

Croissant Craze

After a rough term at Caltech, Allam accidentally slept for 7 months and missed his 2nd and 3rd quarter of classes (he would've failed anyways). Still wanting to be a prolific researcher, he sold everything he owned to fund his research project and began living in Red Door.

Allam remembered from Ph1b Albrecht Einstein's famous equation $E = MC^2$. However, he mistakenly confused C as croissant, and began his lifelong pursuit of proving the universe was a croissant. Help him win the Nobel Pastry Prize by unveiling the following phrases using operations on unsolved symbols (which absolutely do not in any way, shape, or form resemble modern-day emojis) and letters.

E.g. {~~X~~-s s=i 🧦-ocks 🎅-a} → croissant

🧑🌾 -er a=e 🏠 - y 🍌 -po o=i 🔄 ON! (12)[1]
 🌷 -wer ⬆️ p=r (5)[2]
 🏷️ b=y -l + rs (6)[4]
 t+ 🐈 i=e 🇪🇺 -u o=a 🤔 i=u -d (11)[3]
 🧚 -f (4)[2]
 b t=k ⓘ 🍰 d=n -ert (9)[6]
 🥁 r=o -m 🧛 - ost (5)[4]
 🦀 -ab + es + 🏛️ (8)[5]
 🍝 - a 👁️ e=r -e (6)[2]
 🧊 c=g 🏠 - y (6)[6]
 👉 -e + -d (5)[2]
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Note: Feel free to use Emojipedia(<https://emojipedia.org/symbols/>) to look up emojis.

Credits: This puzzle is inspired by the Symbols Puzzle made by Logan Apple ('20) for the 2021 Dabney Ditch Day Museum Tour stack. The puzzle answers and theming come from Allam Amzad, one of this year's CHMMC organizers.