

Log Jam – Solution

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In each of the six sets of columns, a set of related plants or animals can be found by taking one string of letters from each column, using no string more than once. Each string has one extra letter; the first columns are highlighted and the only columns out of alphabetical order, which suggests that that column should be used to order these extra letters. Each set yields a single word in this way, giving the phrase **ADULT DRINK NAMED AFTER GREEN INSECT**. This clues the answer, **GRASSHOPPER**.

Set 1 (vegetables): SWEETCO(A)RN, RADDICHI(D)O, ASPA(U)RAGUS, ARTICHO(L)KE, RE(T)DPEPPER

Set 2 (reptiles/amphibians): ROCKPYTHON(D), CO(R)PPERHEAD, SALAM(I)ANDER, WATE(N)RSNAKE, HORN(K)EDTOAD

Set 3 (flowers): HELIOTROPE(N), POINSE(A)TTIA, BLUE(M)BONNET, S(E)NAPDRAGON, CORNFLOW(D)ER

Set 4 (fish/crustaceans): (A)SEAURCHIN, DOVERSO(F)LE, MAKOS(T)HARK, S(E)WORDFISH, CONG(R)EREEL

Set 5 (fruit): CL(G)EMENTINE, WATERME(R)LON, BLAC(E)KBERRY, CA(E)NTALOUPE, GRAPEFRU(N)IT

Set 6 (birds): WOOD(I)PECKER, SCREE(N)CHOWL, (S)TURTLEDOVE, ROADRUNNER(E), KOO(C)KABURRA, ARCTICTERN(T)