

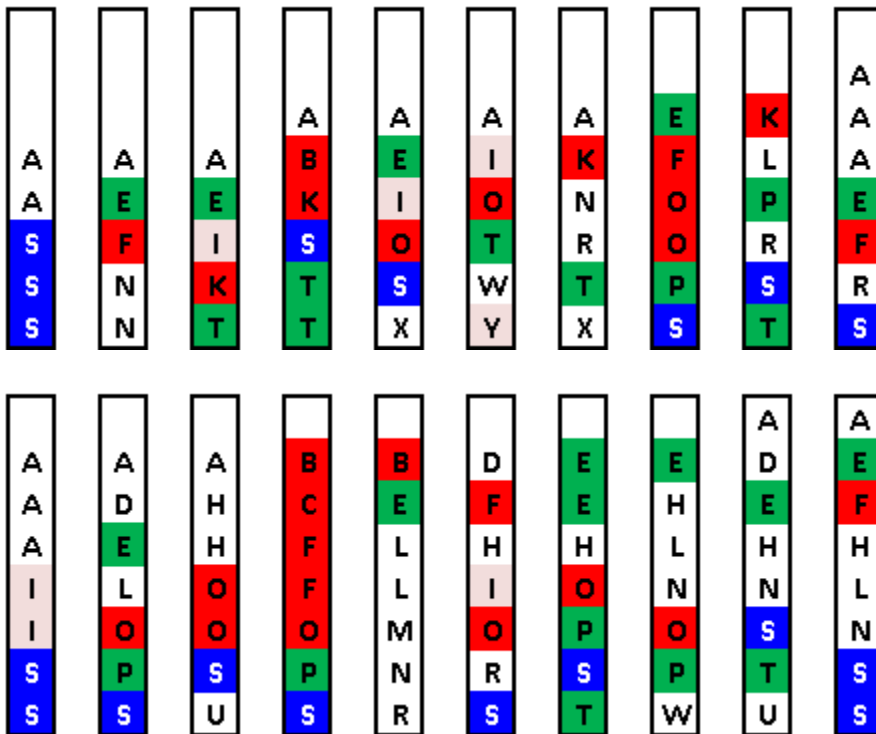
RED HERRING (answer)

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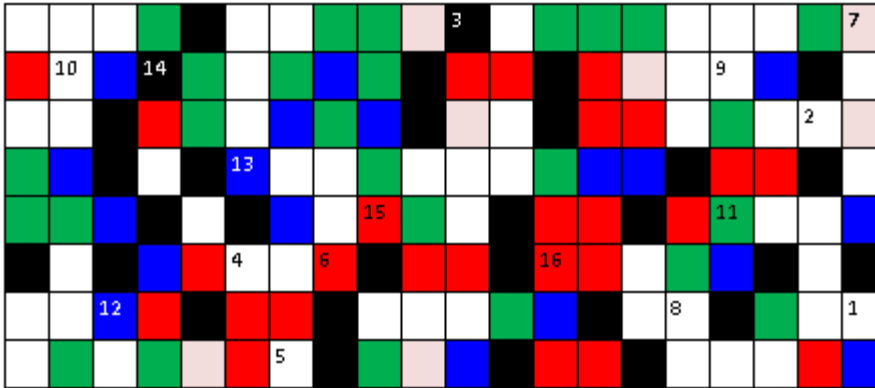
The answer to each trivia question is a word consisting of a letter and a color:

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Amy, on Angel | FRED (F Red) |
| Commander Adama | GREENE (Green E) |
| Conjunctivitis nickname | PINKEYE (Pink I) |
| Healthy beverage | GREEN TEA (Green T) |
| Makes Clark unpredictable | RED K (Red K) |
| Perform an action again | REDO (Red O) |
| Pod inhabitant | GREEN PEA (Green P) |
| Raised for a particular genetic trait | BRED (B Red) |
| Rhythm partner | BLUES (Blue S) |
| Shortcut for Moses | RED SEA (Red C) |
| Sometimes blue ghost | PINKY (Pink Y) |

Coloring each letter in the drop columns gives:

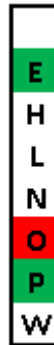


The Paint-By-Numbers, when solved, yields:



Next, deduce the order of the drop columns by matching the colors to the columns of the Paint-By-Numbers.

As an example, the first column in the Paint-By-Numbers has one red square and two green squares, so it must correspond to



The black square in the first column corresponds to the blank in the drop quote, since drop quotes represent spaces by black squares.

Solving the drop quote

W	H	A	T		H	A	P	P	Y ³	A	P	P	E	L	L	A	T ⁷	I	
O ¹⁰	N	S ¹⁴		T	H	E	S	E		O	F		B	I	R ⁹	D	S	A	
N	D		B	E	A	S	T	S		I	N		C	O	M	P	A ²	N	I
E	S		A		¹³ S	H	R	E	W	D	N	E	S	S		O	F	A	
P	E	S		A		S	L ¹⁵	O	T	H		O	F		B ¹¹	E	A	R	S
	A		S	K ⁴	U	L ⁶	K		O	F		¹⁶ F	O	X	E	S		A	
H	U ¹²	S	K		O	F		H	A	R	E	S		A ⁸	N		E	X ¹	A
L	T	A	T	I	O ⁵	N		T	I	S		O	F		L	A	R	K	S

yields the start of an Ogden Nash poem about collective nouns.

Taking the letters in the numbered squares in order gives:

AN UNKINDNESS OF

The collective noun associated with “unkindness” is “an unkindness of ravens”. Hence the answer is **RAVENS**.