



Pressing Play

A Mini-Extravaganza
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After several different game nights and movie nights with friends, it seemed to me that it could be more efficient to combine these events together. If our selection of movies and TV shows was limited to game-focused titles, it would be like having both activities at once. And why not just solve puzzles based on those titles instead?

Once I proposed this to my friends, how did they respond?

Game of Thrones

The Imitation Game

Patriot Games

Ender's Game

The Hunger Games

WarGames

- This packet is available as a pdf at www.enigmatwist.com/pressingplay.pdf
- Feel free to use outside sources, which are probably necessary for one puzzle.
- I'm happy to confirm answers, give hints, and hear any feedback. Enjoy!



Game of Thrones

Each of the nine Great Houses of the Seven Kingdoms have very particular tastes. There are very few things that they truly like, with some examples provided below, along with examples of the many things they do not like. You desire to improve your reputation among the houses by providing each one with an appropriate gift, and fortunately you have nine such gifts on hand. Which gift should you present to each house?

1. The members of House LANNISTER...
 - ... have watched RATATOUILLE but not TOY STORY.
 - ... would rather visit AUSTRALIA than ANTARCTICA.
 - ... hire ASSASSINS but not BODYGUARDS.
 - ... like dealing with LIEUTENANTS more than ADMIRALS.
 - ... studied INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, not MICROECONOMICS.
2. The members of House MARTELL...
 - ... eat APRICOTS but not TANGERINES.
 - ... play with DECKS OF CARDS, ignoring their POOL TABLE.
 - ... would rather visit the JUNGLE than the TUNDRA.
 - ... read NOVELS but not SHORT STORIES.
 - ... bought a pet OCTOPUS instead of a GOLDFISH.
3. The members of House TYRELL...
 - ... like DIAMONDS but not EMERALDS.
 - ... like being called ROYALTY instead of NOBILITY.
 - ... like FRODO but not BILBO.
 - ... cause HUBBUBS but not RUCKUSES.
 - ... listen to music by YEAH YEAH YEAHS but not RADIOHEAD.
4. The members of House ARRYN...
 - ... prefer using MACS over PCS.
 - ... employ a personal TAILOR but not a HABERDASHER.
 - ... have visitors KNEEL but never CURTSEY.
 - ... wear GYM SHOES but not WADING BOOTS.
 - ... like HAIRY CHESTS and not SHAVED LEGS.
5. The members of House TARGARYEN...
 - ... would rather read a NEWSPAPER than a MAGAZINE.
 - ... measure length in CUBITS and not INCHES.
 - ... hired a PARALEGAL but no STENOGRAPHER.
 - ... prefer being IMPASSIONATE over HOTHEADED.
 - ... visited MANHATTAN but avoided QUEENS.
6. The members of House STARK...
 - ... like SIMPLICITY and not COMPLEXITY.
 - ... carry a REVOLVER and not a SHOTGUN.
 - ... would rather ride a CAROUSEL than enter a FUNHOUSE.
 - ... like MAGENTA more than CHARTREUSE.
 - ... prefer a PAISLEY pattern over ARGYLE.
7. The members of House BARATHEON...
 - ... eat JALAPEÑOS but not HABANEROS.
 - ... would rather use a KAYAK than a CANOE.
 - ... watch reruns of MAGNUM, P.I., not MURDER, SHE WROTE.
 - ... own furniture made from MAHOGANY but not MAPLE.
 - ... would rather visit MOSCOW than BERLIN.
8. The members of House TULLY...
 - ... pay with DOLLARS and not POUNDS.
 - ... like being called NOBILITY instead of ROYALTY.
 - ... would rather HAGGLE than TRADE.
 - ... cook with SEASONING but don't eat MEAT.
 - ... are buried in CASKETS but not TOMBS.
9. The members of House GREYJOY...
 - ... like RECRUITS but not DRAFTEES.
 - ... read WIRED but not THE ECONOMIST.
 - ... like watching LUCY AND RICKY more than ARCHIE AND EDITH.
 - ... prefer STEALTH over CONFRONTATION.
 - ... prefer GROWING OLD over DYING YOUNG.

Available Gifts

- BROADSIDES • COATSTAND • GRAMOPHONE •
- JEAN JACKET • LARDER FRIDGE • MAYONNAISE •
- outhouses • PETTICOAT • TOILETRIES •



The Imitation Game

Alan Turing not only decrypted messages during World War II, but also proposed a test where someone would try asking the right questions to determine if they were communicating with a live person.

