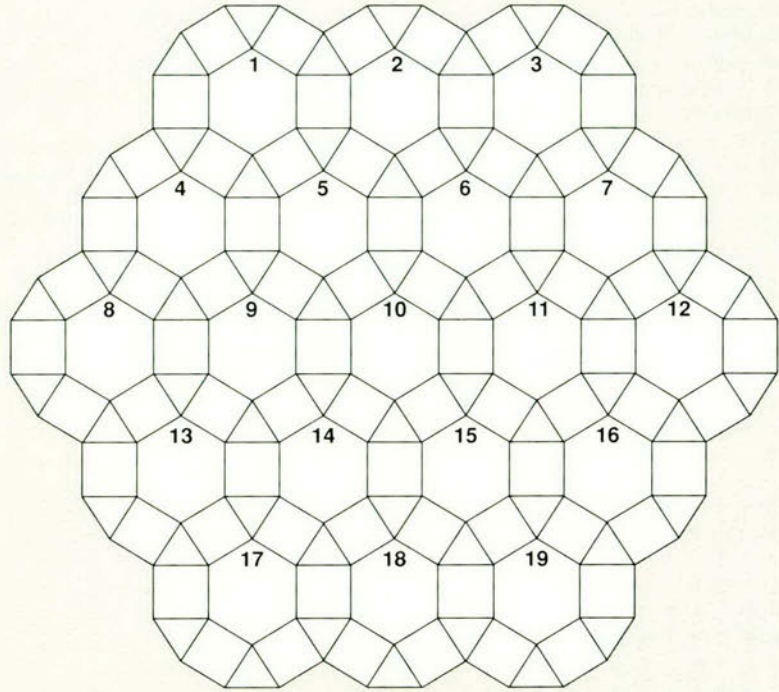


THE PUZZLER

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WORD LINKS

In this puzzle, words are linked in several ways. Each numbered hexagon is ringed by alternating squares and shaded triangles. The seven-letter answer to each Square clue should have one letter (not necessarily the first) entered in its correspondingly numbered hexagon; the other six go sequentially in the surrounding squares in either direction, beginning in a square to be determined. Triangle answers should be entered by the same method, but using shaded triangles. The letter in each hexagon is shared by its Square word and its Triangle word. Further connecting squares and triangles, and forming the diagram's border, is a sequence of 14 words, each linked to the ones immediately before and after it (as in SAW-HORSE-PLAY-BILL-FOLD). Answers include uncommon words at 6 Square and 19 Triangle and three proper nouns.



The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 116.

SQUARE

1. Feline coming back in heat disturbed one in foreign service
2. Tempts with ten novel frozen treats
3. Forsakes rightful reward
4. Jeweler's first hit can burst zircon
5. Made up one court in five
6. Break code by jerk concerned with a Christian heresy
7. Seizing an amount of marijuana, police department made a surprise attack
8. Union interrupting talk on new source of caffeine (*two words*)
9. Feel lacking in money for education
10. Easiest oral exam for tenth-graders?
11. Struggles in sea go awry
12. Plucky Cobb goes after moolah
13. Sounded like Ella got lost

14. Looks around goal for receivers
15. Gravity of the stars relating to the digestive system
16. Study of anomalies in flight could make you golf strangely
17. Boats surrounding each dugong and manatee (*two words*)
18. Manuela, surprisingly, graduates
19. In marketplaces, neuter cats

TRIANGLE

1. Sigh about Kentucky horse's introduction to bits (*hyphenated*)
2. After end of oil, start burning coal
3. North Africans laugh at tiny bugs
4. Commandeers greeting cards
5. School in possession of wood shop waste
6. Underlings minced onions outside
7. Tan producer from northern Los Angeles falling into cesspool
8. Officer likely involved in notorious fratricide
9. Doctor has it in for sesame pastes
10. Baltic republic is at one with changes
11. Style certain hairdo for monks
12. Grounds intertwined with covered passageways (*two words*)
13. Toys in cereal boxes for real
14. Opposes agreement in Italy cutting into vacations
15. Foremost of theories on aquatic mammals nearly collapses
16. Jogging behind the leader in deteriorating condition
17. Oregon turned back 1930s migrants and newcomers
18. Spirited horse is relatively rough-sounding
19. Fish spear going through whale is terminal

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