

EnigMarch 2026 #20: CARD

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Mind Melds

Inspired by a 2017 MITMH puzzle

Every clue's answer is actually a hand of cards. The cards in a hand can be rearranged to form 2 types of melds. "Sets" are 3 or 4 identical values, like AAA or TTTT. "Runs" are 3 to 5 consecutive values, once each, like WXY, HIJK, or PQRST. The length of each answer is provided, along with the list of melds they decompose into.

1. Opposite of welcoming or hospitable (10) [2 sets, 1 run, 1 discard]
2. It might be a "smile" below two fried egg "eyes" (5 5) [3 runs, 1 discard]
3. Revered attendee who may receive an award (5 2 5) [1 set, 2 runs, 1 discard]
4. Surprising murder location in many a mystery (6 4) [1 set, 2 runs, 1 discard]
5. Hawaiian volcano (5 3) [1 set, 1 run, 1 discard]
6. Nemesis of the Powerpuff Girls (4 4) [2 sets, 1 discard]
7. Greek Muse of tragedy (9) [1 set, 1 run, 1 discard]
8. Braided houseplants said to bring wealth (5 5) [1 set, 2 runs, 1 discard]