

Large Print Christmas Activity Book

Word Search, Sudoku, Cryptograms, Mazes and Word Scrambles - 136 Holiday Puzzles for Adults and Seniors

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How to Play

Word Search

Find every word from the list hidden in the grid. Words run in a straight line - across, down, diagonally, and sometimes backwards. Circle each word in the grid and tick it off the list. Spaces in names are left out.

Sudoku

Fill every empty square with a number from 1 to 9 so that each row, each column and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes contains every number exactly once. No math is needed - it is a logic puzzle. Each puzzle has exactly one solution and can be solved without guessing.

Cryptograms

Each quotation is written in a simple code: every letter has been swapped for a different letter, and the same code letter always stands for the same real letter. Two hints are filled in for you. Use short words, repeated letters and the code tracker to crack the rest.

Mazes

Start at START and draw a path to FINISH without crossing any lines. There is only one way through! The mazes get bigger and trickier as you go. Use a pencil so you can erase.

Word Scrambles

The letters of each word have been mixed up. Put them back in order to spell a word that fits the page's theme. Every scramble has only one correct answer.

PUZZLE 1

Cozy Kitchen

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

- ☐ AROMA
- ☐ BAKE
- ☐ BISCUITS
- ☐ BROTH
- ☐ CARD
- ☐ COBBLER
- ☐ CRISP
- ☐ LADLE
- ☐ PUDDING
- ☐ RECIPE
- ☐ STEW
- ☐ STIR
- ☐ SYRUP
- ☐ TASTE
- ☐ TIMER
- ☐ TOAST

Puzzle 1

★ Easy

9		7	4	3		1		5
	1			8			6	
8		3					4	
		2	8		9	3		
			3	6	1			
		8	2		7	6		
	4					5		2
	2			1			3	
7		9		2	3	4		6

Puzzle 2

★ Easy

7			4					
8	1	5			7	9		4
			5				3	1
				2	6	8	5	
	2		1	9	3		4	
	7	9	8	4				
3	4				2			
1		2	3			4	9	6
					4			2

CRYPTOGRAM 1

Poems ("Hope" is the thing with feathers)

			E					T		E		T												
E	B	Z	H		M	V		X	E	H		X	E	M	O	P								
				T					E		T		E											
		J	M	X	E			G	H	L	X	E	H	U	V									
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				X	E	H			V	B	Q	W													

