

Fake Goods

I found a website offering brand-name products at prices that seemed way too cheap to be true! Unfortunately when the goods arrived, I discovered that not all the parts were genuine...

What was advertised

What I received

Where a baby grows during pregnancy (4)

WOMB

Burial chamber (4)

TOMB

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Paved areas adjoining a house (6)

PATIOS

Art that evokes pity (6)

PATHOS

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H

Session of formal instruction (6)

LESSON

Injury (6)

PATIOS

S

I

Cold frothy flavoured drink (5)

SHAKE

Long, limbless reptile (5)

SNAKE

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Strong-smelling herb with feathery fronds (6)

FENNEL

Dog shelter (6)

KENNEL

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Medieval contest between two knights on horseback (5)

JOUST

Horizontal beam supporting a floor or ceiling (5)

JOIST

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Holy cup, much sought after (5)

GRAIL

Hard seed (5)

GRAIN

L

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Future wife (5)

BRIDE

Raised structure spanning a river or road (6)

BRIDGE

G

Considering the differences between them, perhaps I was expecting too much to believe that I'd picked up an authentic item at a bargain price?

WISHFUL THINKING

One Size Fits All

One problem with online shopping is that it can be hard to get a sense of scale from only looking at a photo of the product. Here's a bunch of things I bought, but some of them turned out to be way bigger than I expected, and some of them are tiny!

Perhaps you could help me **group similar-sized items together** and then **label each group**?

Bar	Fry	Picture
Britain	Golf	Potatoes
Brother	Gravity	Ship
Calculator	Handkerchief	Skirt
Canyon	Intestine	Sum
Dane	Master	Tale
Depression	Order	Tolerance
Dipper	Piano	Watch

Size: POCKET

Items:

WATCH
CALCULATOR
HANDKERCHIEF

Size: MINI

Items:

BAR
GOLF
SKIRT

Size: GRAND

Items:

PIANO
CANYON
MASTER

Size: TALL

Items:

SHIP
TALE
ORDER

Size: SMALL

Items:

FRY
POTATOES
INTESTINE

Size: BIG

Items:

DIPPER
BROTHER
PICTURE

Size: ZERO

Items:

SUM
GRAVITY
TOLERANCE

Size: GREAT

Items:

DANE
BRITAIN
DEPRESSION

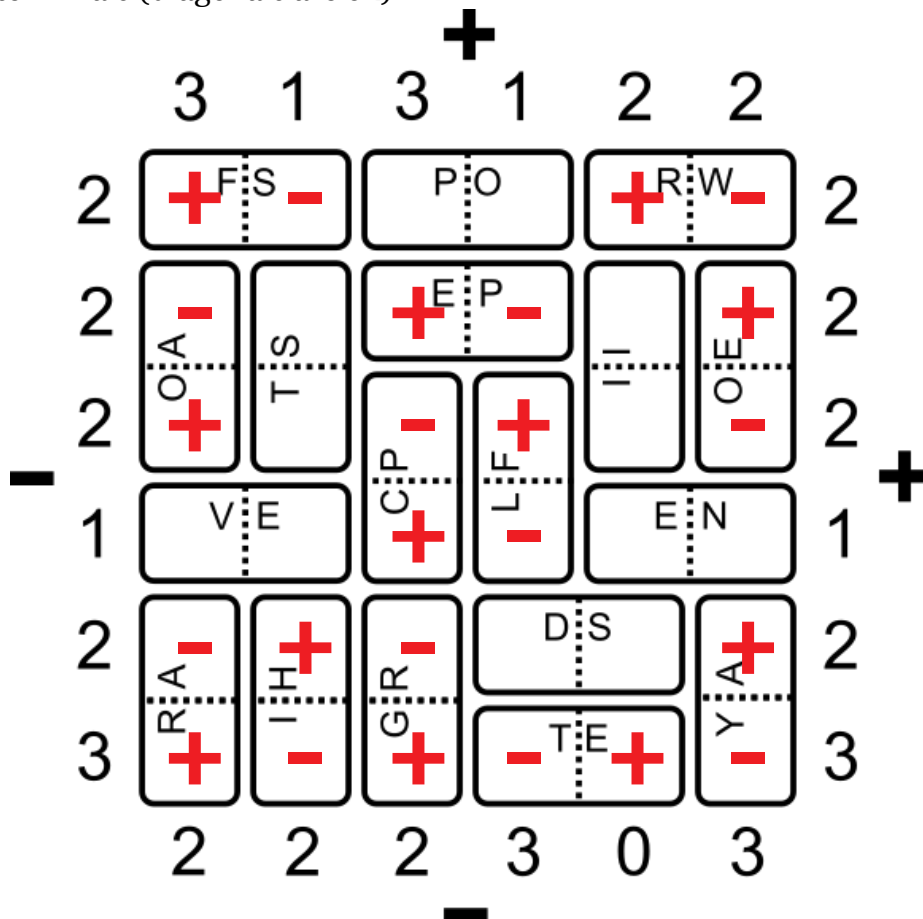
What did I really want? Something that was...

