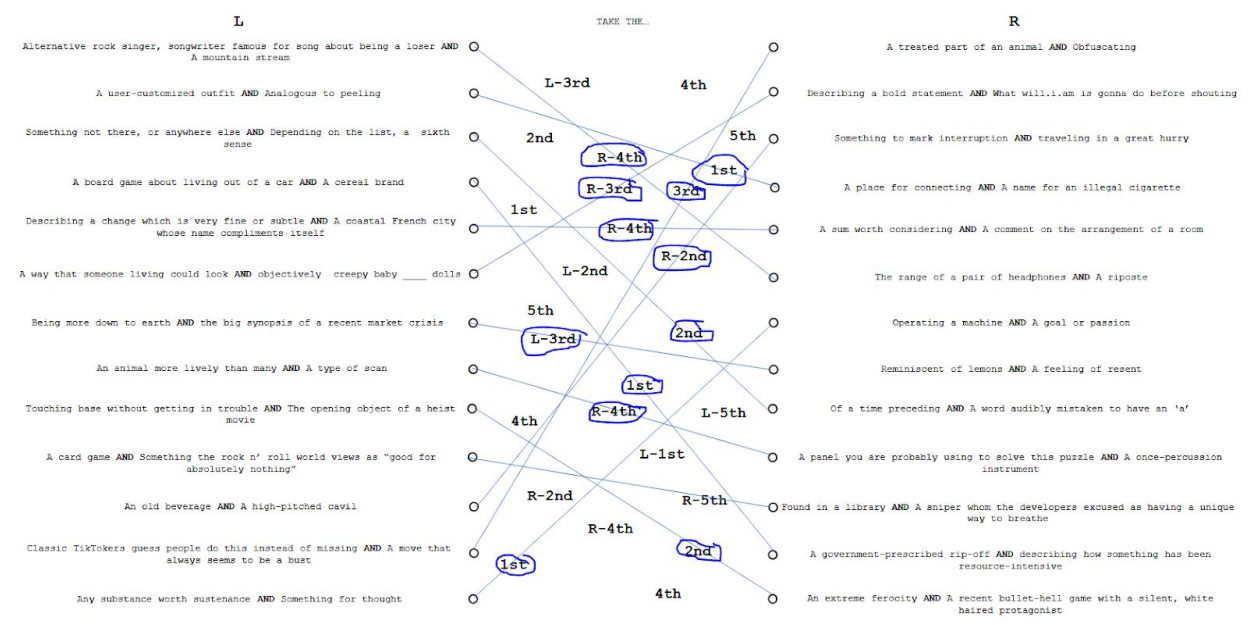


Either And

ANSWER: ATLAS

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Each bulleted line, left and right, is a cryptic pair that simplifies to a single word. Each word on the left can be paired with a word on the right by making a “trinomial pair” (two binomial pairs back to back - for example, WINE and DINE and DASH). Drawing a line between the paired bullets reveals that each correct match strikes through only one indexing number.



Alternative rock singer, songwriter famous for song about being a loser AND a mountain stream	BECK
A user-customized outfit AND analogous to peeling	SKIN
something not there, or anywhere else AND depending on the list, a sixth sense	HERE
A board game about living out of a car AND a cereal brand	LIFE

HIDE	a treated part of an animal AND an obfuscation
SCREAMING	the act of sounding yawps AND a bold statement
DASH	something to mark interruption AND traveling in a great hurry
SOUR	reminiscent of lemons AND a feeling of resentment

describing a change which is very fine or subtle AND an exclamation for something well executed in a specific Wii golf game	NICE
a way that someone living could look AND objectively creepy baby ___ dolls	ALIVE
being more down to earth AND the big synopsis of a recent market crisis	SHORT
An animal more lively than many AND a type of scan	CAT
Touching base without getting in trouble AND the opening object of a heist movie	SAFE
A card game AND something that the rock n' roll world views as "good for absolutely nothing"	WAR
An old beverage AND a high pitched cavil	WINE
"Classic TikTokers guess people do this instead of missing" AND a move that always seems to be a bust	HIT
Any substance worth sustenance AND something for thought	FOOD

TIDY	a sum worth considering AND a comment on "the" arrangement "of a room"
RESPONSE	a reaction AND a riposte
JOINT	a place for connecting AND an illegal cigarette
DRIVE	operating a machine AND a goal or passion
THEN	of a time preceding AND a word audibly mistaken to have an a
KEYBOARD	a panel you are probably using to solve this puzzle AND a percussion instrument
QUIET	found in a library AND a sniper whom the developers excused as having a unique way to breathe
TAXES	a government-prescribed rip-off AND describing how something has been resource-intensive
FURY	an extreme ferocity AND a recent bullet hell game with a silent, white-haired protagonist

The clue phrase is extracted by indexing into the left, right, or center word as indicated by the prefix (L, R, or blank):

(keeping the LEFT order constant)

L	<i>mid</i>	R	<i>EXTRACT:</i>	
BECK	CALL	RESPONSE	R-4th	P
SKIN	BONE	JOINT	1st	B
HERE	NOW	THEN	2nd	O
LIFE	DEATH	TAXES	1st	D
NICE	NEAT	TIDY	R-4th	Y
ALIVE	KICKING	SCREAMING	R-3rd	R
SHORT	SWEET	SOUR	L-3rd	O
CAT	MOUSE	KEYBOARD	R-4th	B
SAFE	SOUND	FURY	2nd	O
WAR	PEACE	QUIET	R-5th	T
WINE	DINE	DASH	R-2nd	A
HIT	RUN	HIDE	L-1st	N
FOOD	DRINK	DRIVE	1st	D

P-Body, the robot from the game Portal 2, has a companion named **ATLAS**, which is the answer to the puzzle.