

Whether you like wondering about words or focussing on figures, we've got a conundrum to get that grey matter working. So sharpen your pencil, keep your wits about you and get solving!

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### CODE CRACKER

This one's a bit of a toughie, so keep at it. Each number represents a different letter of the alphabet; work out which number stands for which letter to fill in the crossword. We've given you three letters, all words are from a dictionary and we haven't used proper nouns. The puzzle doesn't necessarily use all letters of the alphabet. When you've cracked the code, fill in the answer.

**CLUES** 1 O 2 N 3 A 4 P 5 W 6 K 7 Y 8 D 9 G 10 R

14	21	8	16	3	17	15	22	3	4	16	21	11
B	E	D	L	A	M	S	T	A	P	L	E	X
12	10	15	9	5	19	11	12	12	12	12	12	12
U	R	S	G	W	I	X	U	U	U	U	U	U
19	13	1	2	15	2	21	2	3	13	22	13	13
I	C	O	N	S	N	E	N	A	C	T	C	C
16	18	21	11	12	8	21	2	1	1	1	14	14
L	V	E	X	U	D	E	N	O	O	O	B	B
22	10	21	15	15	8	10	1	1	16	16	15	15
T	R	E	S	S	D	R	O	O	L	L	S	S
21	19	5	21	14	19	18	16	16	16	16	16	16
E	I	W	E	B	I	V	L	L	L	L	L	L
15	13	3	10	13	21	3	2	9	16	21	15	17
S	C	A	R	C	E	A	N	G	L	E	S	M
21	21	16	21	3	22	19	10	6	6	6	6	18
E	E	L	E	A	T	I	R	K	K	K	V	V
5	19	16	22	21	8	20	3	10	8	16	7	19
W	I	L	T	E	D	H	A	R	D	L	I	I
18	19	7	21	15	8	1	3	3	3	3	20	20
V	I	Y	E	S	O	A	H	H	H	H	H	H
17	21	22	21	10	3	8	1	4	22	22	21	21
M	E	T	E	R	A	D	O	P	T	E	E	E
21	3	3	9	21	16	13	21	21	21	21	23	23
E	A	A	N	G	E	L	C	E	E	E	T	T
3	15	4	19	13	3	14	3	13	1	2	23	23
A	S	P	I	C	A	B	A	C	O	N	23	23
2	21	6	9	12	12	15	15	15	15	15	24	24
N	E	K	G	U	U	S	24	24	24	24	24	24
22	20	10	21	15	20	21	17	21	10	9	21	25
T	H	R	E	S	H	E	M	E	R	G	E	25

ANSWER: 3 A 10 R 13 C 3 A 8 D 21 E

ABCDEF GHIJKL MNOPQRSTU VWXYZ

### SUDOKU

A firm favourite – fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9. Good luck!

2	1	3	5	8	7	4	6	9
5	4	7	1	9	6	3	2	8
8	9	6	2	3	4	1	5	7
3	2	1	6	4	9	7	8	5
6	8	4	3	7	5	9	1	2
7	5	9	8	1	2	6	4	3
1	3	5	9	6	8	2	7	4
4	6	8	7	2	3	5	9	1
9	7	2	4	5	1	8	3	6

6	2	7	8	9	3	4	5	1
4	9	5	7	1	2	3	8	6
8	3	1	5	4	6	9	2	7
7	5	6	9	8	4	1	3	2
1	4	2	3	6	5	8	7	9
9	8	3	1	2	7	6	4	5
3	7	9	6	5	8	2	1	4
5	6	4	2	3	1	7	9	8
2	1	8	4	7	9	5	6	3

### JUMBLE SQUARE

Got your thinking cap on? Good! Rearrange the letters in each row to form a word. Write your answers into the blank grid. Once you have got all the words, the first letter from each word, when read down, will spell out the mystery keyword.

1	T	O	N	M	H
2	C	O	U	E	N
3	Y	E	D	A	C
4	E	M	E	Y	N
5	S	M	Y	H	U

1	M	O	N	T	H
2	O	U	N	C	E
3	D	E	C	A	Y
4	E	N	E	M	Y
5	M	U	S	H	Y

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