 PINT - SIZE

Batteries Not Included

The power requirements for this product are very complicated: inside the battery compartment there are many slots, and batteries must be inserted into the correct slots, with the correct orientation, according to the following rules:

- Every battery has a positive (+) and a negative (-) terminal
- Batteries must be inserted into the slots shown below, so that:
 - The number of + terminals in each row/column equals the total printed at the right/above
 - The number of - terminals in each row/column equals the total printed at the left/below
- Not all slots need to be filled! Only insert enough batteries to provide the exact power stated for each row/column
- Batteries may be placed in adjacent cells, but positive terminals cannot be placed next to other positive terminals, and negative terminals cannot be next to other negative terminals (diagonals are ok)



What's the problem with these batteries? They're all...

FREE OF CHARGE

Product Customisation

Sometimes items are advertised as being available in various “styles”, but they’re really just a fancy way of describing different colours.

Item	Description	
1	Warning sign (4) + U.S. residency permit (4) + Reliable company (4)	FLAG CARD CHIP
2	Having extremely high temperature (3)	HOT
3	Floor covering for VIPs (6) + Technical drawing (5)	CARPET PRINT
4	Hot caffeinated drink from East Asia (3)	TEA
5	Vegetable retailer (6)	GROCER
6	Unwanted effect of camera flash (3)	EYES
7	Meaningless distraction (7) + Anti-oxidising fruit popular in muffins (5)	HERRING BERRY
8	Overtly manly (7) + World's largest island (4)	BLOODED LAND
9	Give the go-ahead (5) + Wireless communication interface (5)	LIGHT TOOTH
10	Caught in the act (6) + Commando (5)	HANDED BERET
11	Memorable occasion (6,3) + Manual work (6)	LETTER-DAY COLLAR
12	Lettuce-based side dish (5)	SALAD
13	Common type of star (5) + Eco-friendly sources of power (6)	DWARF ENERGY
14	Fish of the <i>Lutjanidae</i> family (7)	SNAPPER
15	Embarrassed (5) + Place for actors to prepare (4)	FACED ROOM
16	Area of preserved natural landscape (4)	BELT
17	Warning that an attack is imminent (5) + Award for outstanding quality (6)	ALERT RIBBON
18	Stilton, Roquefort, or Gorgonzola (6)	CHEESE
19	How Mars is sometimes known (6)	PLANET
20	Spiderman’s archenemy (6)	GOBLIN

		Item																			
Styles Available		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
RED	“Flame”	●	●	●			●	●	●		●	●		●	●	●		●		●	
GREEN	“Forest”	●			●	●			●	●	●		●	●		●	●				●
BLUE	“Ocean”	●		●				●		●		●						●	●		

I can’t really see any difference between them, but I guess that depends on your...



