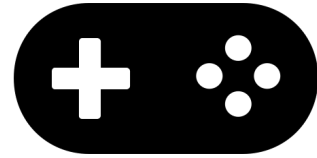


Bob's Farm Fresh Cream
SOLUTION

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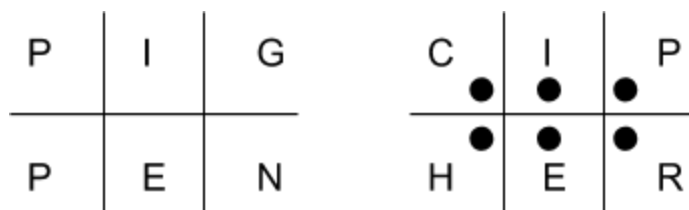
The text and images strongly clue that Bob's ice creams are ripped off from Ben and Jerry's. Each one of Bob's flavours matches the word lengths and pint tub image of a [Ben and Jerry's flavour](#). As the flavour text suggests, there is something still in common with Bob's flavours and the original flavours - namely one letter is in the same position in each of the new tubs as in their original flavour:


Bob's Flavour	Ben & Jerry's Flavour	Common Letter
P edicured Vegetable	P istachio Pistachio	P
W ine & Vinegar	M ilk & Cookies	I
Albatross W ings Special	Chocolate Fudge B rownie	G
Stop Leaving but Saying H i	K ee P Caramel and Cookie On	P
Enraged S ophomore	Truffle Ker f uffle	E
Darkening M ists	Americ o ne Dream	N
C anned Lychee	C herry Garcia	C
A ging Lime	P hish Food	I
Acidic A pple	Banana S plit	P
h ome plate	h alf baked	H
Big C ereal Bowl	Red V elvet Cake	E
Dearest Baked E gg	Bourbon Pecan P ie	R

The changed letters spell out, across the two grids, PIGPEN CIPHER

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[Pigpen Ciphers](#) are substitution ciphers, and clues that we should use the grids produced to decode the ciphertext at the bottom of the page:




 decodes to CHEEP CHEEP PRICE, which is the answer to this puzzle (and also explains why we buy from Bob even if his flavours are ripoffs).

Author Notes: This puzzle introduces two key concepts: intermediate steps, and common decoding techniques.

- It's possible that upon solving the ice cream tubs, one might think "PIGPEN" or "PIGPEN CIPHER" is the solution. Instead, these serve as intermediate steps to both (a) give the grid needed to solve the pigpen cipher and (b) hint that pigpen ciphers are required to solve the next stage of the puzzle. Answer submission systems will often give you some kind of feedback if you submit an intermediate solution; for example, you might get "What's that?" if "PIGPEN CIPHER" was submitted.
- Another variant of "intermediate step" is to instead have the puzzle solve to some kind of clue phrase, e.g. "CALTECHFULLNAME". These may require that you interpret the clue phrase (i.e. submit "CALIFORNIAINSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY") and will again usually have feedback from the submission system if you need to do so.
- Pigpen ciphers are one of many encoding techniques used in puzzles. Some other common ones can be found [here](#). More experienced puzzlers likely realized that the code at the bottom was a pigpen cipher, even without the intermediate step saying so. Familiarizing yourself with the common encoding techniques can help identify when they should be used. If you find yourself stuck on a puzzle, scan the list and see if maybe there's an encoding that could be used.

Fun Fact: The original version of this puzzle was from the last CPH, and featured additional gems such as TEMPURA -> VANILLA, LEOPARD PANCREAS -> BLONDIE AMBITION, PEANUT FLOAT -> BANANA SPLIT, and ERODING CENTIPEDES -> PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE. Yum!