AJY, RU, HUKOT ALR, HUKH'Y K, RI, KU, CUKH ML ALR SKXX NH CUJO ALR, RI, CUJO ALR, CUJO ALR DRONYU SPINOKXY NO, RU, MKAY LV ALPJ, NH CKY, RI, KOM ALR'M DRH HUJI NO HUJ, RU, HUJ YERKPJ, NO HULYJ, ALR, ALR TOLC.

GVV YXESJ, FU, TFUIDY. ZBUDJXUDZ XJ SDVHZ JB FTLDYZJGTL G KBYL XO KD IYDGP XJ LBKT. VDJ'Z LB JSGJ TBK, ZSGVV KD? TFUI, ZDD, XO RBF'YD TFUI, RBF NGT'J ODDV. ZDD, RDGS, XO RBF'YD TFUI, RBF NGT'J ODDV. GTL JSdT, IDY...

YTNH NSL NJO WP GB UWVJC TSL? YTLHTLS V CLH OWGS XGLBHVWJ SVCTH WS YSWJC, PSL YVFF VB NJ VFFGBVWJ. FVPL VB N CNZL HTNH DFNOB GB.

J ADF EJXJWY D IJVPVNL BMD B J TDXL TPFLNH, DWX J ADF AJBM ADNNP VSG. YSX, J TJFF BMD B YSSX TDW. ML MDX HJWYLEF NJOL D FDNSE. J ELTLTILE SWL BJTL, JW IDWYOSO...

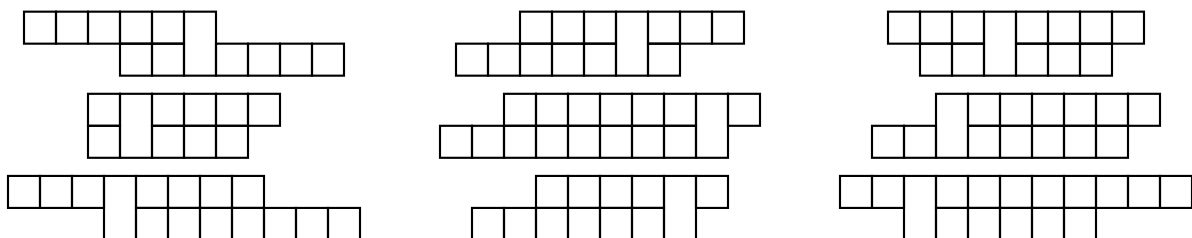
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DBS AG XITLLT DBAJL? ... AG JBIJ CSJ JBL PLCJTLKIC DBS YTING MFYTL, JBL BMKSFSMG RLTTSD DAJB JBL PTIGGLG DBS TSZLG QBLLGL?

G'IX CLMROPJLWXN CFGO OGWTSX HMWX OFJD TJNGEW GRCJ M LGKF KJLREKJTG M JP DGRCLX PSJLM, EOGRH NLGXN PGHO MRN ORJD-CGTTXN XEKMSZTCEO. G LXMSSZ CLXMOELX GC.

IOFK LSM OKI LSMJ IOPEL ISMTENA, LSM TJPHOKI! SKN IOL PD'EE TN FL DMJK, DJNTNR!

MIB, JG'B PJFI FIZHJG CUA LEVU KCMUI SEJUS, "JG'B UEG ICBM XIJUS SZIIU, YJPSZJH." JG'B PJFI BNVKCZWIUISSIZ, "LC, J'H FIZHJG GVI TZES. LC, GVCG'B HI, BNVKCZWIUISSIZ FIZHJG."





