

Harry Potter Patronus Walkthrough

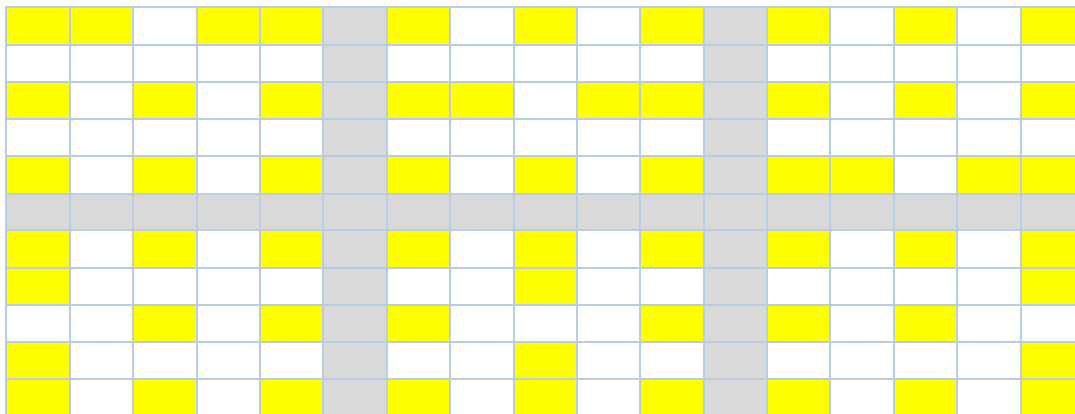
There are 10 patronuses and 15 people - making 25, the number of squares in the grid.

C1 is Phoenix

C1 tells us that Albus and Aberforth are in this row, Albus must be adjacent to the Phoenix so

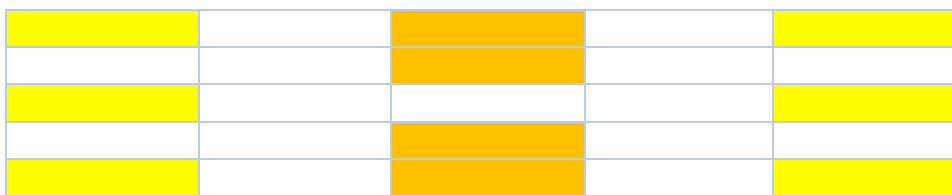
C2 is Albus

C2 tells us that patronuses can only be adjacent if they are Stag/Doe or Wolf/Dog. The only way to fit 10 patronuses into a 5x5 grid with this constraint is as one of the six patterns shown below (where the yellow squares mark patronuses):



However the pairs (deer and canines) have 8 people who have to be adjacent to them. If the pairs are by the edge then there are only 6 adjacent spaces, which will not work.

So the only possible patterns are the two in the middle column above. Since the phoenix and Albus are in the middle row, the pattern must be:



where yellow=any patronus other than deer or canines, and orange=patronus pair which must be deer (Stag or Doe) or canines (Wolf or Dog).

Aberforth must be adjacent to his goat patronus so

C5 is Goat and C4 is Aberforth

Phoenix	Albus		Aberforth	Goat

C4 and C5 tells us that the 3 marauders (James, Sirius, Remus) form an adjacent chain and the 3 Potters (James, Lily, Harry) also form an adjacent chain.

The Potters are all adjacent to the deer. For the marauders James is adjacent to the deer while Sirius and Remus are adjacent to the canines. If Sirius or Remus were in C3 then the Potters would be divided so

C3 is James

C3 tells us that the cat is in the top row (A1 or A5). Each pair of patronuses now has 4 spaces left adjacent to it. There are 3 people to go adjacent to the deer, and 4 for the canines. The cat and its people use 3 spaces, while the other remaining patronuses and people use only 2 spaces. So if the cat is at the top then the deer must be the top pair of patronuses. James does not touch A3 so

B3 is Stag and A3 is Doe

Cat?		Doe		Cat?
		Stag		
Phoenix	Albus	James	Aberforth	Goat

A3 tells us that Dolores and the wolf share a diagonal. Dolores must be in B1, A2, B2 or in A4, B4, B5 - the wolf must be D3 or E3 but E3 does not share a diagonal with any of Dolores' squares so

D3 is Wolf and E3 is Dog

Cat?		Doe		Cat?
		Stag		
Phoenix	Albus	James	Aberforth	Goat
		Wolf		
		Dog		

D3 tells us that there are 4 women in the 2 leftmost columns (and so 2 in the 2 rightmost columns).

E3 tells us that Ron and Tonks share a row, which means that one must be in column 2 and the other in column 4.

B3 tells us that Ron is not adjacent to Arthur (and hence the Weasel is not in the bottom corner adjacent to him), so he must be adjacent to the Beetle or Otter, and hence to a woman.

So the right hand columns have either Tonks or the woman adjacent to the bottom corner patronus. If they also had the cat in A5 they would have at least 3 women so

A1 is Cat

Now from A3

B1 is Dolores

B1 tells us that Minerva and Hermione share a diagonal so

A2 is Minerva and D5 is Hermione and so E5 is Otter

Cat	Minerva	Doe		
Dolores		Stag		
Phoenix	Albus	James	Aberforth	Goat
		Wolf		Hermione
		Dog		Otter

E5 tells us that Ron is adjacent to Hermione. Since Ron is in a row with Tonks and the marauders must be adjacent

E4 is Ron and E2 is Tonks

E2 tells us that

D2 is Remus and D4 is Sirius

D4 tells us that the Phoenix and the beetle share a column so

E1 is Beetle and D1 is Rita and A5 is Weasel and B5 is Arthur

Cat	Minerva	Doe		Weasel
Dolores		Stag		Arthur
Phoenix	Albus	James	Aberforth	Goat
Rita	Remus	Wolf	Sirius	Hermione
Beetle	Tonks	Dog	Ron	Otter

B5 tells us that spouses are adjacent and we now have 4 women in the 2 leftmost columns so

B4 is Lily

B4 tells us that James is adjacent to Harry so

B2 is Harry and A4 is Severus

Cat	Minerva	Doe	Severus	Weasel
Dolores	Harry	Stag	Lily	Arthur
Phoenix	Albus	James	Aberforth	Goat
Rita	Remus	Wolf	Sirius	Hermione
Beetle	Tonks	Dog	Ron	Otter

