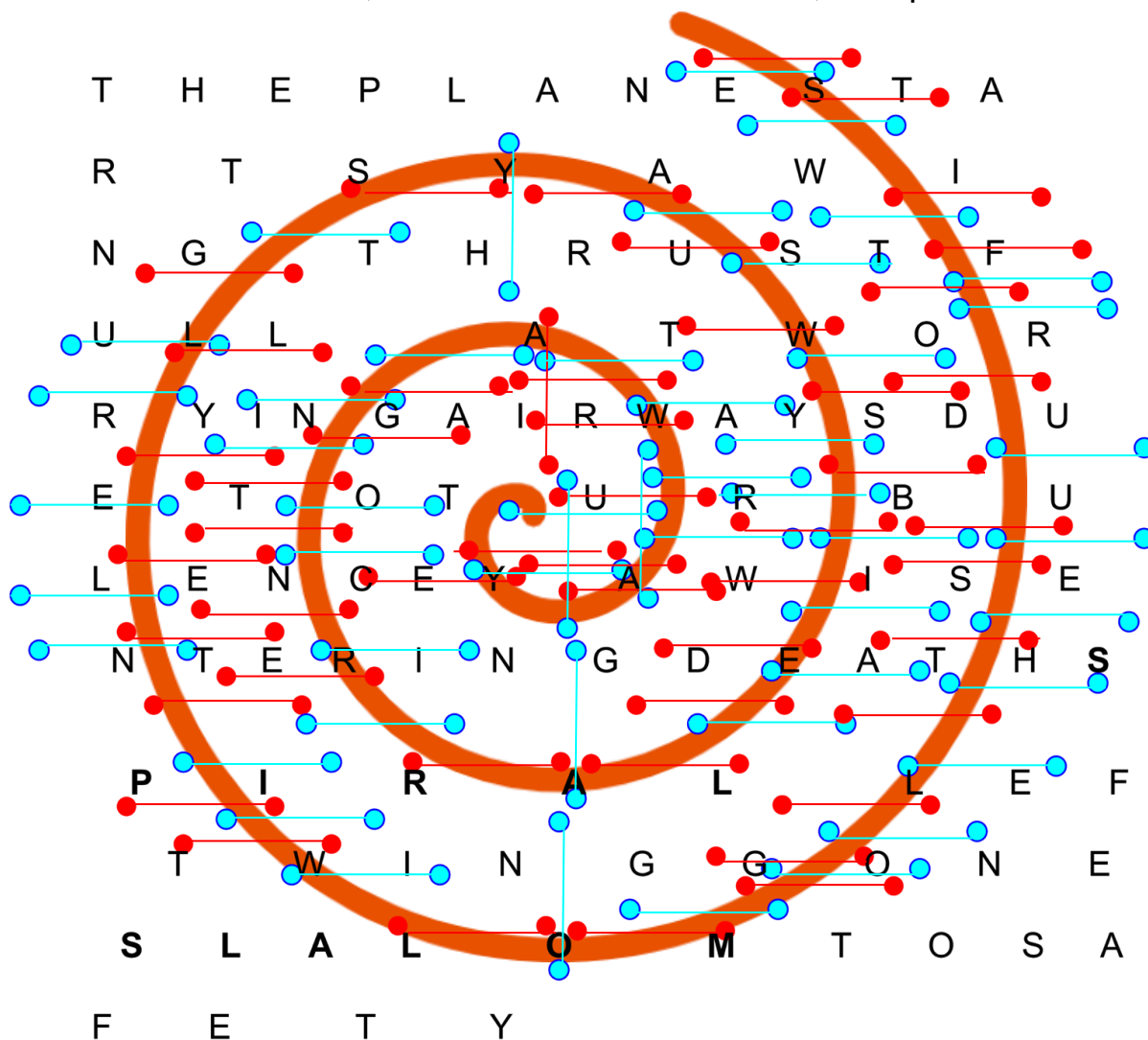


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In this puzzle, the goal is to pair up dots into red and blue pairs, and to draw a spiral that passes through every pair exactly once, in alternating order, as in the sport of slalom. The pairs of dots are either horizontally adjacent or vertically adjacent, with a fixed distance between them, as shown below. Therefore, the spiral must be as shown.



The spiral passes through the letters "SLOWLYWEARAWAY", in order. This gives the clue phrase "SLOWLY WEAR AWAY", which is a definition for the answer, **ERODE**.