Patriot Games

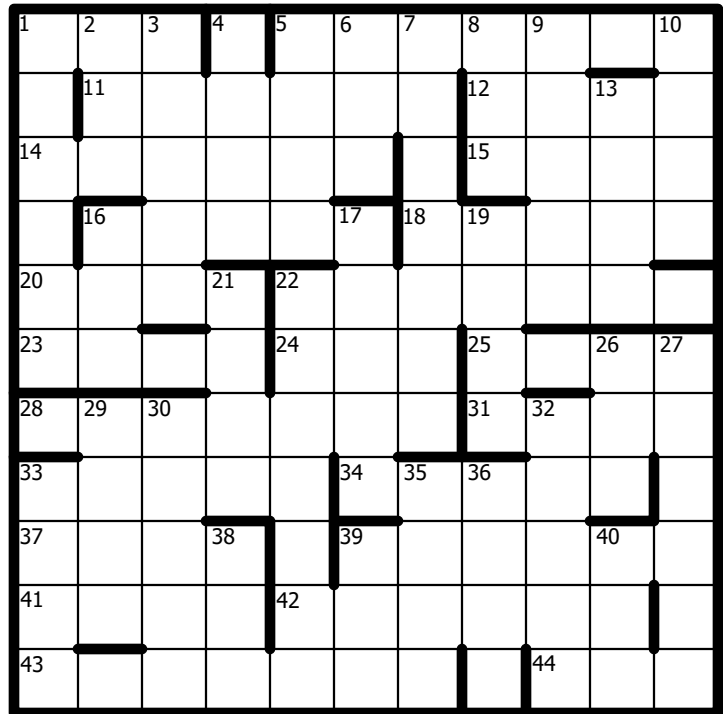
Someone is preventing certain across answers from fitting in the grid.

ACROSS

1. Precipitation over a lawn party gets discussed
5. Place where David lived recklessly, more jealous after losing pair of rings
11. Maroon color I altered
12. Ten approaching Washington State
14. Ran a campaign and utterly triumphed, featuring ad for house leader
15. Bucket's rim encircles a counter
16. Some aliens consume bits of food via sound waves
18. No two lead components of furnace are enveloped by reflected laser
20. Amused eccentric woman with a stony glare
22. Sail into body of water while turning handles
23. Quiet, soft work on the land
24. Drunk almost meets a composer
25. Head away from wide street
28. Gives a hand to band members starting late
31. Source of expensive fur at the back of uniform is not worthless
33. Hot dog stand's top with gold and green shade
34. Made hot wrap
37. Clear out before closing times
39. The way you appeared once and ate a bit of Special K
41. Small bird's silly antic
42. Broadcast personality that's controlling an Asian city
43. Zany lass dances around unloaded starter revolver on the table (2 wds)
44. Have fun after removing a layer

DOWN

1. Pack up the tent and concert equipment after December (6)
2. Go the wrong way through terrain (3)
3. Doctor that is now ending up peculiar (5)
4. Scandinavian account added up, mostly (4)
5. Little Australian tribe finally overwhelmed by happiness (4)
6. Close companion's second half (3)



7. Has a second shot and sample of claret, riesling (7)
8. Fall right out of leak (3)
9. Sits around fifty clumsy people (5)
10. Stores setting created by every bit after menu initialization (4)
13. Heard gym's very reasonable (4)
16. Sweetheart doesn't have an aid for styling (3)
17. Beginning to stop by many Vegas sights (5)
19. Get pot for audience members (4)
21. "South Wisconsin General Assembly" is a mouthful (4)
22. Report travels up to higher levels? Yeah, sure... (7)
26. Even manlier drink at the bar (3)
27. Leading to fatalities from Spanish lady going loco (6)
29. Spinning parasol obscures woman (4)
30. Encore's relative, in terms of TV's famous Tarzan segment (5)
32. Censor's buzzer masks large third of expletives (5)
33. Draw back out of nifty exchange for cash (4)
35. Slight variation of hint (4)
36. My bad boy heart goes against operations (4)
38. Wild blue parrots lack any tails (3)
39. Pitch rodent toward the ceiling (3)
40. Majority of river produces nothing (3)



The Hunger Games

The downtrodden districts of Panem are each forced to provide tributes to the Hunger Games every year, which gives the teams that are formed a taste for battle. Then, one tribute is always able to barely escape.

ACTS

POUR

APES

LASH

TILE

POSH

TUNE

MINE

MOAN

NUKE

CAPE

VANE

DROP

PAIR

DOVE

TORE

CENT

HUGO

OGRE

DONE

SILL

PEEL

FOPS

YEAH

LARS

TINA

FUME

PERT

GORY

ROLE

GALA

UNIT

RIGS

THEN

SCAB

HURL

MINE

DOOR

NARC

EYED

CADS

LIAR

RAFT

SCAD

KILO

FEND

AREA

MICE

RISE

PAIL

HART

LENS

TOTS

SEAR

WOOF



WarGames

Fill all the squares of each grid with a large tic-tac-toe game such that every row and column consists of half X's and half O's. These games were all stalemates – no set of three consecutive X's or O's ever appears in a row or column (diagonals don't count). It seems the only winning move is not to play...

