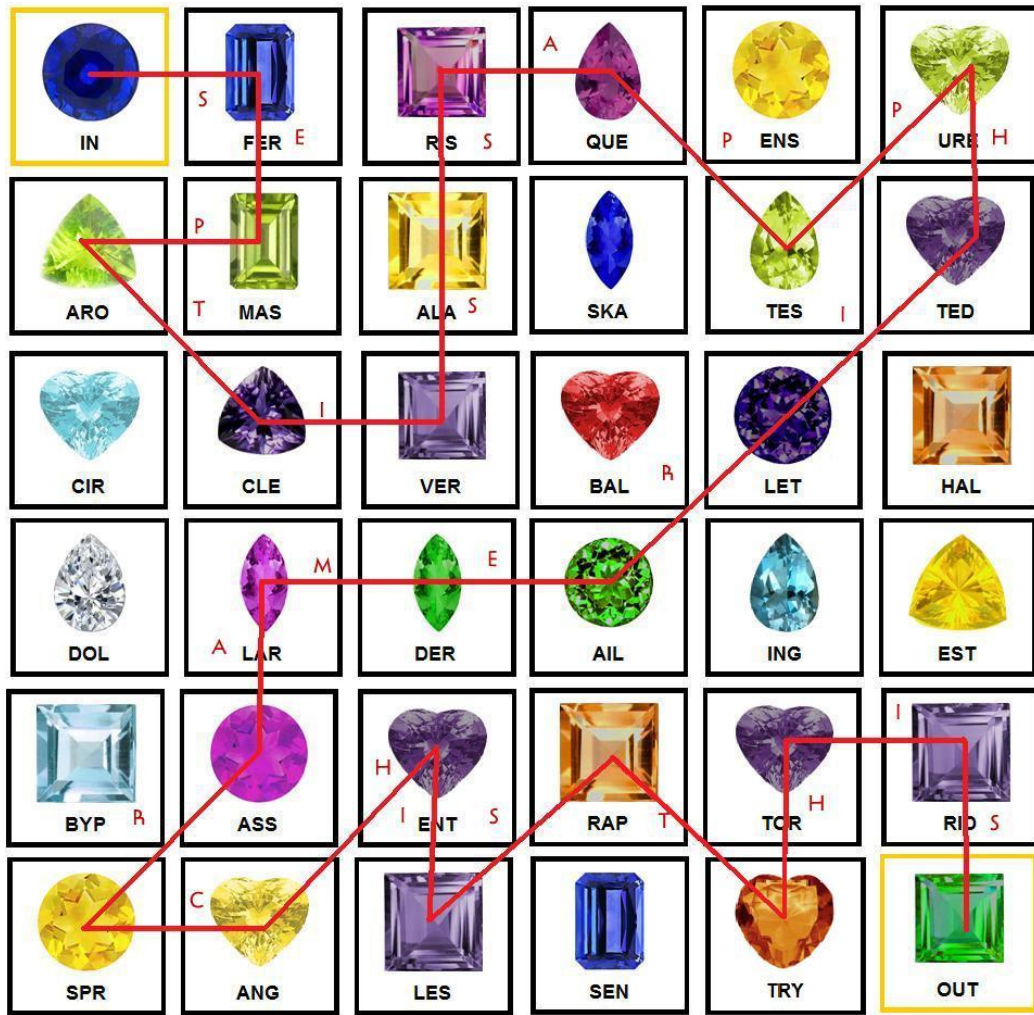


ROYAL JEWELS

by Donna Whitlock

Solving the crossword clues allows you to form the 6 X 6 grid of gem squares shown below. The IN and OUT squares suggest that this is a maze. Examining the jewels, you find you can trace a path from the IN square to the OUT square by moving to adjacent gems with the same color or shape.



Examine the first letter of the shared gem type or shape gives the message SEPTISSAPPHIREMARCHISTHIS for the answer AQUAMARINE.