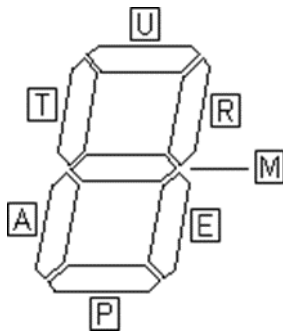


Solution to Dashboards

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ANSWER: **INFINITI**



Each LED bar in a given digit is lit if a certain unique trigger letter is present anywhere in the input word. The trigger letters are shown in the legend above. You can use Mastermind-like deduction to positively determine the specific trigger letter for each bar.

One good approach is to look at one bar at a time and use the process of elimination to determine which letter lights it. For example, from the 5th clue word shown in the puzzle, we know that [LOP] lights the bottom bar and no other bars. But the O in COSMIC does not light the bottom bar, nor does the L in CAUSALITY. Therefore P lights the bottom bar and [LO] does not light any bars. Another good approach is to compare words with similar letters and look at the differences in how many bars they light. For example, from the 1st two clue words shown in the puzzle, we know that [TIME] lights 3 bars, but [COSMI] only lights 1 bar. Therefore, we know that [TE] lights two bars, [IM] lights one bar, and [COS] does not light any bars.

Once you've found the trigger letters, light the corresponding LED bars in the solution clock to reveal "Infiniti". This is the final answer, and the "common 21st century time machine disguise" mentioned in the puzzle.



Time travelers go to Infiniti... and beyond! (With apologies to Buzz Lightyear.) Bonus points if you noticed that the trigger letters can spell TEMPURA, a favorite dish of time travelers everywhen.