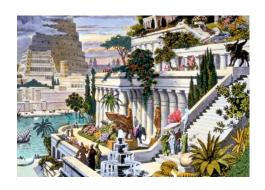


## THE HANGING

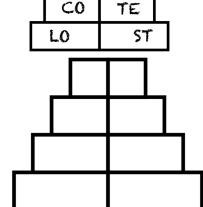


The Hanging Gardens were described as a towering series of terraced gardens with all sorts of flora, but it might not have ever actually existed. It's the only ancient world wonder without a definitive location discovered by historians or archeologists. You could try to find evidence of the Hanging Gardens for yourself, but it's a \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Below are three sets of terraces, each with eight boxes. Each box will include one letter pair, listed below, which do not repeat. The letter pairs in each set will spell a sequence of seven overlapping four-letter words, clued below. The sequences will first go up the left terraces, then down the right.

The two letter pairs in each of the top terraces will spell a fruit or flower that may have grown in the Hanging Gardens. Each completed puzzle will form a new, unclued word in the bottom terrace. Arrange each bottom word in alphabetical order to discover the answer.

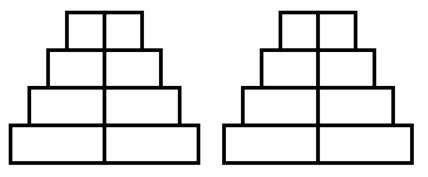
Example: This puzzle spells LOCO, CODE, DELI, LIME, MEGA, GATE, and TEST, first ascending up the left, then descending down the right. The word in the top terrace, LIME, is a fruit or flower that could've grown in the Hanging Gardens. The complete puzzle spells a new word in the bottom terrace, LOST.



LIME

DE

GA



## AI AL AR BA BY CA CH DA EN IN LO LI NE NG OT PE RO RU SE SH TE TH TO YA

Ancient Andean
Arsonist emperor, some say
Basically a red sapphire
Drive-\_\_\_
Drying sea by Kazakhstan
Indonesian tourist hotspot
It could be blind or double
It's covered by a maxi
Low female voice
Meyers or Rogan
Not all superheros wear one

One lamenting puberty
Shape of a curvy figure
Singer known to "sail away"
Tea variety that translates to "tea"
The white half of ©
Trendy pinkish wine
Trumpet or tugboat sound
Verdi opera or Elton John musical
Where Nessie lives
Word after power or bottom