

[Solution] The Feast

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Mini Meta 1 Answer: ██████

Mini Meta 2 Answer: ██

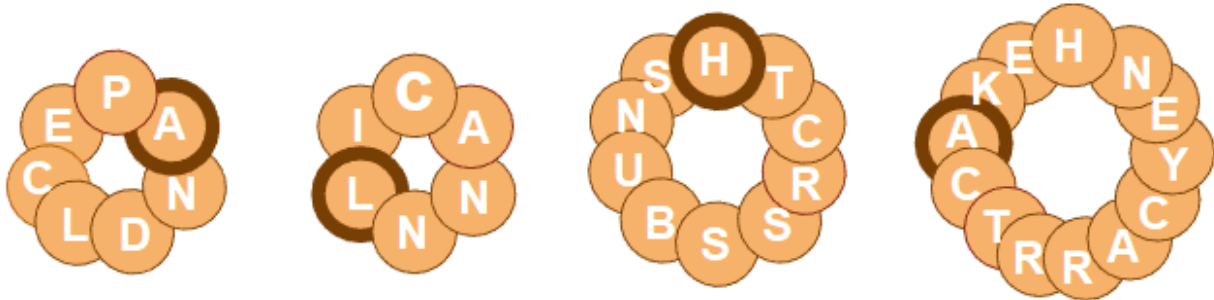
Mini Meta 3 Answer: ██████

Final Answer: ████████████████

This puzzle is divided into three mini-metas, each of which thematically correspond to one type of food: pastries, beverages, and fruits & vegetables. The feeder (hehe) answers are all foods and can also be similarly divided into those categories!

Mchi Dnut (Mini Meta 1)

A mochi donut is a pastry and corresponds to the answers **CANNOLI**, **HONEYCARROTCAKE**, **HOTCROSSBUNS**, and **PANDOLCE**. Taking a hint from the puzzle title, puzzlers need to fill in the four blanks in a clockwise manner, starting from the top-most uncovered node, but *without* the '0'. Each blank has a different length, so there's only one solution.

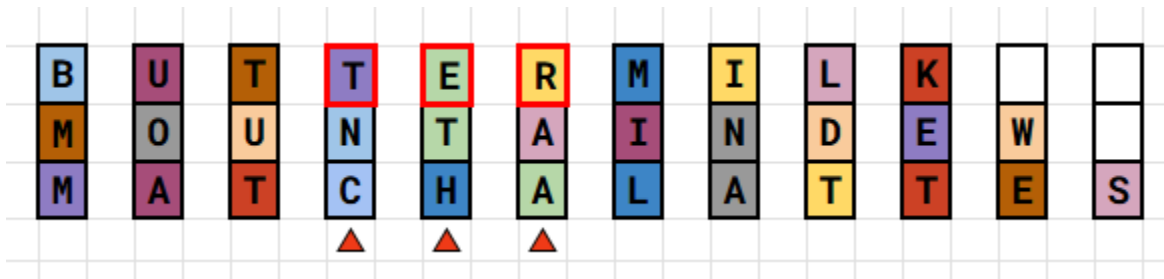


Taking the indicated letters gives ALHA. Adding the '0' back to this string creates the solution, **ALOHA**.

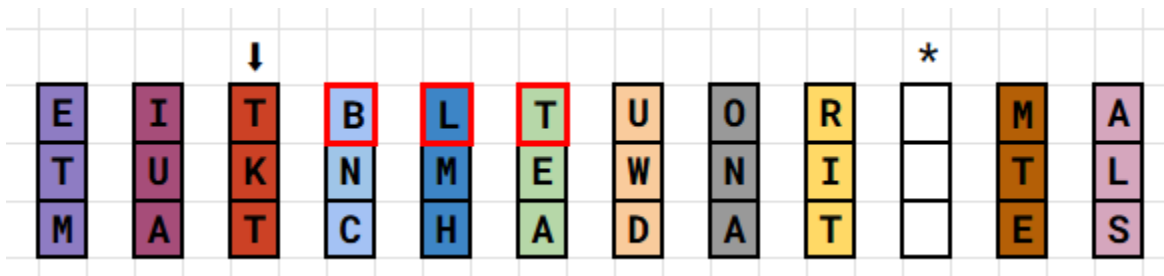
Beverage Sort (Mini Meta 2)

There are three feeder answers that are drinks: BUTTERMILK, MATCHALATTES, and MOUNTAINDEW.

