

Meta – Putting it all together

Each pair of wizard's list word and cryptic clue provides one letter, as follows. The wizard's list word links to a travel slip bold word (via solution to the wizard's list) which in turn links to one of the first 9 puzzle answers. The cryptic clue answer can be interpreted as a mathematical expression (via the solution to the wizard's equation), which evaluates to an index into the previous answer (negative indices count from the back).

Then, the two letters in each box of the grid are the first two letters of the color for that button on the wizard's lock.

LIAR -> WITHIN -> puzzle 8 -> PINKFLOYD, DESERT = $-3*3+7 = -2$
BOARD -> VERSUS -> puzzle 6 -> ADEPT, MAILMAN = $482-485 = -3$
index -2 of PINKFLOYD = Y, index -3 of ADEPT = E, Y + E = **YELLOW**

EVIL -> ROOT -> puzzle 1 -> HORNS, DOSE = $-1*3 = -3$
SECOND -> ON -> puzzle 3 -> SHELLFISH, INSURE = $25*0+3 = 3$
index -3 of HORNS = R, index 3 of SHELLFISH = E, R + E = **RED**

SILENT -> SCRAMBLE -> puzzle 7 -> SUBMARINE, ITALIAN = $278-285 = -7$
TEA -> THIRD -> puzzle 5 -> LINKS, DARE = $-8+3 = -5$
index -7 of SUBMARINE = B, index -5 of LINKS = L, B + L = **BLUE**

BOOTH -> SHOT -> puzzle 9 -> MJOLNIR, DIRE = $-2+3 = 1$
BROWN -> VERSUS -> puzzle 6 -> ADEPT, ALOE = $8-13 = -5$
index 1 of MJOLNIR = M, index -5 of ADEPT = A, M + A = **MAGENTA**

LANDING -> STICK -> puzzle 2 -> STYX, DORM = $-1+4 = 3$,
WHAT -> ON -> puzzle 3 -> SHELLFISH, INSULT = $25*0-7 = -7$
index 3 of STYX = Y, index -7 of SHELLFISH = E, Y + E = **YELLOW**

CHEER -> SHIFT -> puzzle 4 -> CHARLIE, ULTRA = $0-7+8 = 1$
TUMBLER -> STICK -> puzzle 2 -> STYX, MEASURE = $438*0+3 = 3$
index 1 of CHARLIE = C, index 3 of STYX = Y, C + Y = **CYAN**

LISTEN -> SCRAMBLE -> puzzle 7 -> SUBMARINE, ENSURE = $35*0+3 = 3$

TABLE -> THIRD -> puzzle 5 -> LINKS, DELI = $-3-2 = -5$

index 3 of SUBMARINE = B, index -5 of LINKS = L, B + L = BLUE

MONEY -> ROOT -> puzzle 1 -> HORNS, DOLE = $-1-3 = -4$

BILLIARD -> WITHIN -> puzzle 8 -> PINKFLOYD, ALE = $8-3 = 5$

index -4 of HORNS = O, index 5 of PINKFLOYD = F, O + F = OFF

HONEST -> SHOT -> puzzle 9 -> MJOLNIR, TRUST = $7+0*7 = 7$

JOLLY -> SHIFT -> puzzle 4 -> CHARLIE, ELM = $3-4 = -1$

index 7 of MJOLNIR = R, index -1 of CHARLIE = E, R + E = RED

Final answer (color combination that opens the wizard's lock):

YELLOW RED BLUE

MAGENTA YELLOW CYAN

BLUE OFF RED