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# National Puzzle Day Maze 

Who plays puzzles on National Puzzle Day? Friends! Help your friend get to their puzzle by completing the


## National Puzzle Day Crossword Puzzle

 Solve the Crossword Puzzle based on the clues given!

## ACROSS

5. Term used after you complete a puzzle
6. People you play board games with
7. Class where you study numbers


## PUZZLE WORD SCRAMBLE

 Unscramble the following list of shuffled puzzle terms.

## 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!


## Play Puzzles With Your Friends

## Word Search Puzzle

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CHARM friends appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY. Find and circle
CLUB
DEPEND D A S S M V W H Z C D C W C
EASE
EMBRACE
GENTLE
GREET
HARMONY
HELP
HUG
KIND
LAUGH LIKE LISTEN LOVE LOYAL NICE
PALS
PARTY
SECRETS
SHARE
TIME
TRUST
VALUE WARMTH

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


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| 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 |
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G W C



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| V | I | B | Q | W | V | I | T |


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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| X C H H T M |  |  |  |  |  |


|  | $A$ |  |
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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 MEAN TO ME... 

## Playfully

Unique
Zany
Zippy
Leisure
Endeavors
Solved

WHAT DO PUZZLES MEAN TO YOU?
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## MAKE YOUR OWN <br> JIGSAW PUZZLE

Want to make your own jigsaw puzzle? It's easy! In the jigsaw template below, design a colorful picture. When finished, cut out the individual pieces on the lines. Mix up the pieces and lay them out on a table. Solve your own jigsaw puzzle by connecting the pieces!


# What is a Puzzle? 



## PUZ•ZLE /'pazal/

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."

## Writing Essay

Puzzles are everywhere! In this fun writing assignment, share your favorite puzzle and give three examples why your 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!


## 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 $\qquad$
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? And why?
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$\qquad$
5. What is the most boring puzzle you've ever done? And why?
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$\qquad$
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?



## National Puzzle Day Crossword Puzzle

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## DOWN

1. Instrument used to play word games
2. A fun question with a curious answer
3. The action of looking for something 4. Puzzle made out of cardboard pieces


## ACROSS

5. Term used after you complete a puzzle
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# TYPES OF PUZZLES... Solution 

Unscramble the following list of shuffled words to meaningful words!

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\begin{aligned}
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\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 } \\
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\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 } \\
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\end{array}
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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 | B | A | D |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | D | B | C |
| D | A | C | B |
| B | C | D | A |

SOLUTION

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

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