Taken horizontally, each of the three rows of beverages have just enough length to fill them with the feeders.



There may be more than one possible solution (with fewest moves), but all solutions eventually end with the letters "BLT" in the red highlighted cells. One example of the full solution is included in the footnotes.



The answer is **BLT**.

Word Salad (Mini Meta 3)

This word search contains many fruits and vegetables. Five of the feeders are fruits and vegetables: CASSAVA, KUMQUAT, LEEKS, LYCHEE, and RAMBUTAN. Puzzlers can find these feeders in the word search.

In addition to the feeder answers, a word bank is provided, listing a number of additional words to find. Keen solvers may notice words touching the feeder answers, which can assist in the search. As hinted by the flavor text, puzzlers should also keep an eye on the words' food type: either fruit or vegetable.

Once the words in the word bank have been identified, puzzlers must discard any words touching each feeder that doesn't match the feeder's type. Doing so allows the circled words to read a phrase from top-to-bottom, left-to-right.

F	V	B	P	P	Q	M	A	N	M	N	G	O	R	L	O	M	A	U	R	U	M	U	N	E	O
R	E	P	A	C	I	P	B	V	B	C	O	I	E	V	S	Y	E	W	A	V	A	S	S	A	C
A	U	Z	Q	L	P	W	O	H	Q	B	Q	I	P	N	W	Q	W	T	R	N	E	S	O	L	A
D	A	S	H	L	T	U	D	G	M	K	T	O	N	C	Z	F	S	I	U	I	M	S	T	U	B
I	C	K	E	D	R	T	L	A	Z	P	N	I	C	O	C	Z	M	F	G	I	N	G	E	R	B
C	T	N	I	E	G	B	B	O	E	R	A	N	U	V	L	D	U	G	U	L	Y	Z	G	U	A
C	O	R	N	G	H	E	B	E	L	Y	Q	C	I	E	E	Z	R	P	L	Y	A	X	S	M	G
H	X	G	J	P	S	C	I	Q	E	N	P	V	E	G	M	D	Y	X	A	Q	U	D	L	R	E
