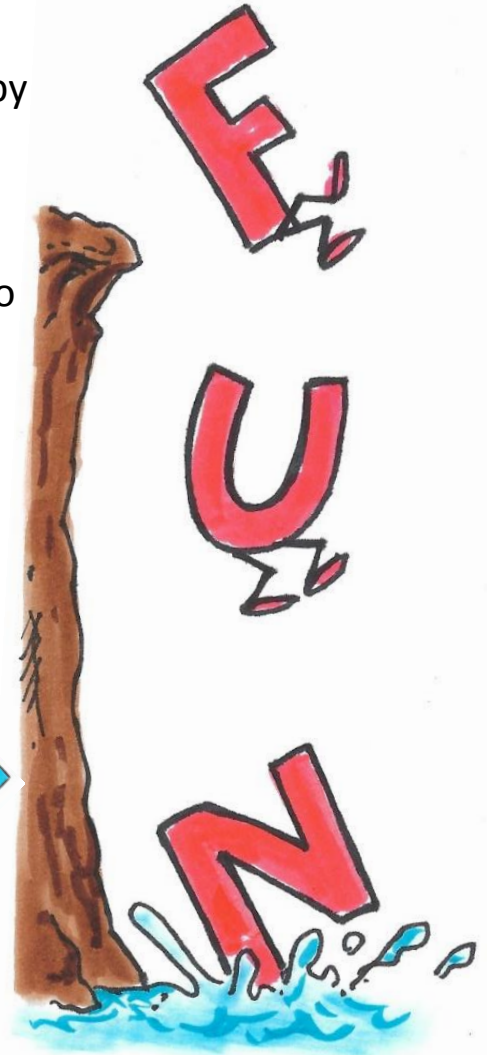


# Interesting Puzzle Facts

- The first-ever crossword puzzle was created by Arthur Wynne and ran in the New York World newspaper on December 21, 1913.
- Are you a dissectologist? That is a person who enjoys jigsaw puzzle assembly. A person who is involved in the science of puzzles is an enigmatologist.
- The fastest time ever solving a Sudoku is 1 minute 23.93 seconds. The record was set on May 20, 2006 by Thomas Snyder, an American Sudoku champion.



## *Did You Know?*

- The Stomachion is a puzzle that is at least 2,200 years old and believed to be the oldest puzzle known to man.
- The Rubik's Cube (also known as the Magic Cube) is one of the most popular puzzles ever! Over 350 million Cubes have been sold!
- Cool! The word ladder puzzle was invented by Lewis Carroll, author of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.



# What is a Puzzle?

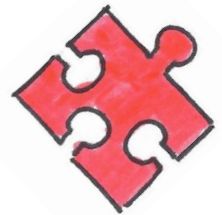
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A **puzzle** is a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge. In a **puzzle**, the solver is expected to put pieces together, in a logical way or in a particular order to arrive at the correct solution.

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## Types of Puzzles



**Word Puzzles:** Puzzles that use language to challenge the solver.

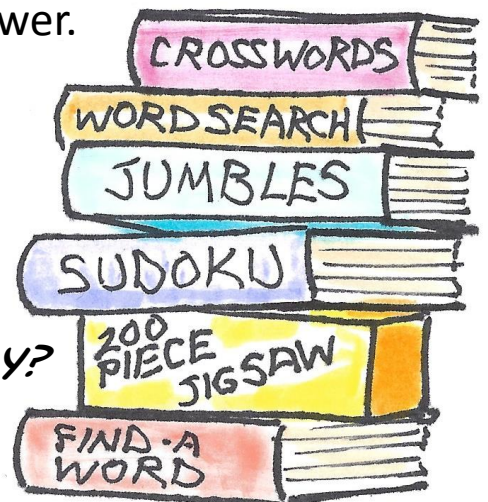
**Logic Puzzles:** Puzzles that can be solved by thinking and using deductive reasoning

**Number Puzzles:** Puzzles that require numbers to complete

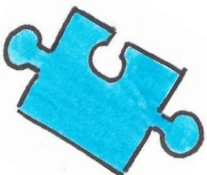
**Mechanical Puzzles:** Puzzles that manipulate a whole object or parts of it to get an answer.

**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.



*WHAT PUZZLES DO YOU LIKE TO PLAY?*



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

- Jodi Jill