Hints: H = E, X = T

- Emily Dickinson

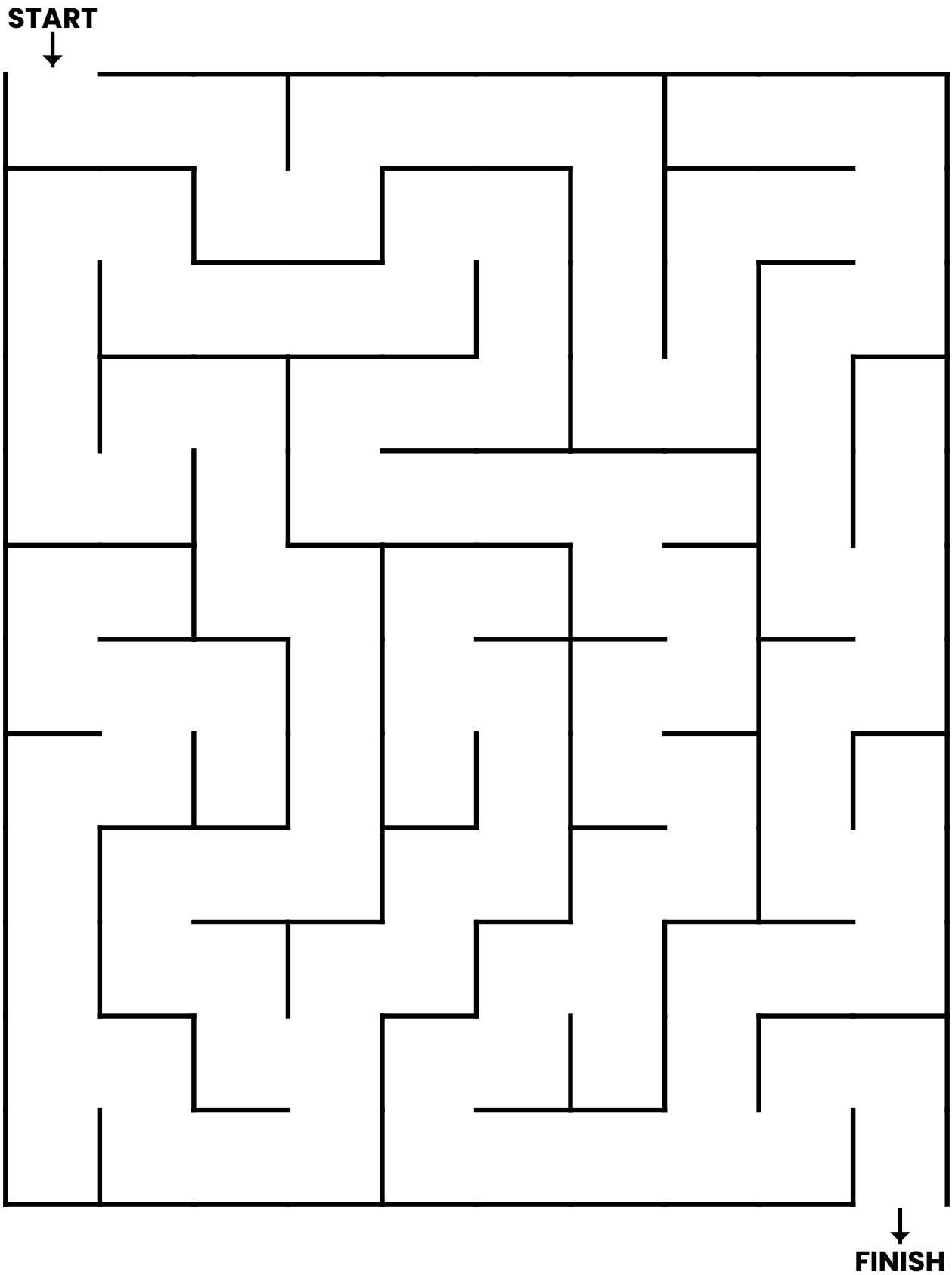
Code tracker: write each solved letter under its code letter.

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

MAZE 1

Snowy Path (Easy)



WORD SCRAMBLE 1

Christmas Treats

Unscramble each word. Every answer fits the theme.

1. D E F U G _____
2. F F E E T O _____
3. O C O A C _____
4. G O E G G N _____
5. N P U I G D D _____
6. N Y C A D _____
7. E T U N G M _____
8. N N I O M A N C _____
9. N P T E R I P P E M _____
10. A P I R Z M N A _____
11. E R D S A R T O B H _____

Puzzle 13

★ Medium

9	2							7
		3	7				6	2
					3			
4		7		2		8		9
2		1		5		7		3
			9					
5	9				2	1		
1							3	5

