

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!

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

ANSWER:

B E E T L E

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

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	A	J	N	O	B
2	E	I	E	L	T
3	M	I	A	X	O
4	H	E	C	C	A
5	R	H	I	E	K

1	B	A	N	J	O
2	E	L	I	T	E
3	A	X	I	O	M
4	C	A	C	H	E
5	H	I	K	E	R

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

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