roof, green shutters, a green front door, and an attached double garage painted green. Inside the house the floor of the front foyer is green.

What colour is the staircase?

Silas Renarm at the Orangeville Fair

In response to a request from the Literary Society, the fair board refused Silas permission to run his medicine show on the fairgrounds, but even off site his potent elixir sold very well on fair day, a result he attributed in part to the coin puzzle below.



Like all of Silas's puzzles, the coin challenge was designed to attract children to his setup, hopefully with adults in tow. The children were invited to win a candy with this puzzle by inverting any two coins at the same time to establish an alternating heads-tails pattern. The adults saw how quickly children could win a candy by simply inverting numbers 2 and 5 at the same time, so they readily accepted Silas's invitation to win a free sample of elixir by trying the following variation with the coins:

In three moves, establish an alternating heads-tails pattern by inverting two adjacent coins at the same time.