

HYACINTH SOLUTION – ROASTING / SMOLDERS

The filled grid is as shown, with 16 two-word phrases in alphabetical order:

1M	2V	3B	4T	5G	6W	7R	8S	9K	10W	11S	12E	13I	14V	15T	16B	17X	18H	19Y	20M	21W	22N	23E				
A	M	E	R	I	C	A	N	F	A	M	I	L	Y	A	R	R	O	G	A	N	T	B				
24D	25R	26M	27P		28P	29I	30S	31M	32J		33N	34B	35P	36C	37U	38D	39T	40J		41U	42C	43R	44M	45O	46A	
U	L	L	Y	C	R	U	S	H	T	O	G	E	T	H	E	R	I	R	O	N	C	L				
47I	48W		49B	50G	51F	52X	53N	54U	55C		56Y	57L	58A	59W	60R	61M	62U	63C		64Q	65L	66R	67K	68V	69F	
A	D	P	R	O	M	I	S	E	L	I	F	E	L	O	N	G	B	O	Y	F	R	I				
70X	71M	72O		73A	74T	75L	76Y	77D	78P	79H	80I		81D	82O	83B	84E	85N	86T	87G	88L	89V		90V	91I	92D	
E	N	D	M	A	R	L	B	O	R	O	C	H	A	L	L	E	N	G	E	M	E	E				
93N		94U	95I	96T	97Q	98A	99F	100J	101P		102O	103N	104U	105K	106Y	107D	108V		109F	110Q	111E	112S	113G	114W	115Y	
T	R	A	N	D	O	M	L	Y	P	E	R	F	E	C	T	D	A	R	K	N	E	S				
116L		117T	118M	119C	120O	121B	122P	123E	124R		125S	126J	127K	128N		129T	130O	131J	132Q	133Y	134D		135O	136X	137G	
S	R	E	S	I	D	U	A	L	H	E	A	T	S	E	C	R	E	T	M	E	S					
138H	139N	140U	141F	142V		143D	144Y	145O	146T	147X	148H	149A	150J		151G	152S	153U	154A		155S	156D	157P	158J	159H	160T	
S	A	G	E	S	S	H	A	N	G	H	A	I	K	I	S	S	S	O	R	O	R	I				
161F	162X		163L	164K	165H	166N	167P		168W	169E	170P	171K	172R		173U	174B	175P	176L	177F	178H	179K	180N		181F	182D	
T	Y	G	I	R	L	S	S	S	O	R	R	Y	E	V	E	R	M	O	R	E	S	T				
183X	184L	185Q	186Y	187B	188J		189T	190M	191E		192D	193I	194Q	195M	196B	197E	198X	199G		200K	201M	202G	203O	204E	205X	
R	E	S	S	E	D	O	U	T	T	R	U	S	T	I	N	G	F	R	I	E	N	D				
	206N	207D	208L	209A	210G		211W	212X	213P	214T		215C	216L	217X	218B	219N	220E	221Y	222V							
	T	R	U	T	H	/	D	A	R	E	S	T	R	A	T	E	G	Y								

Clue answers are as follows (first letters of each spell FEEBLISH ACROSTICAL MESSAGE). Note that in some cases, a clue word must be changed to the name of a flower for the clue to make sense. The flower name is always the same length as the replaced word, and one or two letters in each are the same as in the original word.

- A. FLOTSAM
- B. EVAPORATED FOUNDRIES --> CARNATION N / I
- C. EGRESS
- D. BUTTERSCOTCH RAZORBACK --> HOLLYHOCK C / K
- E. LIBERATION LOWLY --> LOTUS L / O
- F. IMMODEST
- G. SHRINKING VORTEX --> VIOLET V / E
- H. HORRORS
- I. AREOLAR LIPS --> IRIS S
- J. CHLORIDE
- K. RIFFRAFF
- L. OUTRIGGERS
- M. SUSAN ORLEAN TECHNO --> ORCHID C / H
- N. TITTLETATTLE
- O. IMPEACHED
- P. CRYOSURGERY
- Q. ABSURD
- R. LOYALLY
- S. MUSHNIK NARRATOR --> GARDENIA A / R
- T. EERO SAARINEN HELIX --> TULIP L / I
- U. STRINGERS

V. SYMMETRY

W. ASCENDED

LATE --> ROSE

E

X. GERRYMANDER

Y. EGGSHELLS

Matching letters spell the clue NICK LOVES CHARLIE. This is a reference to the central romance in the TV series "Heartstopper". Each of the first two seasons consists of eight episodes with one-word titles. Each of the titles is part of one of the two-word phrases in the grid. The other word in each case is 8 letters long. For each season, order the paired words appropriately and read the diagonal to get the answer words ROASTING and SMOLDERS.

Season One

Meet R A N D O M L Y

Crush T O G E T H E R

Kiss S H A N G H A I

Secret M E S S A G E S

Friend T R U S T I N G

Girls S O R O R I T Y

Bully A R R O G A N T

Boyfriend L I F E L O N G

Season Two

Out S T R E S S E D

Family A M E R I C A N

Promise I R O N C L A D

Challenge M A R L B O R O

Heat R E S I D U A L

Truth/Dare S T R A T E G Y

Sorry E V E R M O R E

Perfect D A R K N E S S