

Flotsam, Jetsam, and Driftwood – Solution

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We are given a Rows Garden grid (with 2x3 rectangles, instead of hexagons). The first step is to fill the grid using the clues provided. As with any Rows Garden, the “hexagon” answers are given to us alphabetically, so one must use the Row answers to determine where to place them. At the bottom of this document, you will find a list of the clues and their answers, along with a completed grid.

Completing the grid (or simply counting the number of provided clues) reveals that three of the hexagons in the grid are unclued, one from each type. They are:

Flotsam: **COOLED**

Jetsam: **BUTTER**

Driftwood: **STACKS**

On the grid, thirty-six of the cells have numbers in them (in this solution write-up, those cells are highlighted). The numbers 1-12 all appear in each hexagon type. If we pull the letters from those numbered cells insert them into the corresponding cells provided at the bottom of the puzzle page, we obtain:

Flotsam	I	N	A	M	O	N	K	S	H	O	O	D
Jetsam	A	C	R	I	D	T	A	S	T	I	N	G
Driftwood	H	A	S	A	B	I	T	T	O	E	A	T

The key observation to make here is that the answers to the extracted clues differ from the unclued answers by a single letter:

Flotsam: **IN A MONK’S HOOD** – **COWLED** (**COOLED**)

Jetsam: **ACRID TASTING** – **BITTER** (**BUTTER**)

Driftwood: **HAS A BIT TO EAT** – **SNACKS** (**STACKS**)

If we take disagreeing letters and order them using the puzzle title (or by color, or by order of appearance in the grid), we get **WIN** and **OUT**, which combine to form the fittingly six-letter answer: **WIN OUT**.

A				L	A	T				E	R	I				S	E	R				
B	S	E	E	B	O	T	H	S	I	D	E	S	R	E	M	I	N	G	T	O	N	
C	T	H	R	E	E	F	O	U	R	T	I	M	E	A	D	O	P	T	I	O	N	
D	E	L	A	S	T	I	C	I	T	Y	D	I	A	N	E	K	E	A	T	O	N	
E	E	X	H	I	B	I	T	A	C	O	N	F	I	R	M	E	D	C	A	S	E	
F	S	I	N	K	I	N	G	F	E	E	L	I	N	G	F	L	O	O	D	E	D	
G	S	A	N	T	A	A	N	I	T	A	C	H	I	C	A	G	O	F	I	R	E	
H	P	A	R	T	I	C	I	P	A	T	E	D	T	R	A	G	E	D	I	E	S	
I	R	E	S	E	T	T	L	E	S	R	O	M	A	N	T	I	C	I	Z	E	D	
J	S	T	A	R	B	U	C	K	S	A	S	S	I	M	I	L	A	T	I	O	N	
K	U	N	D	E	R	E	A	T	S	R	H	I	N	O	C	E	R	O	S	E	S	
L				T	I	M				E	S	S				I	G	N				

- A.** – One who sleeps in (2 wds) LATE RISER • Sentence analyzer **PARSER**
- B.** – View an argument from two perspectives (3 wds) SEE BOTH SIDES • Common text file name **READ-ME**
- Gun or razor maker REMINGTON • Use a stopwatch again **RETIME**
- C.** – Characteristic of a waltz (3 wds) THREE FOUR TIME • Took forcefully **SEIZED**
- Method of becoming a parent ADOPTION • Kilt pattern **TARTAN**
- D.** – Stretchiness ELASTICITY • Long shots? **THREES**
- "Annie Hall" star (2 wds) DIANE KEATON **JETSAM**
- E.** – Label seen in court (2 wds) EXHIBIT A • Mock **DERIDE**
- Epidemic victim that's no longer just CONFIRMED CASE • Cotton fabric [appears backward in CRY TIMIDLY] **DIMITY**
- F.** – Bad vibe, perhaps when exploring the Forbidden Island? (2 wds) SINKING FEELING • Oriented toward **FACING**
- Awash FLOODED • Honoring, as with a celebration **FETING**
- G.** – Track where Seabiscuit last ran (2 wds) SANTA ANITA • Type of type **ITALIC**
- Soccer team named for a disaster (2 wds) CHICAGO FIRE • Swamp or sticky situation **MORASS**
- H.** – Took part PARTICIPATED • Pathfinder, for one **NISSAN**
- Sad stories TRAGEDIES • Nudge with one's finger (2 wds) **POKE AT**
- I.** – Emigrates RESETTLES • Deem proper (2 wds) **SEE FIT**
- Placed on a pedestal ROMANTICIZED **DRIFTWOOD**
- J.** – Where 'tall' means 'small' STARBUCKS • Male aviators **AIRMEN**
- Cultural Absorbance (as practiced by the Borg) ASSIMILATION • Rights wrongs **ATONES**
- K.** – Consumes less food than one should UNDEREATS • Ancient Greek state or New York prison **ATTICA**
- Horny beasts? RHINOCEROSSES • "Heaven's Gate" director Michael [anagram of I'M ICON] **CIMINO**
- L.** – x, arithmetically (2 wds) TIMES SIGN • One-time Toyota rival **DATSUN**
- FLOTSAM** • Crave, or U2 song **DESIRE**
- Two-piece beach wear **BIKINI** • Uncouple **DETACH**
- Sssnake, at times **HISSER** • Direction from a yoga instructor **EXHALE**
- "The ___ upon us" ("Now's the time!") (2 wds) **HOURLY** • Steamed up (a window) **FOGGED**
- Pay no mind **IGNORE** • Rackets **NOISES**
- Enzyme that breaks down fat **LIPASE** • Perform an aria a second time **RESING**
- Vague idea or whim **NOTION** • Strategem **TACTIC**
- Stored (in a cabinet?) for future reference (2 wds) **ON FILE** • Namesake of a women's fashion retailer **TALBOT**