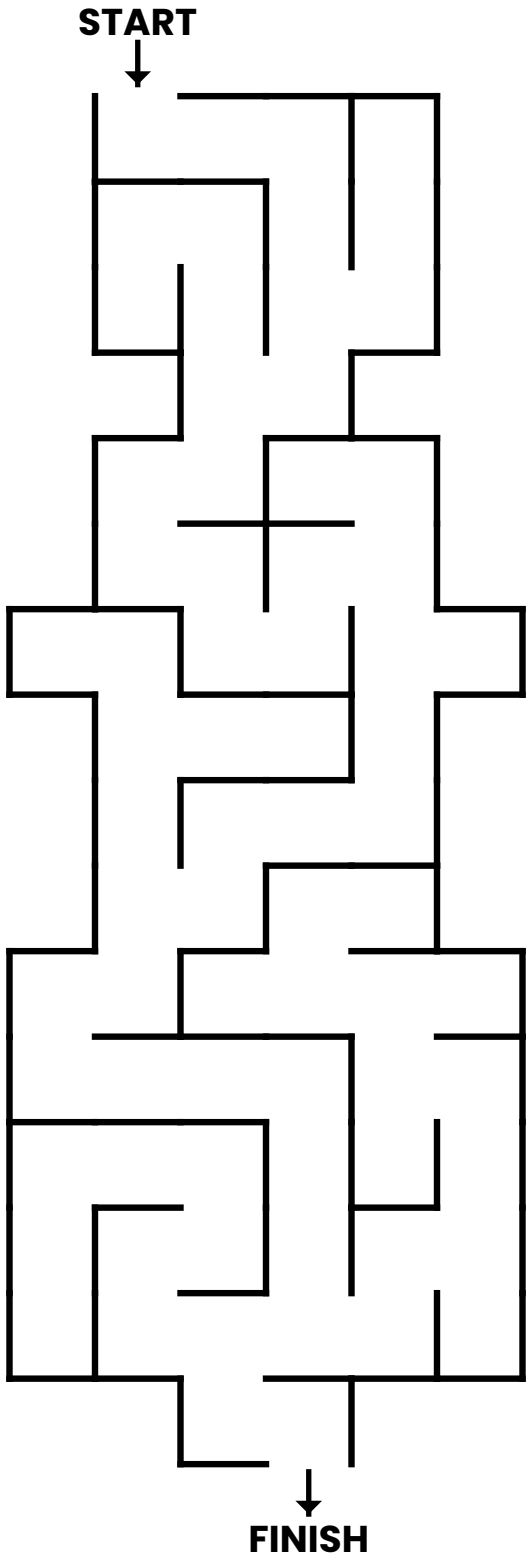
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★ Medium

			2	7	9		8	
		2				3	6	
					5			2
	2			4	8		3	
	9		5		3		4	
	3		9	2			5	
2			8					
	6	8				1		
	7		3	1	6			

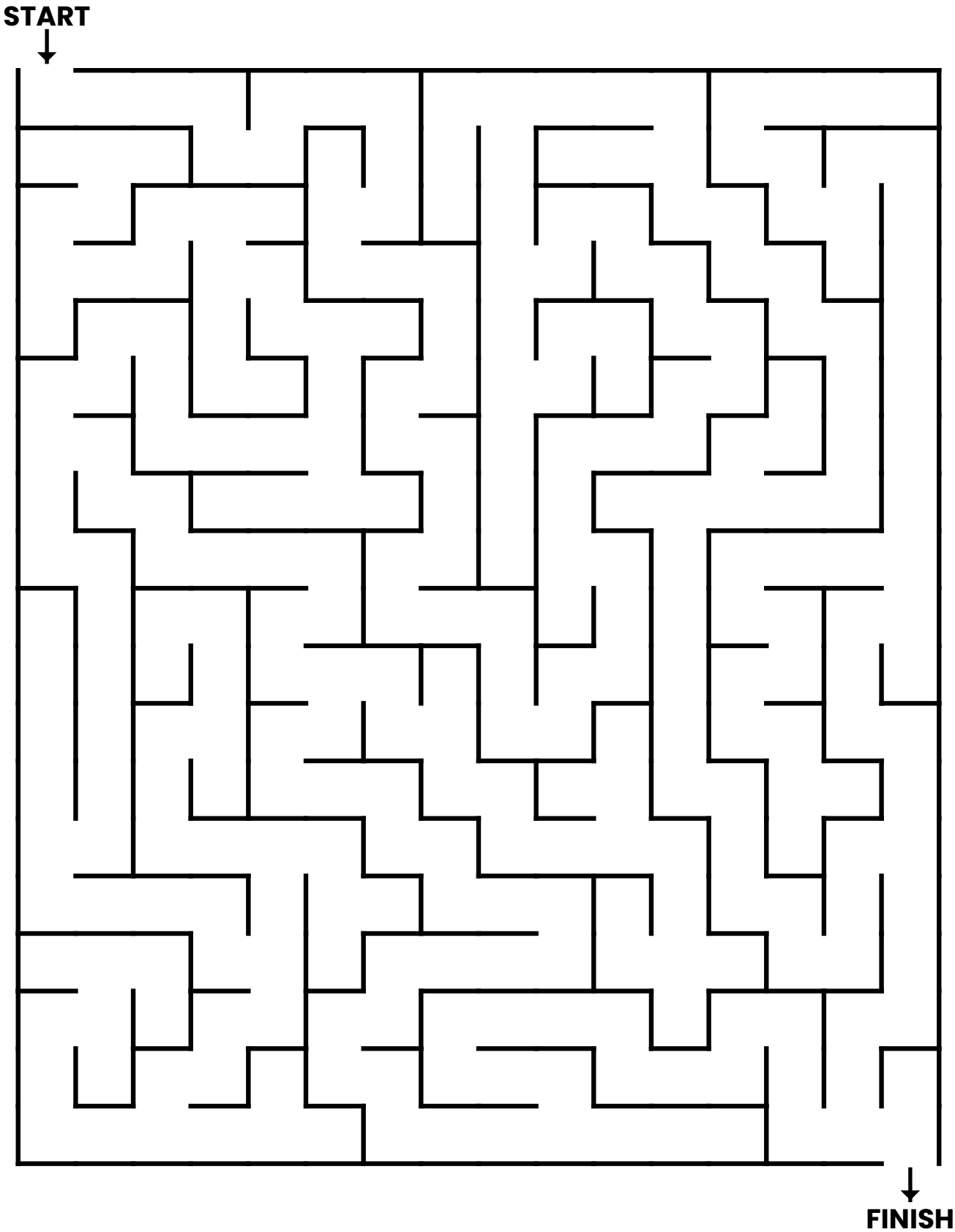
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Snowman (Medium)