Disclaimers

Buyers should always carefully check any conditions or disclaimers before purchasing online, as some sellers will try to **arrange terms** to avoid any liability that may arise. For example:

When you buy a product that turns out to be “PINT - SIZE” but it had been portrayed otherwise, a seller might claim the picture was:

11		19	5		3		7		
N	O	T	T	O	S	C	A	L	E

If something is provided “FREE OF CHARGE” be aware that you might not be protected as a buyer, since there was:

22		1		6		15		21										
N	O	P	U	R	C	H	A	S	E	N	E	C	E	S	S	A	R	Y

Parents should exercise care for products that have “SMALL PARTS INSIDE”, and be sure to heed the warning to:

	8		20	4		14		13		10		18											
K	E	E	P	O	U	T	O	F	R	E	A	C	H	O	F	C	H	I	L	D	R	E	N

When a product’s “POINT OF HUE” appears different in real life than it did on the website, take note of the statement that:

2		12		9		16		17										
A	C	T	U	A	L	C	O	L	O	U	R	M	A	Y	V	A	R	Y

Terms

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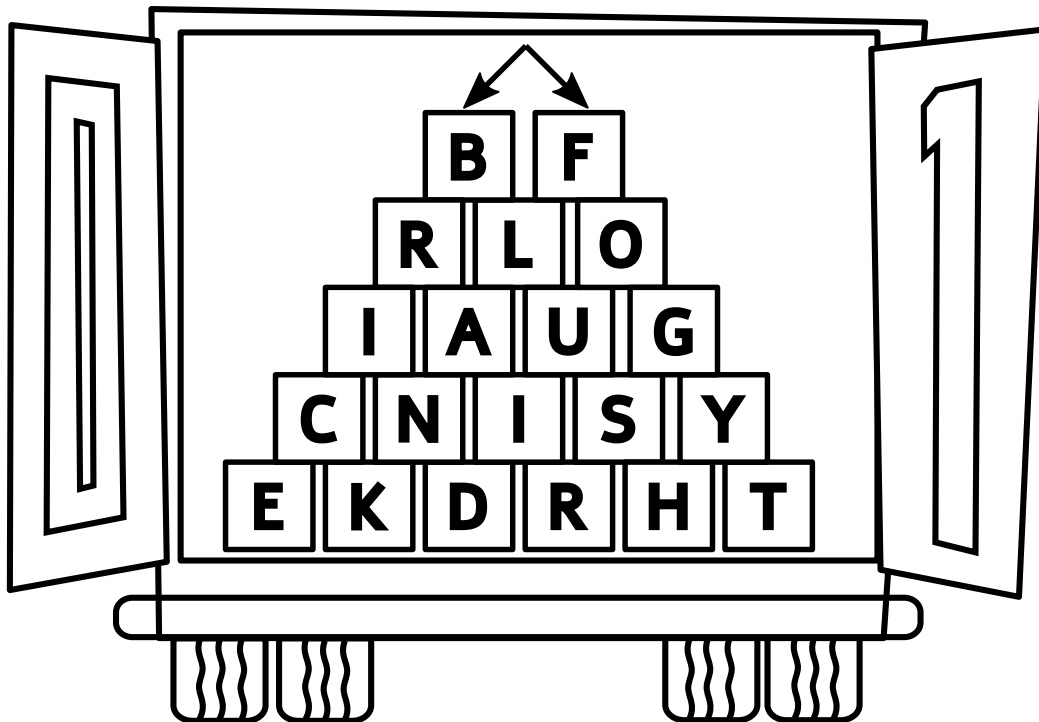
To be honest, I just want to send these goods back to the seller and ask for a refund. Unfortunately, I’ve realised that it’s...

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
P	A	S	T	T	H	E	P	O	I	N	T	O	F	N	O	R	E	T	U	R	N

Contents May Settle During Transit

Once you've placed an order, it's down to the logistics network to deliver your goods. Unfortunately, items can get damaged by rough handling and being jiggled about during transportation. Take a look at the parcels in the lorry below – the driver is swerving so much that parcels at the top are falling to the bottom, with ones getting thrown to the right while others are sent to the left!

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|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|---|
| • Empty | BLANK | 01000 | H |
| • Trade name | BRAND | 00101 | E |
| • Building block | BRICK | 00001 | A |
| • Side of an animal | FLANK | 10000 | P |
| • Become red in the face | BLUSH | 01111 | O |
| • Decorative woven material or hair | BRAID | 00110 | F |
| • The extreme edge (of disaster) | BRINK | 00010 | B |
| • Lacking flavour, plain | BLAND | 01001 | I |
| • Liquid or gas | FLUID | 10100 | T |
| • Stylishness | FLAIR | 10011 | S |



I just hope that, unlike these deliveries, my order doesn't arrive in a ...

--- HEAP OF BITS ---