

Falling into Place

1. The puzzle is presented as a game of Tetris with the following changes:

- each block in a tetris piece contains either a letter or a black square
- in addition to the standard game controls, the letters within the tetris piece can be rotated without changing the piece's orientation
- a crossword-style clue and a graphical representation of an answer word are shown. the length and horizontal orientation of the word is displayed. occasionally, one or more of the letter spaces will be highlighted.

Correctly spelling the current answer word within the tetris board, bounded by either empty space, the board walls, or black squares, will advance to the next clue. Simultaneously, a vertical entry with its clue is revealed, but the answer is not given. Completing all the horizontal answer words will end the game.

The horizontal answer words are given alphabetically by clue. Dying will revert backwards one horizontal answer word. Completing a tetris will reveal the next letter in the graphical representation of the answer word to be spelled, starting at the beginning.

After the game ends, the solver must realize the answer words can be used to rebuild a crossword. The answer words and their clues are shown below in final output order, with newest at the top.

Word that follows school or prison

Youngest of the adopted daughters in "Despicable Me"

A	G	N	E	S
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UNIX directory for system-wide config files

Whence "Begin, be bold and venture to be wise"

H	O	R	A	C	E
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Union's graded system for salaries, perhaps

Type of off-hand item in Diablo III

O	R	B
---	---	---

"___ the season..."

Two, in Tijuana

D	O	S
---	---	---

Something to bid upon parting

TV lawyer Stone

E	L	I
---	---	---

San ____, game featuring tobacco and coffee

Top worn in warm weather

T	E	E
---	---	---

Redeemed, as chips

The Who's "Love, Reign ___ Me"

O	E	R
---	---	---

Publisher of "Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases"

Student of Socrates

P	L	A	T	O
---	---	---	---	---

Prefix meaning "blood"

Spelling event

B	E	E
---	---	---

Pre-1868 Tokyo

Skewered meat dish with turmeric and peanut sauce

S	A	T	A	Y
---	---	---	---	---

Phaeophyceae member found in underwater forests

___ Row (winner of the '35 Spring Handicap)

T	O	P
---	---	---

Online financial company owned by Popular, Inc.

"Relax, take a ___!"

C	H	I	L	L	P	I	L	L
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Olympic gold medalist Kelley of women's soccer

Regular on "The Simpsons" often clad in a leisure suit

S	T	U
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Network with a Times Square marquee facing the Paramount Building

Proustian hero

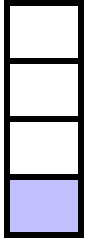
S	W	A	N	N
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Multiplexer building block

Process undergone by wine or cheese

A	G	I	N	G
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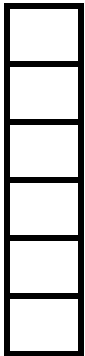
Mimicked



Old-time ice skater Sonja



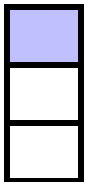
Micro __, menu item at Tosci's



National Ski Hall-of-Famer Tommy



Mario Bros. item that damages all enemies on the ground when hit



Musical with the number "It Could Only Happen in the Movies"



Like 45% of M.I.T. undergraduates in fall of 2012

"Maverick, move! There's a __ on your tail!": "Top Gun"

M	I	G
---	---	---

___ Lanka

Magistrate of Rome with veto power

C	O	N	S	U	L
---	---	---	---	---	---

Language spoken in Kazan

Last year's sophs, briefly

J	R	S
---	---	---

He played Jayne on "Firefly"

A	D	A	M
---	---	---	---

Ernesto Guevara, familiarly

He debuted in "Porky's Duck Hunt," 1937

D	A	F	F	Y
---	---	---	---	---

Equivalent of 100 nanojoules

Genetic component of the Hardy-Weinberg principle

A	L	L	E	L	E
---	---	---	---	---	---

___ Easley, a "wretched hive of scum and villainy"

Foot, in Latin

P	E	S
---	---	---

Depend (on)

U

Executive branch's chief, for short

P	O	T	U	S
---	---	---	---	---

Dance contests requiring a pole

Exclamation of discovery

A	H	A
---	---	---

Course ____ (chemical engineering)

Enthusiastic

E	A	G	E	R
---	---	---	---	---

Captures the curiosity of

Ashley's rival in "Gone with the Wind"

R	H	E	T	T
---	---	---	---	---

Captain's announcement, for short

Animated character married to Manjula

A	P	U
---	---	---

"___ became the great embarkation point": "Casablanca"

Ambulance personnel, for short

E	M	T	S
---	---	---	---

2013 People's Choice Awards nominee for Favorite Music Video

1970's inventions that eventually replaced cassette tapes

C	D	S
---	---	---

2. Determining the vertical answers and reassembling the crossword using the highlighted squares as a guide yields the result below. Each of the standard 7 tetris pieces appears twice as black square groups. The entries from tetris must be placed in the grid according to their original orientation, i.e. horizontally or vertically. The highlighted letters (top right, middle, and bottom left) spell PRIME CLUE HEADS.

