

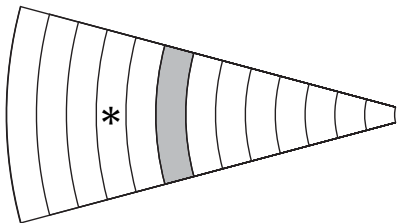
Solution to **FRANKENWORDS**:

Combine one of the words clued by the left column with one of the words clued by the right column to form a portmanteau. Each portmanteau has a unique length and fits into one of the set of blanks below the clues. The words and portmanteaus are:

INFORMATION	+	COMMERCIAL	=	INFOMERCIAL
COSTUME	+	PLAY	=	COSPLAY
SPANISH	+	ENGLISH	=	SPANGLISH
SMOKE	+	FOG	=	SMOG
BREAKFAST	+	LUNCH	=	BRUNCH
STAY	+	VACATION	=	STAYCATION
PLASTIC	+	LEATHER	=	PLEATHER
LION	+	TIGER	=	LIGER

Reading the boxed (bold) letters top to bottom gives the answer **MANSCAPE**. Congratulations to Sean Kern, Keita, and Aaron Szasz who were the first three to submit the correct answer to last week's puzzle on our website (<http://puzzle.berkeley.edu>).

This column is another in our ongoing series. For additional instructions, refer to one of our past columns. (An archive is available on our website.) You do not need to look at the wedge below to solve the puzzle.



## THE MIGHTY DUCKLINGS

*Oh no! The baby ducklings are lost! Luckily, they have learned from their mama a surefire way to get home.*

1. Adjacent letters are the 5 letters that are to your immediate left, right, straight ahead, and forward diagonals. All directions are given relative to a duckling walking on the board and not from a bird's-eye view. If two rules conflict, defer to the earlier rule.
2. If the three letters in front of you spell a word (reading from left to right), write down the letter you're standing on and turn left. Ducklings are still young so they only recognize words that would be in a children's dictionary.
3. If you see a Q, X, or Z directly in front of you, PANIC! Turn back the way you came and step forward three letters without looking at any adjacent letters along the way.
4. If the letter you are standing on and a letter adjacent is both a state abbreviation and an element, ignore that pair.
5. If the letter you are standing on followed by a letter adjacent spells a US state abbreviation, turn toward that adjacent letter and step forward the number of vowels in the state's name without looking at any adjacent letters along the way.
6. If the letter you are standing on followed by a letter adjacent spells an element abbreviation, turn toward that adjacent letter and step forward onto it. If there are two, pick the one with larger atomic number.
7. If you don't know what to do, always turn right (90 deg) and step forward.

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