by The Campus League of Puzzlers

Congratulations to Keita, Quan Nguyen, and Shang who were the first three to submit the correct answer to last week's puzzle on our website

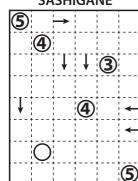
(http://puzzle.berkeley.edu). This week's puzzle is called a Sashigane, which translates to Carpenter's Square. The goal of this puz-

zle is to divide the grid into L-shaped pieces. Each Lshaped piece must be one block wide, but can con-

tain varying numbers of squares. The circles in the grid mean that square is the "bend" in an L-shaped piece. If there is a number in the circle, that tells you how many squares in total are contained in that piece. The arrows mark the ends of pieces. The tail of the arrow is the end of a piece, and the arrow points towards the bend in the piece. An L-shape can have any number of these symbols in it, including zero. When you have solved the puzzle, shade all the pieces containing 5 squares to get the final an-

SASHIGANE

swer, which will be a single letter.



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