

The Winter's Talent

Team Name:
Team Members:

A Puzzle In Three Acts
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Welcome to the puzzle portion of today's talent show! Each of the three act-themed puzzles will lead you to a ten-letter word. You'll need to use the ten-letter words from those puzzles in order to solve the final puzzle. Whichever person or team finishes the largest portion of these puzzles first will win a prize. Enjoy the show!

JUGGLING

How long can they keep it up without dropping a ball in the middle of their act?

Match up the starting routines to the ending routines, being sure to always keep your eye on the **ball**.

Starting Routines

Ending Routines

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|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| ⑧ Verbal fracas
_____ | Grade better than an eff
_____ | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| ⑨ Hosted a traditional summer gathering
_____ | She has a brood
_____ | ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| ⑨ Quite charming and sophisticated
_____ | Evil creatures of Middle-earth
_____ | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| ⑦ Regardless of
_____ | Hearty sip of a drink
_____ | ○ ○ ○ |
| ⑪ Little Red Riding Hood character
_____ | Like wire for some enclosures
_____ | ○ ○ ○ |
| ⑧ Increase, as tension or senses
_____ | Nationality in a Michael Jackson song
_____ | ○ ○ ○ |
| ⑪ Ron Paul or Penn Jillette, ideologically
_____ | " ___ you a little short for a stormtrooper?"
_____ | ○ ○ ○ |
| ⑧ Locations for picking
_____ | Do a certain step in preparing fish or chicken
_____ | ○ ○ ○ |
| ⑧ Seep into and throughout
_____ | Even more enormous and ornate
_____ | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| ⑦ Quickly pilfering
_____ | ___ Noël (France's Santa)
_____ | ○ ○ ○ ○ |

ANSWER:

