

# Solution - Sleigh Ride Through a Snowy Field

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As clued by the column of snowflakes on the left side, seven snowflake shapes of different sizes can be drawn on the page, each consisting of 6 emoji in a hexagon shape plus one in the center.

Each hexagon of 6 emoji clues 6 elements of a well known set of 7. The central emoji clues a number, which is used as an index on the missing element.

In order from largest to smallest snowflake:

Set	Missing	Index	Extract
7-layer dip: 🍋 Beans, 🥑 Guacamole, 🍖 Ground Beef, 🍅 Salsa, 🧀 Cheese, 🫒 Olives	Sour Cream	👉 = 5	C
Continents: 🗽 North America, 🦁 Africa, 🇪🇺 Europe, 🗼 Asia, 🦘 Australia, 🐧 Antarctica	South America	🦟 = 6	A
7 Deadly Sins: 🍷 Lust, 🍴 Gluttony, 💰 Greed, 🐢 Sloth, 😡 Wrath, 🌿 Pride	Envy	👉 = 3	V
Namesakes for Days of the Week: 🌞 Sunday, 🌙 Monday, 👁 Wednesday (Odin), ⚡ Thursday (Thor), 🗿 Friday (Frigg), 🌪 Saturday	Tuesday	🕒 = 6	A
Wonders of the World: 🏛 Great Pyramid of Giza, 🏛 Temple of Artemis, 🌿 Hanging Gardens of Babylon, ⚡ Statue of Zeus, 🏛 Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, 🗼 Lighthouse of Alexandria	Colossus	🍀 = 3	L
Harry Potter books: 🪄 Sorcerer's Stone, 🧛 Chamber of Secrets, 🍷 Goblet of Fire, 🦂 Order of the Phoenix, 👑 Half Blood Prince, 💀 Deathly Hallows	Prisoner of Azkaban	🦂 = 8	R
Snow White's dwarves: 😄 Happy, 😴 Sleepy, 😡 Grumpy, 🤧 Sneezzy, 🙈 Bashful, 🧑 Doc	Dopey	★ = 5	Y

The answer is CAVALRY.

## Author notes

After the puzzles Under the Tree and Old Carolers' Square were written, I had the idea that it would be a fun mini-theme to start each round with an all emoji puzzle. That led to this puzzle pitch late in hunt writing. I like emoji as a puzzle mechanic because it tends to add just enough ambiguity to make things puzzly to figure out, and I'm happy with how this set turned out with each puzzle using emoji in different ways.