

## Aboleth (solution)

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The theme of this puzzle is on telepathy and mind-reading. Representatives from different teams form a group and collaborate in a game of [Just One](#) to simulate training their minds to develop their own telepathic abilities to counter the Aboleth. In the game, clue-givers would need to guess which are more common clue words that they should avoid, while coming up with other clue words that others might not think of, but would still be helpful to the guesser. The guesser in each turn has to also try to read the clue-givers' minds and figure out the context of the received clues, knowing that they are likely to be more tangential in their reference to the answer.

After the game, each representative will receive a number of clue words (based on their score) to the answer to this puzzle. Below are the list of given clues words (max of 10). You should also give them the enumeration of the puzzle answer (10), as well as the hint that the answer is something that they had done during the game.

1	verb
2	danger
3	change
4	moves
5	events
6	response
7	future
8	plans
9	sale
10	needs

All of these clue words have a commonality in that they are things which can be anticipated (words that often go with the word “anticipate”). Hence the thematic answer for this puzzle is **ANTICIPATE**.

### Constructor's notes:

One staple in SGPH is the event puzzle, which seeks to bring together solvers from different teams to give them an opportunity to get to know and interact with each other, as well as Hunt HQ, through a fun puzzle game. However, it is always a great challenge to come up with an event puzzle that is both thematic, as well as enjoyable for all. For instance, more experienced teams prefer events which have a stronger puzzle element/challenge, while newbie teams prefer simple and fun activities. And while collaborative events are ideal, the game should also neither allow stronger solvers to dominate, nor allow newbie solvers to rely on the others and coast through. The game of Just One manages to satisfy all these conditions in a nice balance, and is fortunately thematic too to this answer. Thanks to  Galactic Trendsetters  for the online version of the game from Mystery Hunt 2021.