

# NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY 

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## Monster Maze

Who plays puzzles on National Puzzle Day? Monsters! Help your monster friend get to their puzzle by oompleting the maze!


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## PUZZLE WORD SCRAMBLE

 Unscramble the following list of shuffled puzzle terms.

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE! 

 DO YOU KNOW ALL THE TYPES OF PUZZLES?
## ALPHABET SUDOKU

Solve the Sudoku puzzle using the alphabet. Only the letters A, B, C and D! Each letter
can
only be used once per line. Good Luck!


| C |  |  | D |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | C |
|  | A |  | B |
| B |  |  |  |



## Play Puzzles With Your

CHARM
CLUB
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|  | $A$ |  |
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| L I G |  |  |



Do you like cryptogram puzzles?
It's a fun way to you give your brain a workout!

# WHAT PUZZLES 

## TO ME...

Playfully
Unique
Zany
Zippy
Leisure
Endeavors
Solved

## WHAT DO PUZZLES MEAN TO YOU?

MAKE YOUR OWN JIGSAW PUZZLE
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## What is a Puzzle?

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { PUZ•ZLE } \\
& \text { /'pazal/ }
\end{aligned}
$$



A puzzle is a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge. In a puzzle, the solver is expected to put pieces together, in a logical way or in a particular order to arrive at the correct solution.

## Types of Puzzles

## Word Puzzles: Puzzles that use language to

 challenge the solver.Logic Puzzles: Puzzles that can be solved by thinking and using deductive reasoning.
Number Puzzles: Puzzles that require numbers to complete.
Mechanical Puzzles: Puzzles that manipulate a whole object or parts of it to get an answer. Escape Rooms: Locked areas where you must solve a series of puzzles to get out. Informational Puzzles: Puzzles that test subject knowledge based on facts.

## WHiCH PUZZLES DO YOU PLAY?

"Every puzzle is designed to entertain the solver. Every puzzle maker must offer a well-defined solution along with plenty of fun."

## PUZZLE WRITING ESSAY

Puzzles are everywhere! In this fun writing assignment, share your favorite puzzle and give three examples why your monster friends should play too! Don't forget to explain the directions of the puzzle, the best way to play and why you enjoy it so much!
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## (D) <br> Fill in the Blank

Puzzles are a very interesting part of our lives.
Fill in the blanks to share how you feel about puzzles!
1.My favorite puzzle to play is
2. If I made a puzzle for my family, it would be:
3. A fun afternoon is playing a jigsaw puzzle with friends. What is the perfect number of jigsaw pieces to enjoy?
4. What is the most exciting puzzle you've ever done? Why?
5. What is the most boring puzzle you've ever done? And why?
6. Have you heard of speed jigsaw competitions? People compete for a prize to see who can solve a jigsaw puzzle the fastest. What puzzle can you solve quickly?


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# TYPES OF PUZZLES... Solution 

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\begin{aligned}
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\hline J & \text { I } & \text { G } & \text { S } & \text { A } & \text { W } \\
\hline
\end{array} \\
& \text { WROD WHESEL W } \begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|l|l|l|l|l|}
\hline & \text { W } & \text { R } & \text { D } & \text { H } & \text { E } & \text { E } & \text { L } & \text { S } \\
\hline
\end{array} \\
& \text { OONDE W|O|O|D|E|N } \\
& \text { ORWD CEHARS W } \begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|l|l|l|l|l|l|}
\hline \text { O } & \text { R } & \text { D } \\
\hline
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
$$

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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| $D$ | $A$ | $Y$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $L$ | I | $G$ |

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