

Take-out Troubles

Walkthrough & Answers

Answer: L Street Tavern

Famous for being the bar in Good Will Hunting, this unassuming and homey watering hole is a Boston favorite for locals and tourists alike!

Walkthrough

This puzzle utilizes the classic “knapsack problem” You will need to find the combination of items that add up to \$175.45. There are actually two solutions that add up to the right number, so you’ll have to figure out both which one to use, and how to use the menu items to figure out the puzzle answer.

The first clue is to look at the first letter of each of the menu items. This will spell out “Try Only Odd Prices First.” This then narrows down the list of prices to just odd numbers. If you then look at the subset of items that add up to \$175.45, you get the following: Yakitori Chicken (\$63.23), Lamb Stew (\$55.01), Prime Rib (\$52.37), Eggplant Parmesan (\$2.51), and Satay Pork (\$2.33).

With this list of menu items, the next step is to look at the descriptions. As hinted by the very first menu item, capital letters are key here. Just looking at the capital letters in the description, you can spell out “NOW TRY NO MEAT”. This indicates that you should try food items that have no meat in them.

Narrowing down the menu items to just those without meat, you can then find another subset of items that add up to the desired price. These are: Roast Portobello with Potatoes (\$57.82), Dill Pickle Assortment (\$55.56), Rigatoni with Vegetables (\$54.74), Fried Okra (\$2.39), Italian Cheese Plate (\$2.15), and Tapioca Pudding (\$2.79). Following the same pattern as before with the capital letters from the descriptions, you get “USE END LETTERS.” Then looking at the last letter in each sentence of the descriptions, you get the final answer: L Street Tavern.