

Drop It Like It's Hot (Matrix)



[note: this puzzle requires location-specific information!]

A	C	A	A	A	A	A	I	E	A	A	A	E	H	A	E	E	E	A	B	A	F	E
E	L	D	D	O	D	A	M	H	E	G	E	E	O	E	E	F	E	A	E	E	G	E
G	P	H	F	R	H	G	Q	K	M	I	E	Q	R	E	F	G	F	E	F	F	L	I
P	P	I	N	R	S	N	R	L	N	M	N	T	R	E	R	P	G	I	G	H	M	I
R	R	O	O	S	T	S	R	O	S	N	O	T	U	I	T	T	I	M	H	T	P	L
T	R	R	U	V	Y	S	T	U	S	R	S	T	W	U	T	W	R	N	R	U	R	O

American figure skater who retired in 2018 (6)

Be heavier than (8)

Blood, bile, or phlegm (5)

Bring into one place (6)

Command to a dog (5)

Dessert option (3)

Diamond, for example (3)

Hook's sidekick (4)

Liken (6)

Oceanic predator (5)

Old-fashioned (6)

Passion or fervor (5)

Pieces of the past (7)

Plant Pokémon (10)

President with a Doctrine (6)

Rabble (8)

Respiratory disorder (6)

Singer Hill (6)

Soviet newspaper (6)

Units of length (4)

(5) (9) (11) (5) (8)

ANSWER: _____

HELPFUL INFORMATION

This is a variant of a puzzle known as a **barred dropquote**. The letters above each column are “dropped” into the column (in some order) to spell out words. In this particular puzzle, the heavy lines indicate breaks between words.

Words may be split across lines – for example, the first line ends with the first two letters of a word, and the next line begins with the last three letters of that same word. As an aid to solving, the words in the dropquote grid are in alphabetical order. (However, the clues are not in order.)

(Note: You may notice that there are six letters in each column but only five rows. That’s not a mistake!)