



Solution: Perfect Pairs

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Solution: Arrange each student's classes from earliest to latest according to the times listed in the UW Course Schedule provided. This schedule also indicates the building in which each class takes place, and every such building is labelled with a letter in the map provided. By listing out these letters for each student's classes, you will spell the following words:

Student 1: BACON **Student 2:** FISH **Student 3:** MILK **Student 4:** EGGS
Student 5: MACARONI **Student 6:** CHEESE **Student 7:** COOKIES **Student 8:** CHIPS

The title of the puzzle suggests that each food should be matched with its “perfect pair”, leading to the following pairings:

Student 1: BACON
Student 4: EGGS

Student 2: FISH
Student 8: CHIPS

Student 3: MILK
Student 7: COOKIES

Student 5: MACARONI
Student 6: CHEESE

Finally, join together the blocks associated with the two students in each pair by “gluing” together their red edges. This process will produce the word SALT in block letters. The final answer is the “perfect pair” to salt: PEPPER!

Author's Notes: This was my first time creating a puzzle of this type. I was inspired by many of [Ty Ghaswala's spectacular puzzles](#), including *Assemble* and *Family Matters*. I look forward to creating more puzzles like this in the future using the lessons learned by my fellow puzzle-makers!

The first iteration of *Perfect Pairs* included crossword-style clues to produce the words BACON, FISH, etc., but this seemed a little too straightforward. Many (all?) of the testers of this puzzle initially provided an incorrect answer of SALT, though quickly came up with PEPPER soon after.