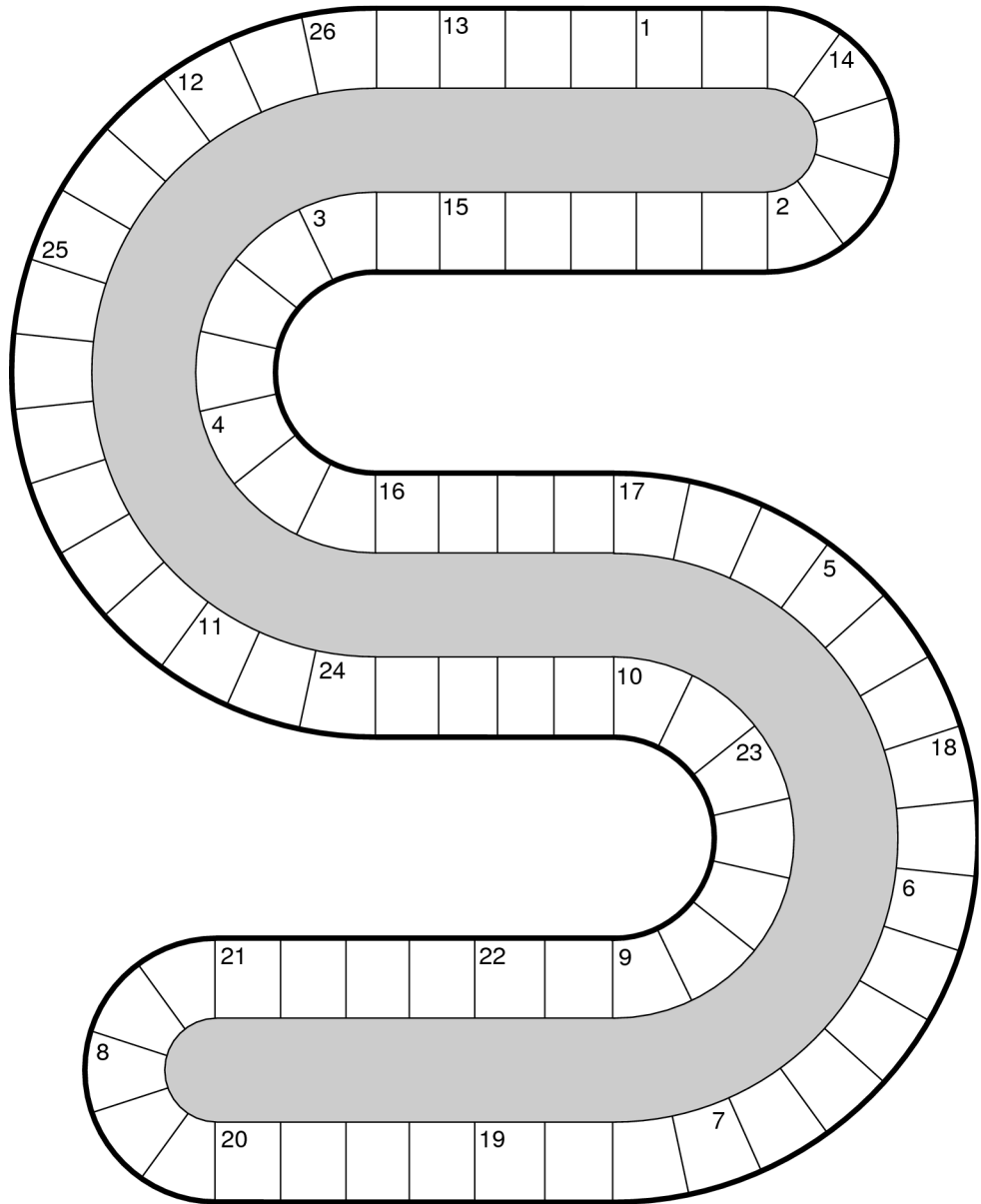


SNAKE CHARMER #2

Each answer begins in the correspondingly numbered space and proceeds clockwise around the S, ending in the space before the next consecutive number. The chain of 26 answer words will snake its way around the grid twice.



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| 1 Walmart competitor | 13 Usable link in the “Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon” game | 17 “Man is by nature a political ___”: Aristotle | 22 Where CERN is located |
| 2 General who defeated Antony and Cleopatra at Actium | 14 “You’re losing it, man!”: 3 wds. | 18 Time period relevant to bookkeepers: 2 wds. | 23 Raw footage reviewed by a director |
| 3 Audacious | 15 Translucent, perhaps: Hyph. | 19 Word that often follows comparatives | 24 Veggies used to make tea sandwiches |
| 4 Pakistan’s lingua franca | 16 What a hand vac might be used to remove | 20 Frozen Italian treat | 25 Alphabet finisher |
| 5 “The Duchess of ___” (John Webster tragedy) | | 21 Shiny, flaky mineral | 26 River forming an unofficial boundary to the “Wild West” |
| 6 Like reptilian skin | | | |
| 7 1950s teen ballad played at the school dance in “Back to the Future”: 2 wds. | | | |
| 8 Historical era that began with a bang in 1945: 2 wds. | | | |
| 9 One of two U.S. states (the other being West Virginia) admitted to the Union during the Civil War | | | |
| 10 Two-time president of Romania | | | |
| 11 Awkward to carry | | | |
| 12 Shocked expression | | | |