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

3. PRIME CLUE HEADS instructs the solver to look at the clues with prime numbers and read the first letters. The numbers to the clues can be obtained with standard crossword square numbering, which leads to this grid:

		1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9								
		T	O	P		P	E	S		J	R	S								
		10	A	H	A		11	P	O	T	U	S	12	13	O	E	R			
14	15	S	A	T	A	Y		16	S	W	A	N	N	17	E	L	I			
18	19	S	T	A	R	S	19	K	Y		20	D	A	21	F	F	Y			
22	23	H	O	R	A	C	E			23	E	A	G	E	R					
			24	A	L	25	L	26	E	L	E		27	M	I	28	G			
29	30	31	32	C	H	I	L	L	P	I	L	L		33	A	D	A	34	M	
35	36	37	38	H	E	N	I	E		36	M	O	E		37	P	L	A	T	O
38	39	40	41	E	M	T	S			39	B	A	N	40	J	O	E	Y	E	S
	41	42	43	O	R	B		42	C	O	N	S	U	L						
		43	44	45	46	47	48	49		45	A	E	R	A	T	E				
	50	51	52	A	G	N	E	S			51	E	N	C	O	D	E	R		
52	53	54	55	A	P	U		53	R	H	E	T	T		56	A	G	I	N	G
57	58	59	60	B	E	E		58	M	E	D	I	C		59	T	E	E		
60	61	62	63	C	D	S		61	D	O	S			62	S	T	U			

The first letters of the clues, when read in the standard crossword order (across clues, then down clues), spell LETTERS THAT TOUCH 2 PIECES. (This order is used in the list of clues that follow.)

	Head	Clue
TOP	1	___ Row (winner of the '35 Spring Handicap)
PES	4	Foot, in Latin
JRS	7	L Last year's sophs, briefly
AHA	10	Exclamation of discovery
POTUS	11	E Executive branch's chief, for short
OER	13	T The Who's "Love, Reign ___ Me"
SATAY	14	Skewered meat dish with turmeric and peanut sauce
SWANN	16	Proustian hero
ELI	17	T TV lawyer Stone
STARSKY	18	Hutch's partner
DAFFY	20	He debuted in "Porky's Duck Hunt," 1937
HORACE	22	Whence "Begin, be bold and venture to be wise"
EAGER	23	E Enthusiastic
ALLELE	24	Genetic component of the Hardy-Weinberg principle
MIG	27	"Maverick, move! There's a ___ on your tail!": "Top Gun"
CHILLPILL	29	R "Relax, take a ___!"
ADAM	33	He played Jayne on "Firefly"
HENIE	35	Old-time ice skater Sonja
MOE	36	National Ski Hall-of-Famer Tommy
PLATO	37	S Student of Socrates
EMTS	38	Ambulance personnel, for short
BANJOEYES	39	Musical with the number "It Could Only Happen in the Movies"
ORB	41	T Type of off-hand item in Diablo III
CONSUL	42	Magistrate of Rome with veto power
IOTAS	43	H Hellenic I's
AERATE	45	Infuse with gas or bubbles
AGNES	50	Youngest of the adopted daughters in "Despicable Me"
ENCODER	51	It might compress audio or video
APU	52	Animated character married to Manjula
RHETT	53	A Ashley's rival in "Gone with the Wind"

AGING	56		Process undergone by wine or cheese
BEE	57		Spelling event
MEDIC	58		Infantry unit with the Optic Flare ability in StarCraft
TEE	59	T	Top worn in warm weather
CDS	60		1970's inventions that eventually replaced cassette tapes
DOS	61	T	Two, in Tijuana
STU	62		Regular on "The Simpsons" often clad in a leisure suit
TATAR	1		Language spoken in Kazan
OHARA	2	O	Olympic gold medalist Kelley of women's soccer
PAYSCALE	3	U	Union's graded system for salaries, perhaps
POW	4		Mario Bros. item that damages all enemies on the ground when hit
ETA	5	C	Captain's announcement, for short
SUNDAE	6		Micro __, menu item at Tosci's
JOEFRIDAY	7	H	He's portrayed by Jack Webb on "Dragnet"
RELY	8		Depend (on)
SRI	9		___ Lanka
PSY	11	2	2013 People's Choice Awards nominee for Favorite Music Video
SNAG	12		Fishing line woe
SSH	14		It has Port and Tunnel options
ATO	15		From ___ Z
KELP	19	P	Phaeophyceae member found in underwater forests
FEMALE	21		Like 45% of M.I.T. undergraduates in fall of 2012
ELLENS	23	I	"Inception" actress Page and others
LIMBOS	25		Dance contests requiring a pole
ELOAN	26		Online financial company owned by Popular, Inc.
GATE	28		Multiplexer building block
CHE	29	E	Ernesto Guevara, familiarly
HEMO	30		Prefix meaning "blood"

I N T R I G U E S	31	C	Captures the curiosity of
L I S B O N	32		"___ became the great embarkation point": "Casablanca"
M O S	34		___ Eisle, a "wretched hive of scum and villainy"
P O L E C A T S	37	E	European ___ (relatives of minks and stoats)
J U A N	40		San ___, game featuring tobacco and coffee
C A S H E D	42		Redeemed, as chips
T E R M	44		Word that follows school or prison
R O G E T	46		Publisher of "Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases"
A D I E U	47	S	Something to bid upon parting
T E N	48		Course ___ (chemical engineering)
E R G	49		Equivalent of 100 nanojoules
A P E D	50		Mimicked
E T C	51		UNIX directory for system-wide config files
A B C	52		Network with a Times Square marquee facing the Paramount Building
E D O	54		Pre-1868 Tokyo
T I S	55		"___ the season..."

4. Following those instructions, find those letters touching two tetris pieces in the crossword grid. The result is shown here:



Those letters, when read in order, spell SKYFALL OO AGENT, so the answer is JAMES BOND.