

# Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 36

Gentle solver,

Circumstance and context play what I perceive as an *outsized* rôle in how people will judge a situation. Were one penned up closely in prison-cell walls, it would of course seem *punishing*, but hold us just as tightly in the walls of our *homes*, and it elicits *contrary* feelings of cosiness, safety, and security. Similar walls, but *quite* dissimilar experiences!

I conceived the current ænigma whilst imbued with the *latter* sort of emotions.

In the grid below, I pray that you will draw a single *loop* by connecting horizontally or vertically adjacent dots. That loop must neither cross nor even touch itself, and it must *enclose* all of the squares containing circled numbers. Each number specifies *exactly* how many squares can be seen from that spot, horizontally and vertically, *including* the square containing the number, up to the boundary of the loop.

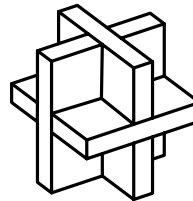
Once you have completed your loop, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. Consider only the letters in squares that are *outside* the loop: within each row, they appear as one or more *runs* of consecutive such squares. Reading left-to-right, top-to-bottom, advance each such letter in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary) by the *width* of its containing run. The result will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

*Ada*

Z	R	E	K	9	W	Q	W	K	9	G	8	Y	H	I	11	Z	D	L	P	6
7	U	F	6	N	A	J	N	9	J	G	U	10	W	E	W	U	P	7	O	Q
T	4	A	A	N	F	5	Q	B	Q	8	M	M	T	G	B	11	G	H	5	P
R	A	W	Y	D	5	C	Y	Z	I	L	B	I	9	H	I	L	Y	X	L	M
T	D	C	3	F	C	P	Y	M	C	K	5	L	Y	7	L	E	K	5	J	M
A	5	J	N	5	E	K	6	L	S	Q	E	3	R	F	Y	P	B	P	X	7
7	E	C	B	M	I	B	E	8	Y	A	Q	A	6	C	U	6	L	G	3	Y
C	P	8	D	R	V	10	N	W	4	D	D	B	D	C	Y	L	5	D	P	O
J	X	B	F	Q	N	A	6	B	W	O	S	A	E	Q	3	W	N	A	W	R
T	6	L	M	5	C	C	M	T	A	8	L	X	A	9	K	P	X	A	4	R
N	Z	12	D	M	P	Q	T	10	V	X	Z	7	B	P	Q	L	3	H	M	8
10	M	T	A	M	7	X	M	L	3	D	6	R	A	E	C	6	G	Z	W	D

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Example

Answer:  
SNUG AS A  
BUG IN A RUG

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