

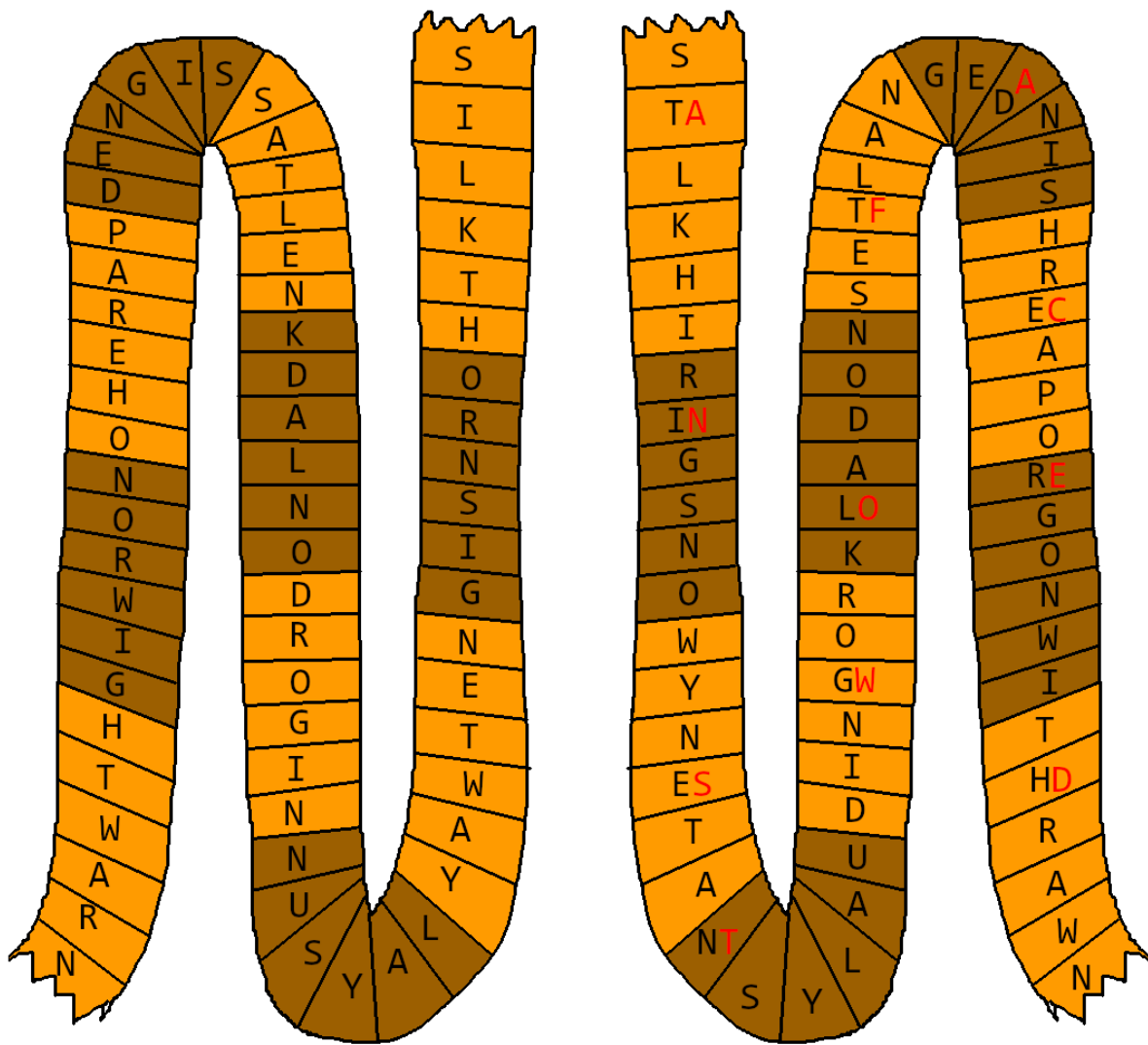
## The Fraternal Twins (solution)

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This is a typical Fraternal Twins puzzle with one exception – there is an extra letter per section from Shaniya's word clues that gets "cut" before entering into the sari-shaped grid, allowing the remaining letters in each six-space section to correspond with each other. This is clued in several ways:

- Shaniya's clues do not have enumerations given, possibly suggesting that their lengths do not add to the same as Anisha's clues.
- The names Shaniya and Anisha are a demonstration of this, with SHANIYA being an anagram of ANISHA with an extra letter.
- The given picture also depicts Shaniya as being taller, which could suggest that her sari requires more cloth.

Anisha		Shaniya	
Smooth fabric (4)	SILK	Slender part of a plant	STALK
Source of discomfort in one's side (5)	THORN	Taking on help	HIRING
It provides authority and is often set in a ring (6)	SIGNET	Pure white	SNOWY
Ambush or intercept (6)	WAYLAY	With egg, a reserve	NEST
Large branch of Islam (5)	SUNNI	Restless, informally	ANTSY
Tony's successor in government (6)	GORDON	Giving praise	LAUDING
Young boy (3)	LAD	Amount of things one has to do	WORKLOAD
Got ready to propose (5)	KNELT	Beginning (of something bad)	ONSET
Given, as responsibility (8)	ASSIGNED	Protruding rim	FLANGE
Remove the skin (4)	PARE	Pastry or language	DANISH
Word with code or guard (5)	HONOR	Go over the main points again	RECAP
Ghost or English isle (5)	WIGHT	Trail where one might die of dysentery	OREGON
Say "watch out!" (4)	WARN	Timid, distant	WITHDRAWN



Taking the “cut” letters in order, we get ANS TWO FACED. Therefore, the answer is **TWO-FACED**.

Constructor’s Notes:

This puzzle was inspired by [Alice's Adventures in Wonderland](#) from the 2022 MIT Mystery Hunt. “Fraternal twins” fit the family theme of round 1 pretty well, so I tried to do an original take on this puzzle type.