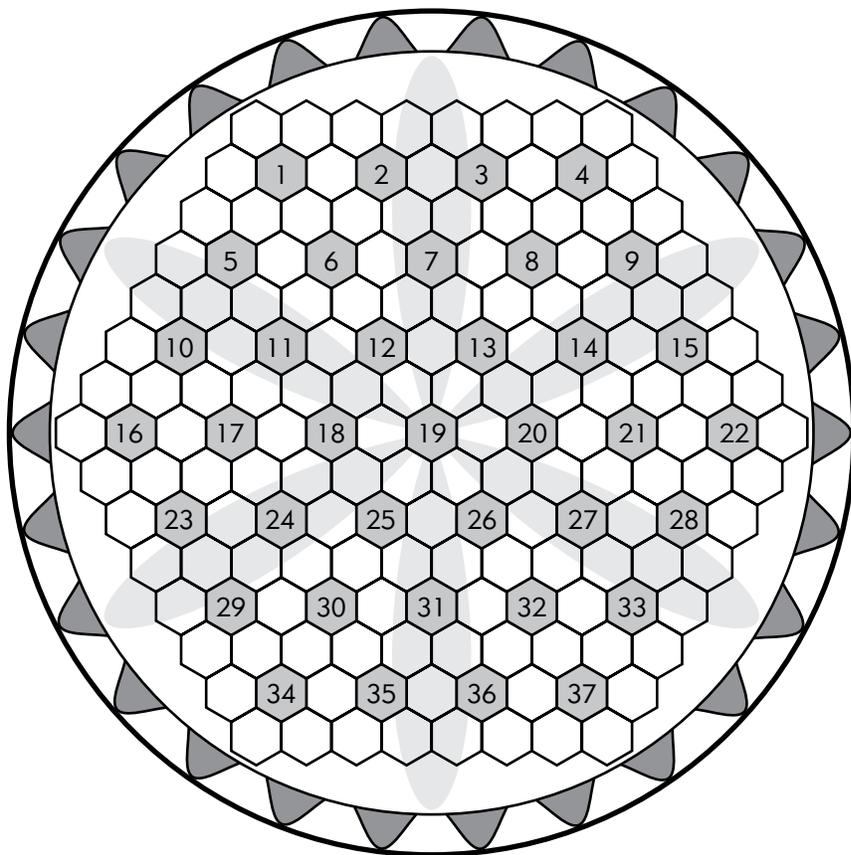


# THE PUZZLER

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## Hex Sign

Clue answers are all six letters long and should be entered clockwise or counterclockwise around the appropriately numbered hexagons. In the finished grid, solvers will find that the border letters, starting at the top left corner, form a jokey definition of a hex sign. Nine clue answers are capitalized.



*Note: The instructions above are for this month's puzzle only. An introduction to clue-solving may be found online at [www.theatlantic.com/issues/puzzclue.htm](http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/puzzclue.htm).*

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### CLUES

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| 1. New curse having old origin                                  | 13. Director's viewpoint and audience's conclusion ( <i>two words</i> )    | 25. Triggered a function in recording                   |
| 2. Drive away peacekeeping group in defeat ( <i>two words</i> ) | 14. Encountered during trip, please wave                                   | 26. Among friends, greeting with small bottles          |
| 3. Arranged hut for quarter                                     | 15. Mediterranean island was ultimately without warmth                     | 27. Relative with some money adopting you and me        |
| 4. Writer of porn he edited                                     | 16. \$1000 changed, and we worried   | 28. A bison roaming Balkan area                         |
| 5. Universal Studios finally invested in humorist               | 17. Win with hot shot, all of a sudden                                     | 29. Pick ring in stylish end of store                   |
| 6. Withdrawing joke, go bad in pieces ( <i>two words</i> )      | 18. Contemporary nurse following fashion                                   | 30. Jets quarterback's guy running back toward goalpost |
| 7. Complained after commencement got going                      | 19. Heard fantastic play out   | 31. Abrasive note bordered in deep purple               |
| 8. Exile leader of rebels in station                            | 20. Gold article, in general, is filthy                                    | 32. Shucks, that woman's squeezing Mr. Bean             |
| 9. Pokes back with utensils                                     | 21. Hard to find alarm around front of clock                               | 33. Put down sandwich, about to arrive                  |
| 10. Military wheels buzz and swerve, mostly                     | 22. Spinning vane in European capital                                      | 34. Approximately fifty-inch nail                       |
| 11. A decade penetrated by American author                      | 23. Interest youngster in a hero's last form of combat                     | 35. Intermediate area exists in fiction                 |
| 12. Restricted, according to harsh speaker                      | 24. Internet enterprise's demise taking court aback? ( <i>hyphenated</i> ) | 36. Pitcher involved in group hugs                      |
|   |  | 37. Talk about the French ski lodge                     |