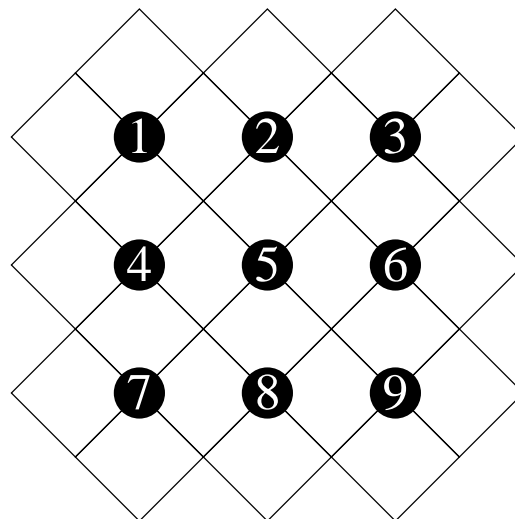


# DIAMOND NINES

The four boxes around each number contain the answer to each of the numbered clues. Fill in the answers using two letters per box, choosing the letters from the set of Letter Groups below; each pair of letters will be used only once. You'll have to determine which box to start in for each answer, but all words are entered clockwise around the numbers.

LETTER GROUPS							
AK	AR	CO	DO	ED	ED	EL	ER
IL	IN	LA	LO	MA	MB	ND	NE
RE	RO	SO	ST	TA	UN	VE	WS

1. Took the hose off the spool
2. Elvis or Lou
3. Movie show "extra," once
4. Fit together compactly
5. Bandleader Guy
6. Hidalgo chapeau
7. "Ladies in \_\_\_" (Judi Dench/Maggie Smith film)
8. Primary Chinese language
9. Absorbed: 2 wds.



LETTER GROUPS							
AT	ED	ER	ES	EV	EW	FL	FL
IC	IO	LO	MO	NS	OE	OV	OW
RE	SH	SN	SO	TE	TR	UF	WH

1. Non-payers of rent
2. Mushroom-related delicacies
3. Prepared the cards for dealing
4. Henceforth
5. Excess
6. Arctic walker's need
7. "King \_\_\_ Mines"
8. Floods of applause
9. Small-talk phrase: 2 wds.

