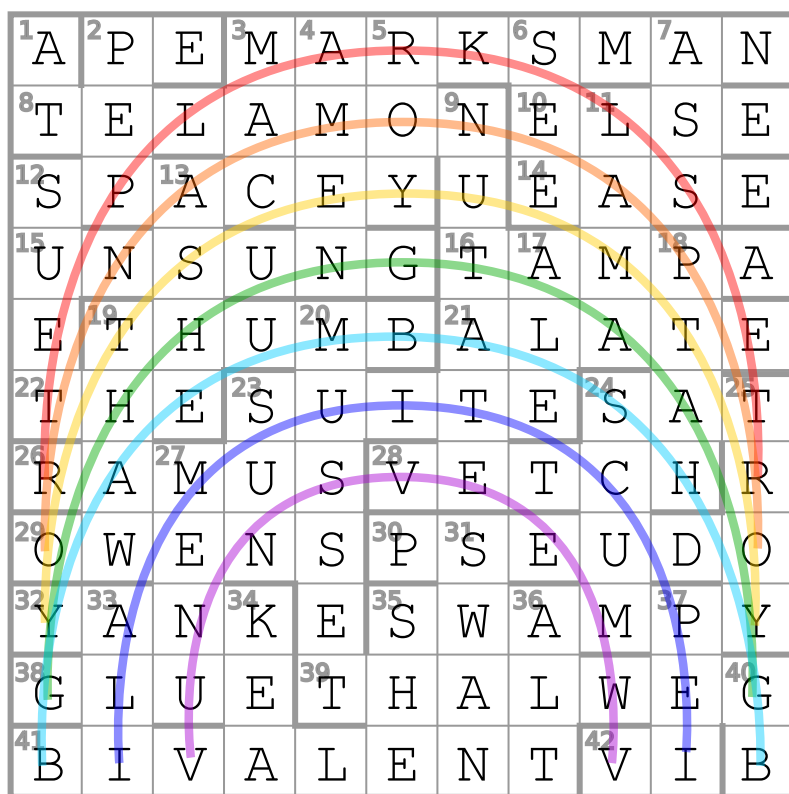


PUZZLEBOMB

SOLUTIONS

BRAIN OW



Down

- 1 HAT with top knocked off = AT
- 2 PREP without R = right
- 3 CAME back = EMAC, remove one letter
- 4 Anagram of NAME
- 5 Even letters in gRoOvY
- 6 Third letter = C, sounds like SEE
- 7 Tramp in US = BUM, in UK means backside, in US
- 9 Brazil = NUT, consumed = ATE
- 11 LLAMA is an animal, remove the head
- 12 isSUE Two
- 13 A + 35dn = SHE
- 17 ALE, which becomes PALE when P is added
- 18 School board = PTA, Head's first = H
- 19 THOR when spoken aloud
- 20 SUM back to back with SET
- 23 monsterS UNder
- 24 Take the heads of State Can't Understand Maths
- 25 T + 5dn = ROY
- 27 Anagram of NUMEROUS without SOUR
- 31 Anagram of SWAN
- 33 Anagram of LIAR minus R
- 34 I leaving IKEA
- 35 Confused noises = EHS, reversed
- 36 Regularly spaced letters in bAlLeT
- 37 2.72 = E, contained in 3.14 = PI
- 40 BAG without its contents, reversed

Across

- 2 Centre of oPEn
- 3 Literally, MARK'S MAN
- 8 Anagram of MEAL NOT
- 10 chELSEa
- 12 Room = SPACE + Y
- 14 Sounds like 'Es'
- 15 GNUS reversed towards UN
- 16 sTAMP Again
- 19 HUM in TB
- 21 ET AL backwards to A
- 22 noT HEre
- 23 Sounds like SWEET
- 24 Endless task = TAS, reversed
- 26 RAM + US ('ewes')
- 28 Obtain = FETCH, V replacing F
- 29 EW will OWE NS something!
- 30 Anagram of DUPES + O
- 32 Anagram of KANY
- 35 SWAY holds MP
- 38 Anagram of LUGE
- 39 Anagram of LEG WHAT
- 41 AMBIVALENT without AM
- 42 VI = Roman numerals for 6

On completing the grid, solvers can find the letters ROYGBIV occur only three times each, in three sets running down the grid. Joining the three Rs using a red curved line, Os using orange and so on, will produce the image of a beautiful RAINBOW, which is an anagram of BRAIN OW.

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