 A-1 A-2 A-3 A-4 A-5 A-6 A-7 A-8 A-9 A-10

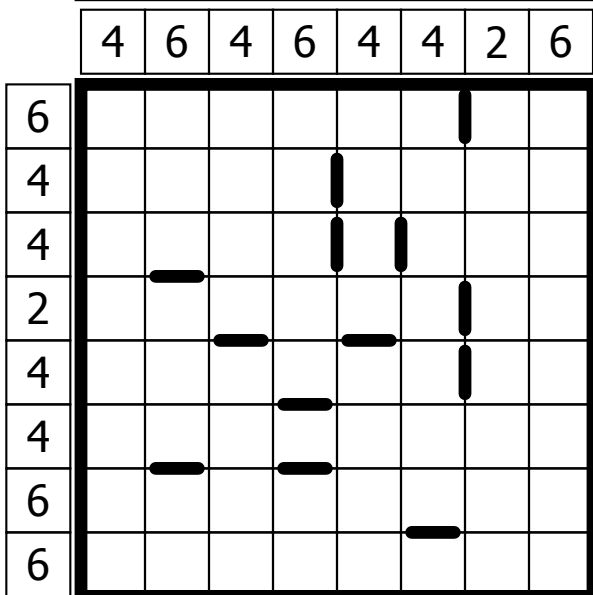
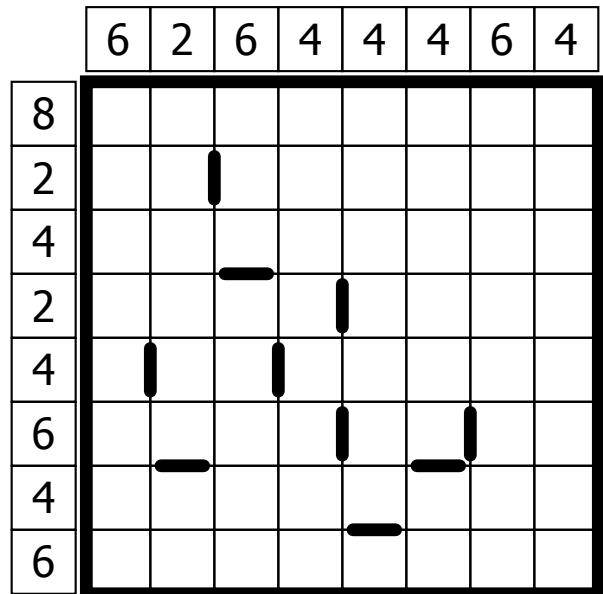
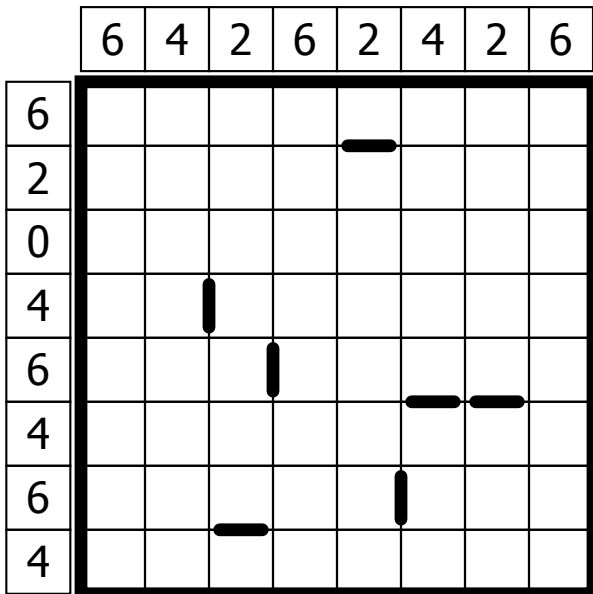
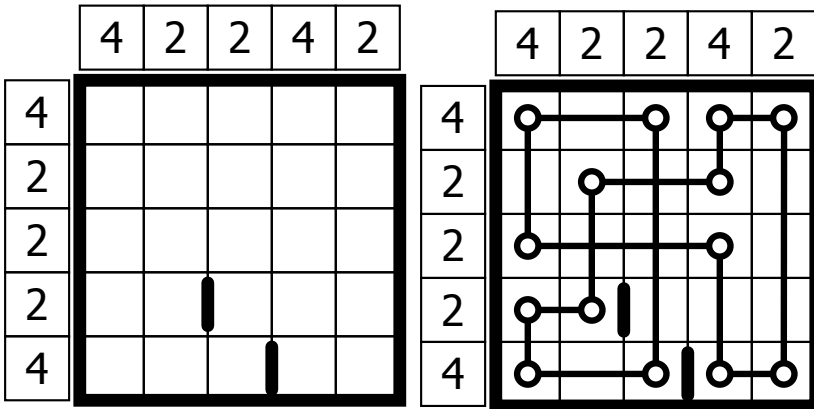
STRING INSTRUMENTS

It's easy to get tied up in the nobility of the violoncello, the grandeur of the grand piano, and other cords that make chords.

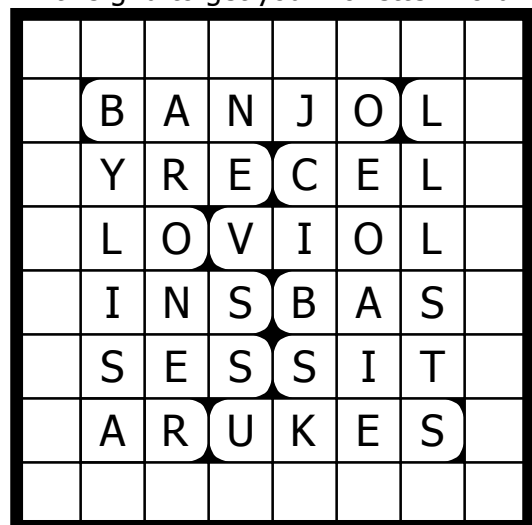
Each grid holds one string and a group of pegs, according to these rules:

- The string is a single, closed loop that visits every square at least once, only traveling horizontally and vertically.
- The string can only go straight until it hits a peg, at which point it MUST make a 90 degree turn.
- The string may visit a square twice, but only if it crosses itself, traveling straight in both directions (that is, the square can't have a peg).
- Numbers around the grid indicate the total number of pegs in that row or column.
- The string cannot pass through any thick bars.

EXAMPLE



Finally, **cross** off the appropriate letters in this grid to get your 10-letter word.



