

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

ANSWER:

19	9	1	21	3	11														
A	N	S	W	E	R														

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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!

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

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

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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	G	A	I	E	M
2	S	O	O	G	E
3	E	N	N	I	L
4	C	R	O	U	C
5	N	O	O	E	Z

1	I	M	A	G	E
2	G	O	O	S	E
3	L	I	N	E	N
4	O	C	C	U	R
5	O	Z	O	N	E

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