

S&M

Hint 1: Your primary task should be to make sense of the letters spelled out in M&Ms; once you've done that, move on to secondary concerns.

Hint 2: Benatr rdhnyf erq cyhf lryybj.

Hint 3: Gur pbybef pbzr sebz gur pbzovangvba bs guerr bireynvq vzntf (bar erq, bar lryybj, naq bar oyhr.) Sbe vafgnapr, n checyr cvkry vf cerfrag va gur erq naq oyhr vzntf naq nofrag va gur lryybj bar. Gjb bs gur vzntf jvyv gryy lbh jurer gb tb, naq n guveq jvyv tvir lbh lbhe fbyhgvba jbeq va artngvir fcnpr.

The Missing Link: Each of the candies has a number in its title, and each one is pointing in a certain direction. Use the numbers and directions to navigate the maze. You won't be able to reach the end unless you imagine adding one particular bar in a certain place. The name of that bar will be your answer.

Carmen Candiego: The thirteen locations mentioned in the song, in order, are: San Francisco, Afghanistan, Tasmania, Venezuela, Seoul, the Persian Gulf, Portugal, Tokyo, Hokkaido, Ireland, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan. The globe is divided into 24 segments, and in this puzzle, each one corresponds to a letter from A to X, starting from San Francisco. For example, Hokkaido, the northernmost of Japan's four main islands, is in the "S" region, and Sri Lanka, off the coast of India, is in the "O" region. You'll know you have the right answer word because it comes up in the song.

Picture Search: The six pictures depict the following concepts: pepper, spear, breath, dinner, Franklin, and double. What candy-related word can accompany all of these words?

Mummy Dearest

Hint 1: There's nothing inside the mummy, nor is there anything to find besides clear and colored tape. The journey is more important than the destination.

Hint 2: Vs Ebobpbc jrer gb or zhzzsvrq, ur jbyhq jnag gb or jencrcq hc va erq, benatr, oyhr, benatr, pyrne, benatr, naq cvax ynlref. Guvf zhzzl vfa'g Ebobpbc, ohg ur unf fbzrguvat va pbzzba jvgu uvz.

Death and Taxes

Hint 1: The first set of coins has to be 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 or 1, 2, 3, 5, 6. Narrow down the possibilities for the other sets in the same way.

Hint 2: Preorehf vf fhpu n oherhnpeng gung ur erdhverf gung pbvaf or fhozvgrq va vapernfvat beqre bs inyhr - gur frpbaq frg unf gb or beqrerq nf bar, gjb, sbhe, sbe vafgnapr.

Corpse Bride

Hint 1: There's a bridal registry machine on the sixth floor of Macy's. Enter the name of one of the newlyweds to get a list of gifts.

Hint 2: Qrr naq Senaxyva unir nyy bs gur ryzragf bs n fhpprffshy eryngvbafuvc - gurve purzvfngel vf terng, naq gurl crevbqvpnyyl nggraq gb rnpu bgure'f arrqf.

Stakeout

Hint 1: Buffy knows that vampires are shallow at heart; they really only care about the name on the front of each store.

Hint 2: Vg'f n tbbq guvat gurer nera'g nal onbono gerrf va Havba Fdhner, orpnhfr lbh'q svaq nyy sbhe *glcrf* bs inzcvr gurer.

Hint 3: Ybbx sbe oybbq *glcrf* – n, o, no, b - rzorqrrq va gur fgber anzrf. Gur enerfg uhzna oybbq *glcr* vf no, naq, va snpg, gung yrggre cngrea bayl nccrnf ba bar fgbersebag.

A Lesser-Known Poem of Edgar Allan Poe

Hint 1: This is a five-line poem, and it has a specific rhyme and meter.

Hint 2: Vg'f n yvzrevpx. Pna lbh svaq gur pbeerpg beqre sbe gur yvarf? (Nyfb, lbh pna nfx lbhe ybpny fgnsre gb pbeerpg nal vapbeerpg nafjref.)

