

Slipping and Sliding

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Answer: XXXXXXXXXX

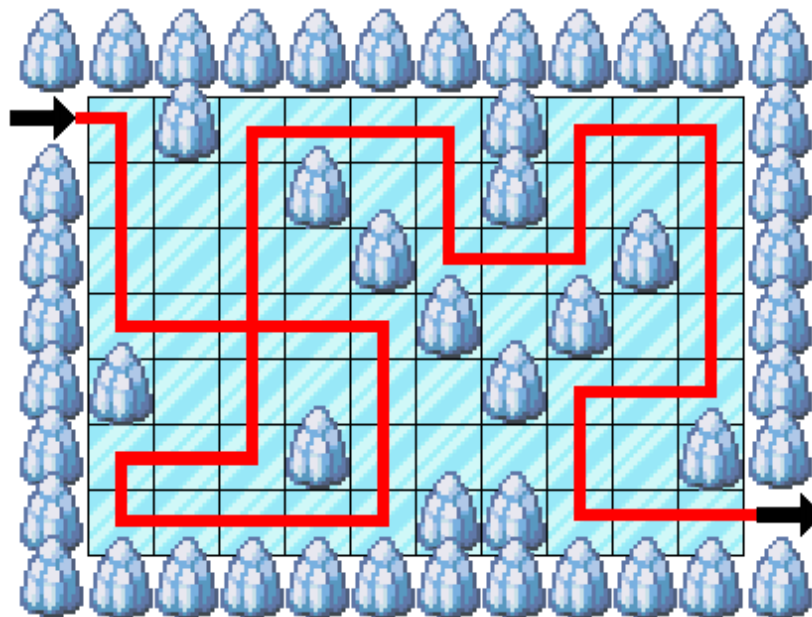
First, solve the clues with words that match the length given in parenthesis. You might notice that the word ICE is scattered throughout, sometimes spanning two consecutive clues.

Famous Roman orator and lawyer (6)	CICERO
Seismological focus (9)	EPICENTER
Food flavoring (5)	SPICE
Elegantly stylish (4)	CHIC
2001 scandal subject (5)	ENRON
Playful shenanigan (5)	ANTIC
Image used in texting (5)	EMOJI
Smallest unit of currency (4)	CENT
Baleen whale suborder (9)	MYSTICETI
European particle physics laboratory (4)	CERN
Slurpee alternative (4)	ICEE
Taxonomic tribe of bell peppers (9)	CAPSICEAE
Not private (6)	PUBLIC
Sumerian of equivalent of Mount Olympus (4)	EKUR
East Midlands city (9)	LEICESTER
Board game cubes (4)	DICE
Refrigerator ancestor (6)	ICEBOX

Next, fill the grid with each letter in a single cell except the "ICE"s go into one cell, like a crossword rebus. This becomes an ice sliding puzzle, where you can move up/down/right/left, but you must keep going straight until you hit an ICE cell.

C	ICE	R	O	E	P	ICE	N	T	E
R	S	P	ICE	C	H	ICE	N	R	O
N	A	N	T	ICE	M	O	J	ICE	N
T	M	Y	S	T	ICE	T	ICE	R	N
ICE	E	C	A	P	S	ICE	A	E	P
U	B	L	ICE	K	U	R	L	E	ICE
S	T	E	R	D	ICE	ICE	B	O	X

The only valid path is shown below.



(This puzzle was inspired by the ice slide challenges from Pokémon Emerald—one of my favorite childhood games. Shout-out to anyone else who loved those puzzles too!)

After finding the valid path, the letters in the cells that were not traversed spell out **SCRATTREASURE**.

C	ICE	R	O	E	P	ICE	N	T	E
R	S	P	ICE	C	H	ICE	N	R	O
N	A	N	T	ICE	M	O	J	ICE	N
T	M	Y	S	T	ICE	T	ICE	R	N
ICE	E	C	A	P	S	ICE	A	E	P
U	B	L	ICE	K	U	R	L	E	ICE
S	T	E	R	D	ICE	ICE	B	O	X

This refers to Scrat, the saber-tooth squirrel from the Ice Age franchise, and its treasure **ACORN**.

Credit: Huge thanks to Thundaga's downloadable assets in the description of the video

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which the image was based off of.