ANSWER:

B-1 B-2 B-3 B-4 B-5 B-6 B-7 B-8 B-9 B-10

SINGING

Song birds of a feather flock together; sometimes it's easier as a duet.

ACROSS

- 1 Tiny bit of paint
- 4 You might see him wearing stripes
- 8 Blocks (off) with police tape
- 14 Renaissance fair drink
- 15 Terrible name?
- 16 Crier's cry
- 17 First half of a very appropriate quote
- 20 Derisive expressions
- 21 Talents
- 22 They're not odds
- 23 Lawn stuff
- 24 Work ____
- 28 Fail a polygraph, maybe
- 29 Bonobo or orang
- 31 Mechanical conveyance
- 32 Judging implement
- 35 Apex
- 36 Composer of the quote
- 40 Shark-sucking fish
- 41 Vacation location
- 42 Tons
- 43 Refusals
- 44 Like Ambrose Bierce's humor
- 47 ____ noir
- 49 Had some grub
- 51 Shakespearean pronoun
- 52 Shrek's love
- 54 Type of melon
- 56 Second half of a very appropriate quote
- 60 Thought, but not discussed
- 61 May, to Peter Parker
- 62 Space bar neighbor
- 63 Pines (for)
- 64 Certain fresheners
- 65 Pine for

DOWN

- 1 Distressed individual, perhaps
- 2 They're called for donations
- 3 Bordering
- 4 Candle component
- 5 Hertz competitor
- 6 Vegas starter
- 7 "Please, stay!"
- 8 South Park character, or his occupation
- 9 90° clockwise from sur

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- 10 Biggie, Diddy, and others
- 11 Adventurous girl on TV
- 12 MoMA loc.
- 13 Witness
- 18 Org. with an annual deadline
- 19 Squirreled away
- 23 Extreme
- 25 Shades
- 26 Small, as a spider
- 27 Simple place to sleep
- 29 Oaxacan water
- 30 Cushion
- 33 Wood and Sullivan
- 34 Sierra ____
- 35 Takes out
- 36 CCCXVII x III
- 37 Nut job
- 38 Ancient military treatise, with "The"
- 39 Dawg
- 40 Use a scythe
- 44 Words before chopped liver
- 45 They rise up
- 46 They make things rise up
- 48 Video game based on a movie, e.g.
- 49 ____ Arbor
- 50 Mat in Japanese rooms
- 51 General on Chinese menus
- 53 Heavy reference books
- 54 Copper shield site, as of 2010
- 55 Farm residents?
- 56 Trade money for
- 57 WSW's opposite
- 58 Gp. with X-rays
- 59 Fifth-century pillager

ANSWER:

C-1
C-2
C-3
C-4
C-5
C-6
C-7
C-8
C-9
C-10

METAPUZZLE: THE LINEUP

First, put the letters of your three ten-letter words into their respective boxes at the left, as indicated. Then, place each trio of boxes in one of the ten positions in the arrangement at the right. Which trio belongs in which position is for you to determine, but the order of letters within a trio will not change, and two trios have been placed for you already. When all spaces have been correctly filled, five words of equal length can be read across the rows. You'll then have the answer to the riddle below.

A-1	B-4	C-8	A-6	B-3	C-7	_____				A-2	C-4	B-8
A-2	C-4	B-8	B-10	A-7	C-6	_____						
B-9	C-5	A-3	A-8	B-1	C-10				_____			
C-2	A-4	B-6	C-3	B-2	A-9							_____
C-1	A-5	B-7	A-10	B-5	C-9	C-2	A-4	B-6				_____

What do some talented mathematicians have?

ANSWER: _____

SCORING

JUGGLING

Complete matches ___ x3 = ___/30

Letters in final answer ___/10

Total ___/40

STRING INSTRUMENTS

Correct grids ___ x10 = ___/30

Letters in final answer ___/10

Total ___/40

SINGING

Correct rows ___/15

Correct columns ___/15

Letters in final answer ___/10

Total ___/40

THE LINEUP

Correctly filled trios ___/10

Correctly placed trios ___/10

Final answer ___ x10 = ___/10

TOTAL: ___/150