Bar Exam

Hint 1: This isn't just any old chocolate. This is Ghirardelli, San Francisco's finest!

Hint 2: Nyy ohg bar yrggre va rnpu bs gur jbeqf ba gur yvfg pbzrf sebz gur jbeq Tuvenerqyyv. Hfr gubfr “bqq yrggref bhg” gb svyy va gur erf g bs gur zrffntr ba gur sebag bs gur one.

Consumer Hell

Hint 1: Each sub-puzzle solves to something that can be found on one of the eight floors of the mall, but the exact locations of those things within each floor are not important. Ask your local staffer for any help that you need on the individual puzzles.

Hint 2: Nsgre lbh'ir chg gur chmmyrf va beqre ol sybbe, fghql gur Qnagr cbrz pnershyyl, naq guvax nobhg jul jr tnir lbh gur chmmyrf ba pvepyrf bs cncre. Nyfb, jul jrera'g jr jbeevrq gung lbh'q fbyir guvf orsber pbzvat urer?

Hint 3: Rnpv bs gur yvggyr pvepyrf nebhaq n ovt pvepyr pbeerfcbaqf gb n cynpr jurer na rfpnyngbe fgnegf be raqf. Yvyr Qnagr, lbh arrq gb "evqr" sebz gur obggbz sybbe gb gur gbc sybbe naq onpx qbja ntnva.

Triskaidekaphobia

Hint 1: If you found the word "subordinately" by taking one letter from each row, you're on the right track. Now start looking for word parts like un-, -ly, and -ing.

Hint 2: Ab znggre ubj gverq lbh zvtug or bs bhe gebhoyrznxvat va guvf zbgureshpxvat chmmyr, orne va zvaq gung jr unira'g pubfra gur jbeqf hacercvpgnoyl; rnpv bar pbagnvaf guvegrra qvssrerag yrggref.

Thirteen Ghosts

Hint 1: You need to reassemble five bowling games. (If you can't remember how the scoring system for bowling works, feel free to ask your local staffer.) Also, it helps that each player has certain quirks...

Hint 2: Url, vfa'g gung Ze. Svobanppv objyvat nf Cynlre Bar?

Hint 3: Jung fubjf hc va bar senzr bs rnpv cynlre'f tnzr?

Get on a Board with Taft

Hint 1: This is a game of Twenty Questions. As you approach the right order, you should notice something that will confirm the order.

Hint 2: Gnsg, va uvf vasvavgr jvfqbz, vf ernyyl fgrevat lbh gbjneq bar bs gur gjb obyqrq yrggref jurarire ur nafjref lrf be ab.

Hint 3: Hfr gur gjragl yrggref gung Gnsg unf vaqvpngrq gb genpr bhg sbhe yrggref ba gur Bhvwn obneq.

Arachnophobia

Hint 1: It's no coincidence that we gave you exactly eight spiders.

Hint 2: Va beqre gb pbadhre lbhe srne bs fcvqref, lbh'yy unir gb orpbzr bar.

Hint 3: Ubbx lbhe guhzof gbtrgure gb znxr lbhe unaqf vagb n fcvqre. Abj sbuybj gur "qverpgvbaf" ba npu fcvqre ol ergenpgvat svatref gung pbeerfcbag gb zvffvat yrtf juvyr yrnivat gur bguref rkgrarq.

Familiar Faces

Hint 1: Math is hard! You don't need to do any math to solve this puzzle.

Hint 2: Lbh znl srny onq gung lbh unq gb gnxr uvag gjb, gjragl-sbhe zvahgrf va, ohg nsgre nyy, guvf vf chmmyr ahzore avar va Onat Guvegrra, fb lbh fubhyq rkcrpg vg gb or bar bs gur uneqrfg. Jr'er uncl gb fcryy guvatf bhg sbe lbh.

Hint 3: Gur jbeq "guerr" pbagnvaf n g naq na u, fb gur chzcxva vapyhqrq n gevnatyr naq n urkntba.