I	I	M	B	N	E	W	Y	W	P	T	T	K	X	U	E	W	E	I	X	J	E	U	W	B	N
O	T	A	T	O	P	Z	R	L	F	A	S	G	L	V	N	R	C	E	L	E	R	Y	A	T	X
G	S	T	Z	T	O	M	E	M	D	I	Z	J	W	W	T	W	P	Q	Q	G	A	P	M	N	C
S	F	Y	A	B	B	M	N	F	E	U	F	X	R	L	I	M	I	X	K	X	R	X	O	F	O
B	F	O	E	B	O	I	L	X	H	Y	C	C	H	U	N	U	N	C	A	I	C	K	P	H	L
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T	D	S	L	N	Y	F	E	U	U	X	C	L	A	K	D	H	U	O	T	F	X	Z	N	C	A
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G	A	R	L	I	C	G	N	B	W	Y	Y	T	A	J	Q	Y	O	F	U	Y	E	T	O	N	G
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S	K	D	C	G	Y	M	T	C	R	P	L	U	Q	S	Z	I	S	N	S	M	M	P	T	H	E
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K	T	U	Z	Y	G	A	R	P	L	U	Q	V	M	A	F	G	F	O	D	Y	S	F	U	S	V
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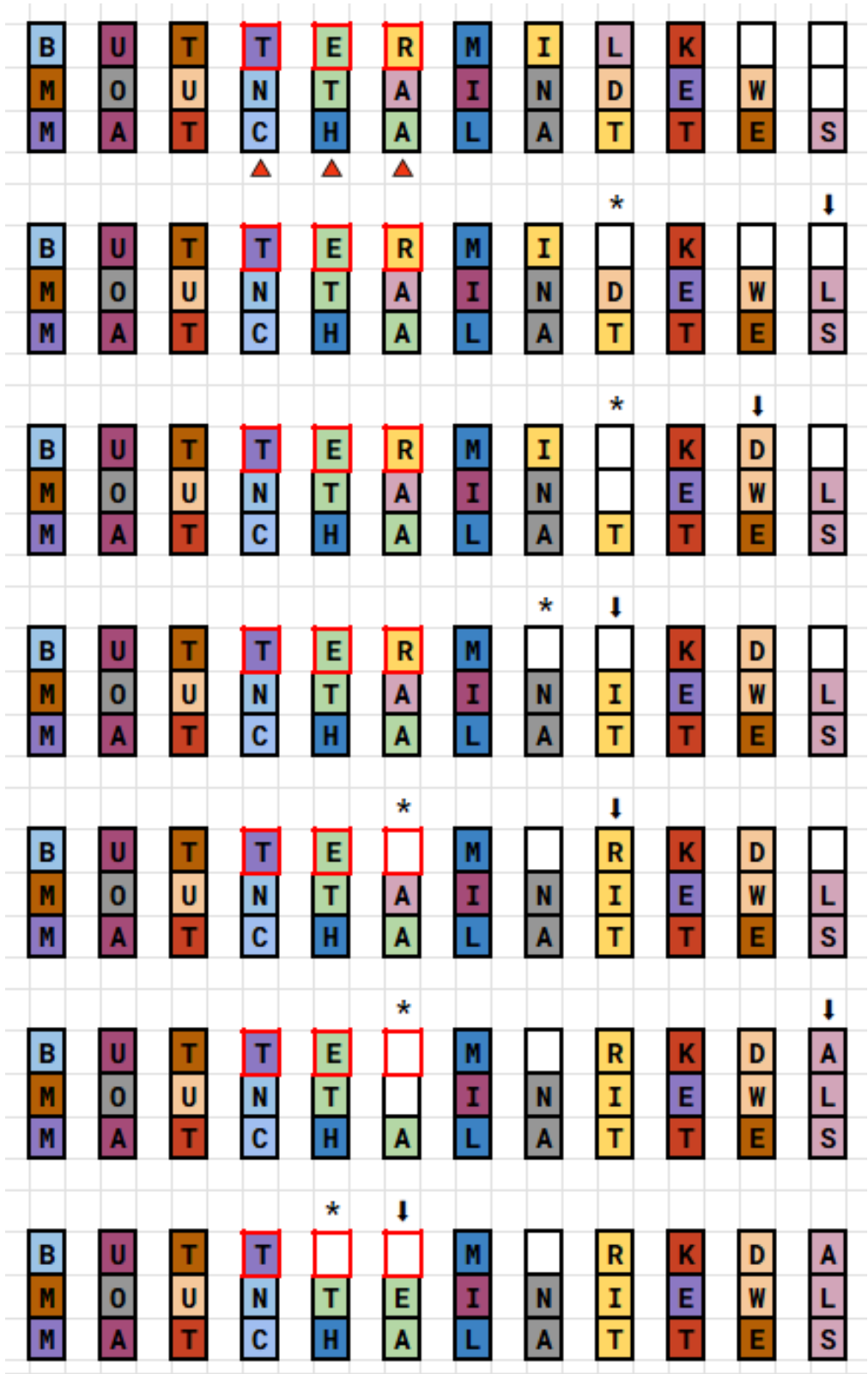
The answer is **SOAPS**.

Special of the Day (Final)

The final three feeder answers listed in order are ALOHA, BLT, and SOAPS. Taking a note from the flavor text, puzzlers must “adjust” and replace the center word of each feeder answer with a different one.

Of all the possible alternative words, the only solution string that satisfies the food requirement (“what we’ve been cooking up in our pots”) is **ALPHABET SOUPS**.

Beverage Sort Full Solution:



B	U	T	T	*	↓			R	K	D	A
M	O	U	N			E	I	N	E	W	L
M	A	T	C	H	A	L	A	T	T	E	S
B	U	T	T	↓	*			R	K	D	A
M	O	U	N	M		E	I	N	E	W	L
M	A	T	C	H	A	L	A	T	T	E	S
B	*	T	T		↓			R	K	D	A
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B		T	T	↓	*			R	K	D	A
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