

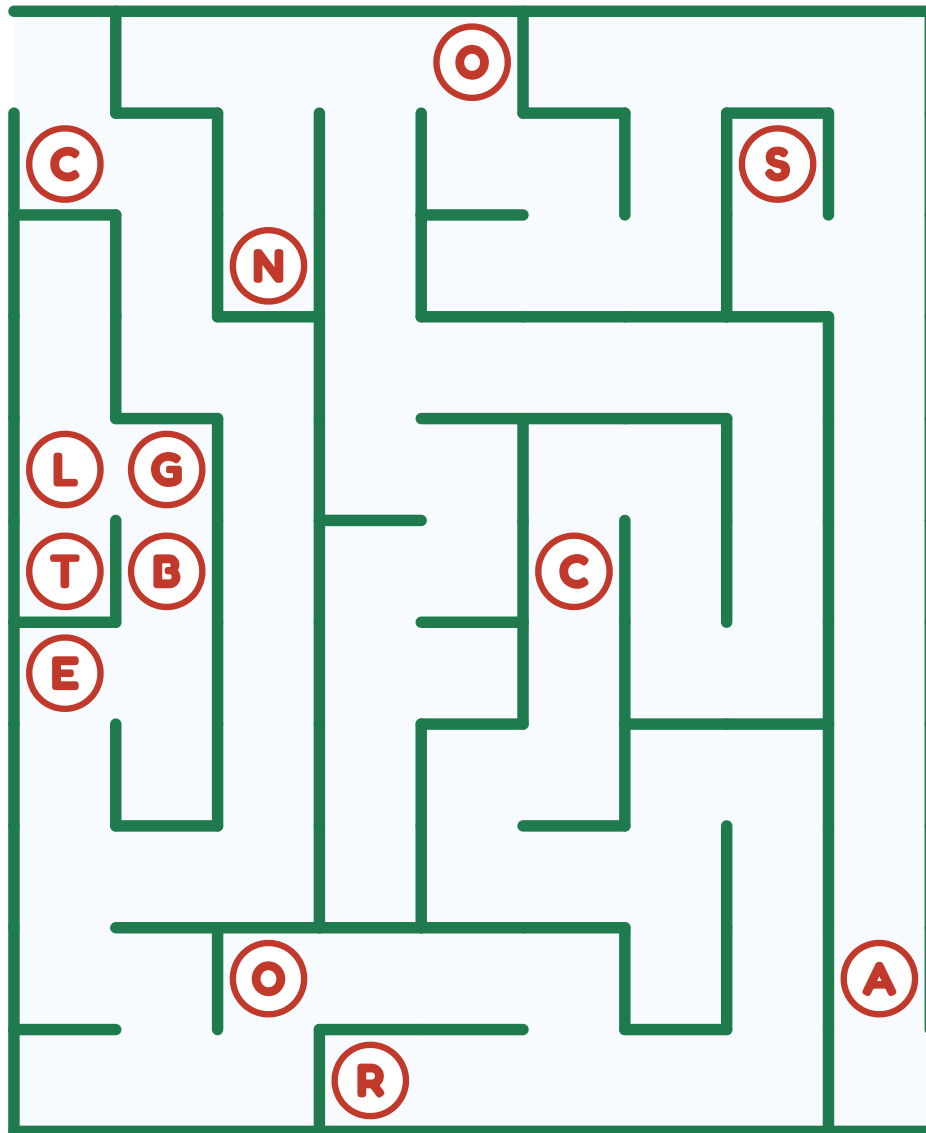


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PUZZLE 1 OF 9

Reindeer Runway

The reindeer must get from the barn to the sleigh, but the snow has buried the runway! Find the ONE clear path. Write down the letters you pass on the way, in order. Letters off the path are snowdrifts. Do not count them!



Your answer opens Envelope 2.

Write the 5 letters here, then show the Head Elf.





DEC

1

LETTER DAY | MIRROR MESSAGE

The case begins! A snowy footprint leads away from the tree.

Hold the message to a mirror, or read its mirrored letters from right to left. Write the normal word below.

RED

Detective challenge (optional, try first)

Senior backtrack: shift HIV BACK 4, then reverse the letters.

Detective notes: What did you notice? What will you check next?

Letter day: Copy your FIRST letter to Dec 1 on the tracker. (1/12)

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DEC

2

CLUE DAY | NUMBER CODE

A signed delivery slip puts one elf far from the tree all night. Decode the signature.

Use the Number Code: A is 1, B is 2, and so on. Write the letter under each number.

16	21	4	4	9	14	7

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Detective challenge (optional, try first)

Senior A=26: use A=26, B=25 ... Z=1. Decode 11 6 23 23 18 13 20.

Detective notes: What did you notice? What will you check next?

Today's clue: The star-snatcher is NOT _____.

Cross off the elf with this name. Elves left after today: _____

