

Solution: *Captain Dread*

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Note: this puzzle was originally printed on transparency.

Each of the 25 squares can be placed into a grouping of five elements, in order that the black marking on the top of each square can be overlaid to form a word. Each square has an associated word which can help you make the groupings. The word formed is another member of the set.

Each square with a top part of the word-slice has a number which gives you an ordering of the groupings. Within each grouping, the members can be ordered by the black markings on the top of the squares (top to bottom). Each of these grouping has one member which doesn't belong to the category. Each word formed from assembling the pieces is five letters long, and there are five members of each group, so use the position of the member that doesn't belong as an index into the word formed and take that letter. For instance, in the first grouping, THOUGHT is not a sense, so you would take the S from SMELL, as it is the first letter. Doing this for all five groupings forms the word SCENT, which is the answer to the puzzle.

Category	Words (in order)	Word formed	Index	Letter
Senses	[THOUGHT] TASTE TOUCH HEARING SIGHT	SMELL	1	S
NHL teams	PENGUINS SHARKS [CARDINALS] KINGS MAPLE LEAFS	DUCKS	3	C
Simple machines	PLANE WEDGE SCREW [ENGINE] WHEEL	LEVER	4	E
Fruit	APPLE KIWI [CORN] PINEAPPLE ORANGE	MANGO	3	N
Planets	VENUS JUPITER MERCURY [PLUTO] SATURN	EARTH	4	T
