

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 P 2 N 3 T 4 Y 5 D 6 L 7 X 8 B 9 E 10 U

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

ANSWER:

12	2	13	6	9	22												
A	N	G	L	E	S												

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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!

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

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

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	O	K	K	I	S
2	Y	A	N	E	H
3	A	T	P	O	D
4	D	E	K	E	N
5	Y	R	V	I	O

1	K	I	O	S	K
2	H	Y	E	N	A
3	A	D	O	P	T
4	K	N	E	E	D
5	I	V	O	R	Y

Answers to the puzzles can be found on essentials.co.za