





## RING

5. It's at the end of an alley
10. Poe's last poem's lass
15. It's often just a short drive past the windmill
17. Flowery greeting
18. Six-legged farm critter
19. They inspect bridges: Abbr.
20. Old soldiers' destiny, according to MacArthur
22. Flop
24. Subject of old wives' tales?
26. It makes a great barrier for Aussies
34. Org. for young badgers?
35. Two-toned, three-tiered snack
37. Take in take-out
38. Discrepancy, briefly
40. Frogs, dead or alive
41. Vehicle for trips in the 60s
42. Half of an iconic smile
43. Cracker's target
44. Avoid senator Orrin?

## SPOKE

1. Small row
2. Daikon, for example
3. Kid, grown up
4. Ointment impurity, perhaps
5. They're often covered with strained peas
6. Herculean tasks
7. Lint collectors
8. Spoke 16 injuries
9. Ipod variety
10. Toy location?
11. Brief dissent
12. Symbol
13. A healthy girl should have a good pair of these
14. Art supporters
15. First name in felonious housekeeping
16. Rend mender
21. Self-referential shortcut, e.g.
23. It's taken by members of Ring 34
25. One of the Four Corners
27. Abe Vigoda role
34. Willard's successor
36. Jazz or Swing, for example
39. Org. that says no to drugs



## INSTRUCTIONS

Each clue suggests a rhyming answer. For example, a "drooling baby brother" might be a *dribbling sibling*.

For each clue, find the rhyming answer, then fit it into the grid according to the arrows. Answers start at the numbered squares, and continue in a straight line until an arrow is encountered.

*Example:*

↓			→				↓
				↓			←
→			↑				

↓D			→N	G	S	I	B↓
R			I		↓N	I	←L
↓I	B	B	L↑		G		

Words may cross, sharing letters. Rhymes may involve more than two words, and may be imperfect rhymes (e.g., someone who practices black magic might "rehearse a curse").

- 1 Lyrical poem for an amphibian
- 2 Vengeance in the tub
- 3 Green onion from Florence
- 4 Panic at Green Acres
- 5 Questionable beverage from fermented grain
- 6 Carport rubdown
- 7 Dominatrix on call at Wells Fargo
- 8 Flabbergasted nobleman
- 9 Wowed the star of *I'm No Angel*
- 10 Walking in Wonderland may have caused these
- 11 Tough act from an alligator pear



## I

*Knuckles of sheep  
with twenty-one eyes  
If three look down,  
four face the skies.*

## II

*Heart of stone,  
Wooden skin,  
My tail undoes  
what my nose begins.*

## III

*Under cover, I patiently hide  
among the pack -- there's safety inside.  
Out in the open I'll meet my fate:  
I am consumed by what I create.*

## IV

*Golden globes in silken robes.  
They are stalked, but do not fear:  
your warnings fall upon deaf ears.*