MAZE 8

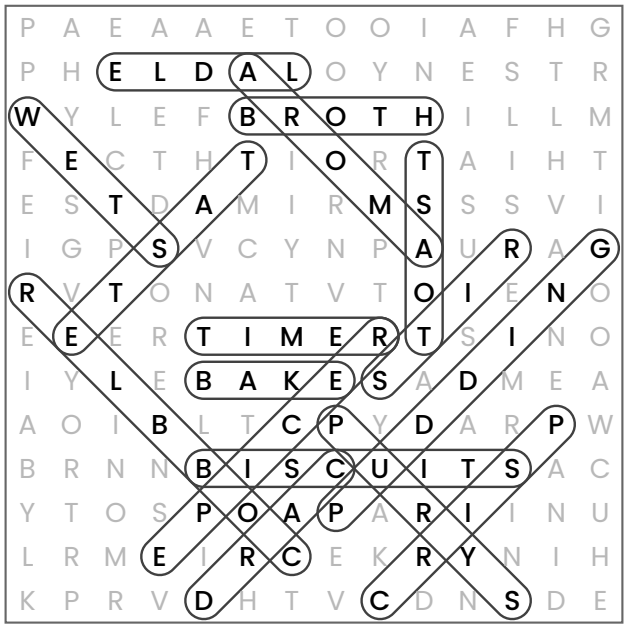
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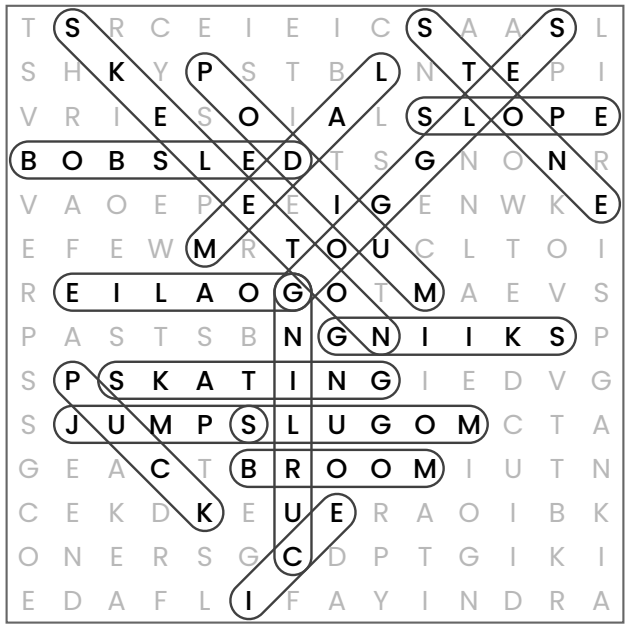
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Word Search Solutions

