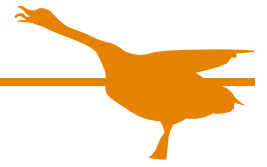


Snakes! - Solution



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There are 19 snake names hidden in this grid. Begin by finding them.

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r e d r e n a p i n l e r m o
a = d " d a " i . j a t o i c
f f a p n i w a t d n a w a c
u n t i ( " e n p c r t " s )
p i v c o i d a m e o s y i n
b p = " t s o m o r z i b r m
r e p o t t j a v i c a o l i
" [ s n : r e : e - a l ] k s
y g a m o c s e d c n e k a n
p e n c u a = l e o b + o c a
t i a h t s c a b p p e m m o
d = c . j c k o i l o r n ( n
b r a b l a m a t g n h r a g
o " w a a m a i l i " e t ) r
c g u t u b e l k m d a e r o
p n a r i a d a r r n e t s t
a i n t t a r c e e b k a n c
d k a l ( a k d r t o ) n s i
n o c e s n e b u t a c o t r
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1. american copperhead
2. anaconda
3. black mamba
4. boa constrictor
5. buttermilk racer
6. cascabel
7. common garter snake
8. cottonmouth
9. egyptian asp
10. inland taipan
11. king cobra
12. long tailed rattlesnake
13. milk snake
14. mojave desert sidewinder
15. pit viper
16. puff adder
17. rosy boa
18. water moccasin
19. wutu

The remaining characters look like code, and in fact they are code. Specifically, Python code. When this code is executed the answer is revealed.

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a = "a".join("npct")
b = "ozir"[::-1]
c = b+a
d = c.join("aa")
print(d)
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ANSWER: ARIZONA PACATA

Author Notes:

This puzzle began when I reached out to my fellow enigmatologists with this message: "It would be cool if something is done to something in order to extract characters. These characters then form a Python program, which when executed, outputs the solution." Someone responded with the idea to go with a snake theme and have snakes wind around the characters. Actually implementing this in a non-ambiguous way was rather challenging, but I think the effort was worth it.

