



# SOLUTION: We Come In Pieces



This is a meta-puzzle, with the feeders:

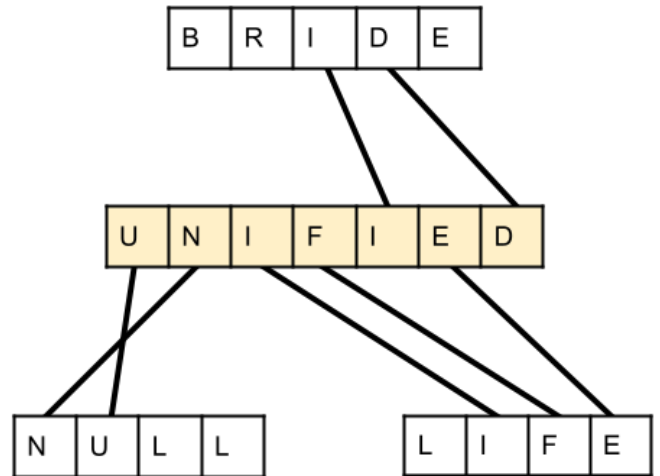
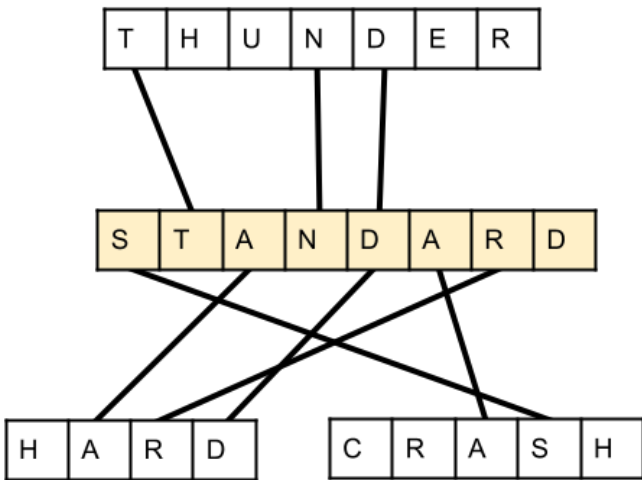
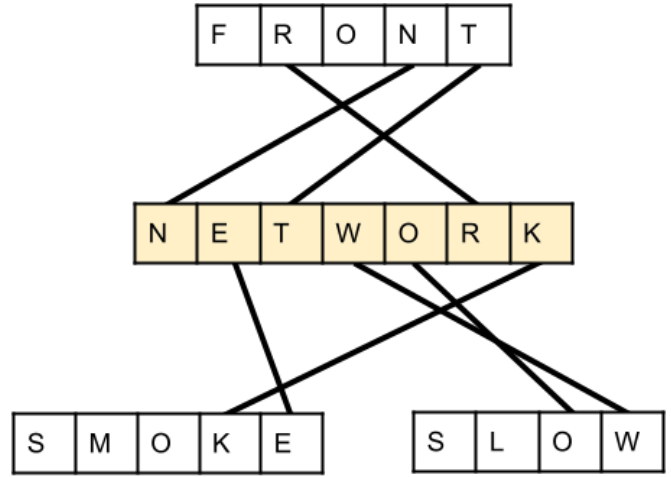
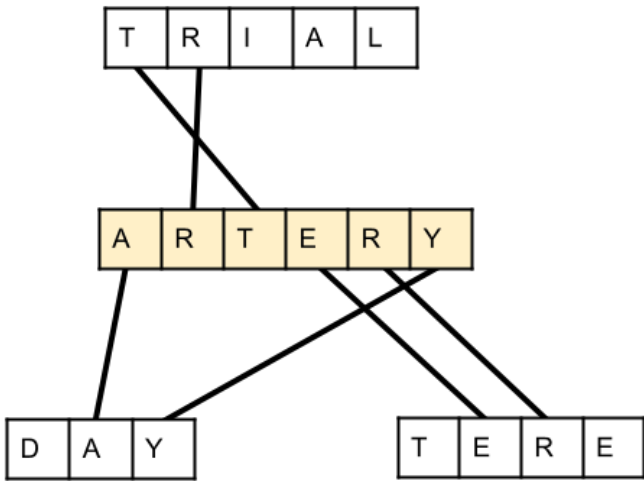
Branching Out	STANDARD
Going in Crop Circles	UNIFIED
Mockery	ARTERY
Wormholes	NETWORK

We have 4 highlighted slots that fit these enumerations—the two 7-letter answers can be disambiguated later (the feeders are slotted in alphabetical order, and trying to make words with them in the wrong places will prove difficult).

We break up each of these words into parts of other words, and then can Wheel of Fortune our way into completing them. We have 12 words to make, 12 emojis on the bottom, and 12 clues on the bottom; this, plus the flavor text containing many phrases involving “X and Y” suggests that we should try to make words that can pair with words clued by the emojis, to form an “X and Y” phrase that matches a clue’s meaning.

When doing this, we note that the first word always comes from the top and second word always comes from the bottom, and the words clued by the emojis are in alphabetical order. The words clued by the emojis also match the second number of the enumerations next to the phrases, which suggests indexing. Indexing into the second/emoji word and reading in order of clues gives the answer **THREE IF BY AIR**—a reference to Paul Revere’s famous “one if by land, two if by sea” warning.

Phrase meaning	Word From Feeder	Word from Emoji	Index	Length	Extracted
Loud	THUNDER	LIGHTNING	5	9	T
Constantly	DAY	NIGHT	4	5	H
Visible	FRONT	CENTER	6	6	R
Iterative	TRIAL	ERROR	1	5	E
Distributed	HERE	THERE	3	5	E
Inavlid	NULL	VOID	3	4	I
Definitive	HARD	FAST	1	4	F
Fail	CRASH	BURN	1	4	B
Incremental	SLOW	STEADY	6	6	Y
Dire	LIFE	DEATH	3	5	A
Deception	SMOKE	MIRRORS	2	7	I
Couple	BRIDE	GROOM	2	5	R



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