

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

ANSWER:

23	9	17	19	21	17							
B	A	S	I	C	S							

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!

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

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

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	R	U	P	S	N
2	H	U	S	A	Q
3	U	U	P	S	R
4	L	I	E	M	P
5	P	O	R	O	D

1	S	P	U	R	N
2	Q	U	A	S	H
3	U	S	U	R	P
4	I	M	P	E	L
5	D	R	O	O	P

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