

META: BYTES AND KNAVES

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Oh [no], this isn't [good] at all! Our AI has become sentient and decided to do a **bit** of a hostile takeover of the boat, messing with everything left and [right]. It's digitized several objects into computer memory in a way that is **either [one] or [zero]**, that is, [on] or [off] ... though maybe the most fitting interpretation is that it's assigning these things to be [**true**] or [**false**]. The assigned value doesn't have anything to do with the object, so I wonder where it comes from? Given that the AI has a track record for being unable to consistently determine what is [true], we need some way to consistently **find the values** of everything in its memory, and **decrypt its passcode** to shut it down. If you've done your work fixing the AI's past mistakes, you'll know some [true] statements already; start by **sorting** through those. When you find the passcode, you'll learn what we should have used this year instead of artificial intelligence...

Known [true] statements:

" _____ " ' _ [_____]
 " _____ " _____ " 8 0 0 _ "
 " _ 2 0 " _____ , _ " _ . _ . _ . "
 " _ 2 0 " _____ " _____ "
 [_____] " _____ "
 [_____] " _____ "
 _____ " _____ " _____ [_____]
 [_____] _____ " _____ "
 [_____] _____ " _____ "

Computer memory:

Object:	Value:
(1.) Olympic track event, or its length	[true]
(2.) Term in accessibility	[]
(3.) Word to fill in the blank: The passcode can be decrypted by converting ____-2 to letters	[]
(4.) First name	[]
(5.) Person who might write articles	[]
(6.) Person who uses the facilities at Deck 3, Midship of JoCo Cruise	[]
(7.) Random number generator commonly found aboard JoCo Cruise	[]
(8.) There are seven or eight of these in a JoCo Cruise	[]
(9.) Something a person might say to a (10.)	[]
(10.) Family member	[]

Encrypted passcode:

(6.) (7.) (4.) (3.) (10.) (10.) (4.) (1.) (3.) (9.) (1.) (6.) (10.) (4.) (3.) (4.) (10.) (3.) (2.) (7.) (7.) (6.) (1.) (2.) (10.)
 (3.) (5.) (1.) (8.) (2.) (5.) (6.) (9.) (2.) (3.) (7.) (1.) (2.) (6.) (5.) (4.) (2.) (7.) (5.) (9.)
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