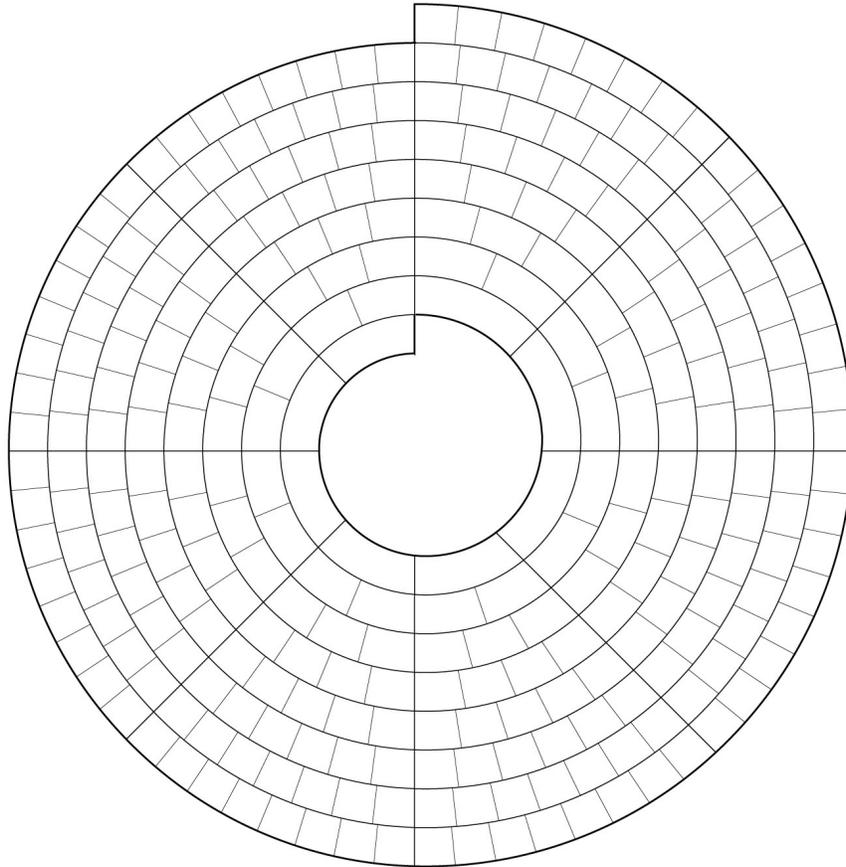


# The VINYL COUNTDOWN

Clues in this grid are entered clockwise around the spiral from the outside in, in the order they are provided. It is up to the solver to determine where each entry begins and ends. Within each octant wedge, the eight outermost letters will be rearranged with one dropped in the seven letters in the next ring, and so on until only one of the eight letters is left in the center ring. We've provided the enumerations for the first twenty-nine answers; after that, you're on your own...



- Dial next to "Bass" on a stereo (6)
- Free of charge (6)
- Prosimian native to Madagascar (5)
- Instrument for blowing reveille (5)
- Miff (6)
- Five-staged emotion (5)
- Tendency to remain at rest (7)
- Closed to the public, like some wealthy communities (5)
- Starship captain played by Stewart (6)
- Losing money (8, three words)
- A whole that is greater than the sum of its parts (7)
- Physical consequence of excess drinking (7, two words)
- Mojito ingredients (5)
- Phineas's stepbrother on TV (4)
- Titular Bond villain (10)
- Museum purview (7, two words)
- Represent, as in a mural (6)
- Slope of a road (8)
- Very best (8)
- Diving bird (5)
- Able to be combined like oil and vinegar (9)
- One who copies notes illegally (6)
- Baby (6)
- Extremely cold (6)
- Jam ingredient (6)
- Sale item indicators (7, two words)
- Wish for a do-over (6)
- More like B.B. King's music (8)
- Having relations with, slangily (7)
- Riding the whitewater
- Make the call
- Slight bit of color
- All the world is one
- Like a subgenre of crime novels (hyph.)
- Ship's prison
- Unhappily excited
- 4, for example
- Savings, especially for a home (2 wds.)
- Type of pitcher
- Get rid of items you didn't want, in a way
- Accusing, legally
- Rachmaninoff, for one
- Pretend
- Glad holiday greetings
- Your answer, or what you've been doing with these letters