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The Christmas Puzzle Book

60 festive puzzles for grown-ups

FREE SAMPLE



20 word searches · 30 Sudoku · 10 Snowflake Wordoku

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Welcome

This is a free sample

It contains the first round of six puzzles and their answers. The full book has all sixty and is £3.99 at puzzlebury.com/books/christmas-puzzle-book/.

Make a cup of something warm and sharpen a pencil. This book holds sixty Christmas puzzles, made for grown-ups and arranged in ten rounds that get harder as you go. Dip in anywhere, or work through from the start.

What's inside

Christmas word searches on five themes: Deck the Halls, Christmas Dinner, Carols and Music, The Nativity Story and A Winter Walk. Classic Sudoku from easy to expert. Snowflake Wordoku, which is Sudoku with letters: every row, column and box contains each letter of S N O W F L A K E exactly once.

Fair puzzles only

Every Sudoku and Wordoku has exactly one solution and can be solved by logic alone, without guessing. Every word in a word search appears exactly once. Answers are at the back, in puzzle order, and each puzzle page tells you where to find its answer.

Printing

Print at “Actual size” or “100%” so the grids stay square. Pages are black on white and use very little ink. You might print a page at a time, or the whole book double-sided.

Your copy

You're welcome to print as many copies as your own household needs, including for family puzzling over the holidays. Please don't share the file or resell the puzzles. Thank you for supporting independent puzzle-making.

1. Deck the Halls

Easy · Word Search · words run across and down

Find every word in the list. Words run in straight lines; ignore spaces in multi-word entries.

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

Words to find

- ☐ ANGEL
- ☐ BUNTING
- ☐ CANDLESTICK
- ☐ FAIRY LIGHTS
- ☐ FIR
- ☐ HOLLY
- ☐ MANTELPIECE
- ☐ MISTLETOE
- ☐ ORNAMENT
- ☐ RIBBON
- ☐ SNOW GLOBE
- ☐ SPARKLE
- ☐ TOPPER
- ☐ WREATH

2. Sudoku

Easy · Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3×3 box contains the digits 1 to 9 exactly once.

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

3. Sudoku

Easy · Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3×3 box contains the digits 1 to 9 exactly once.

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

4. Christmas Dinner

Easy · Word Search · words run across and down

Find every word in the list. Words run in straight lines; ignore spaces in multi-word entries.

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

Words to find

- ☐ BRANDY BUTTER
- ☐ BREAD SAUCE
- ☐ CARROTS
- ☐ CHEESEBOARD
- ☐ CLEMENTINE
- ☐ CRACKERS
- ☐ GOOSE
- ☐ HAM
- ☐ MULLED WINE
- ☐ SAGE
- ☐ SALMON
- ☐ SHERRY
- ☐ STILTON
- ☐ YULE LOG

5. Sudoku

Easy · Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3×3 box contains the digits 1 to 9 exactly once.

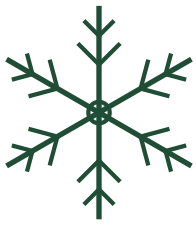
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	2	9	8	4	3		1	5
		5	2					
4	1		9			8	5	
	8						2	
	3	2			4		7	1
					1	5		
8	5		7	2	6	1	4	
6		1			8			

6. Snowflake Wordoku

Easy · Wordoku

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3×3 box contains each of the letters S N O W F L A K E exactly once.

		N			F			
E	K	O				A	F	L
				L		O	N	S
	E		L					W
S	W		E		A		O	N
N					W		A	
A	N	E		S				
K	O	W				N	S	F
			W			K		



Answers

Every answer, in puzzle order. Each round has two pages: word searches first, then the grids.

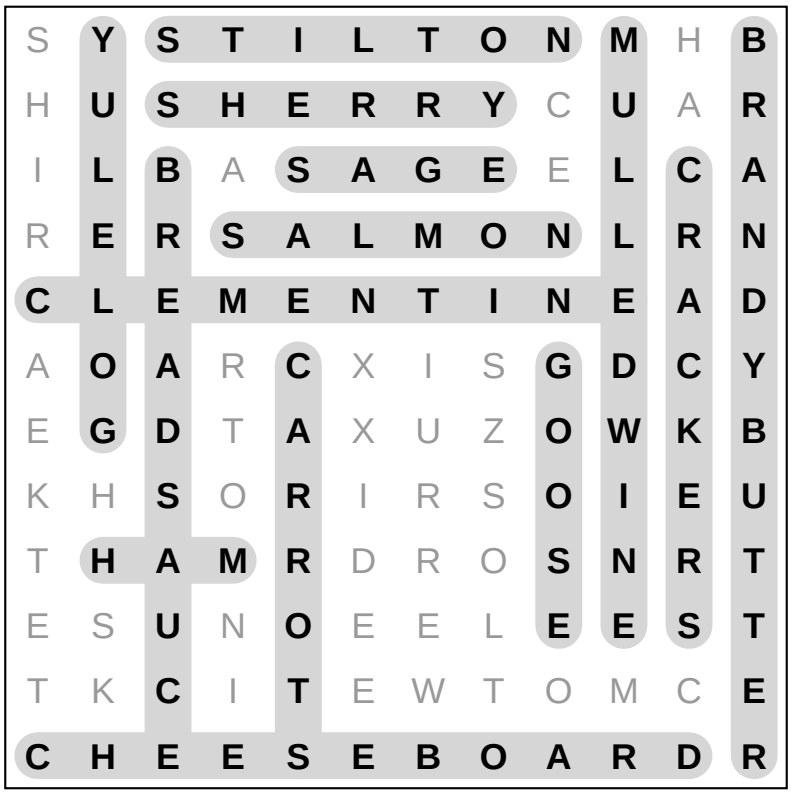
Answers

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1. Deck the Halls · Easy · page 3



4. Christmas Dinner · Easy · page 6



Shaded bands show where each word was hidden.

Answers

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2. Sudoku · Easy · page 4

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

3. Sudoku · Easy · page 5

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

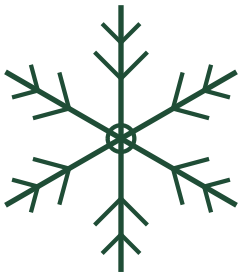
5. Sudoku · Easy · page 7

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

6. Snowflake Wordoku · Easy · page 8

L	S	**N**	O	A	**F**	E	W	K
E	**K**	**O**	N	W	S	**A**	**F**	**L**
W	A	F	K	**L**	E	**O**	**N**	**S**
O	**E**	A	**L**	F	N	S	K	**W**
S	**W**	L	**E**	K	**A**	F	**O**	**N**
N	F	K	S	O	**W**	L	**A**	E
A	**N**	**E**	F	**S**	K	W	L	O
K	**O**	**W**	A	E	L	**N**	**S**	**F**
F	L	S	**W**	N	O	**K**	E	A

Bold characters were given in the puzzle; grey ones are the solution.



Enjoyed these?

The full The Christmas Puzzle Book has 60 puzzles in ten rounds, building from gentle to properly tough, with every answer at the back.

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