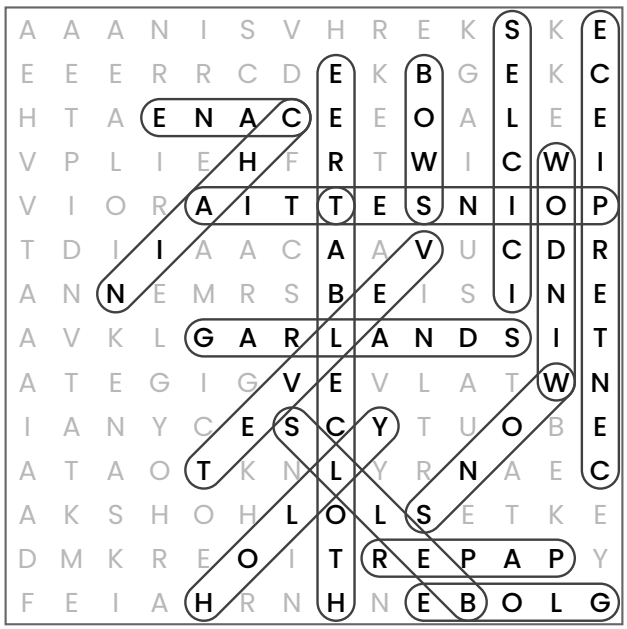
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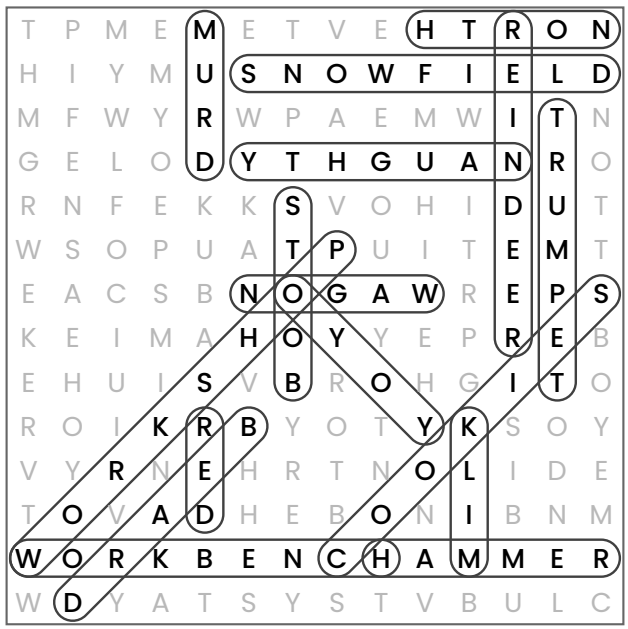
Puzzle 2



Puzzle 3



Puzzle 4



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Sudoku Solutions

Puzzle 1

9	6	**7**	**4**	**3**	2	**1**	8	**5**
2	**1**	4	9	**8**	5	7	**6**	3
8	5	**3**	1	7	6	2	**4**	9
6	7	**2**	**8**	4	**9**	**3**	5	1
4	9	5	**3**	**6**	**1**	8	2	7
1	3	**8**	**2**	5	**7**	**6**	9	4
3	**4**	1	6	9	8	**5**	7	**2**
5	**2**	6	7	**1**	4	9	**3**	8
7	8	**9**	5	**2**	**3**	**4**	1	**6**

Puzzle 2

7	9	3	**4**	6	1	2	8	5
8	**1**	**5**	2	3	**7**	**9**	6	**4**
2	6	4	**5**	8	9	7	**3**	**1**
4	3	1	7	**2**	**6**	**8**	**5**	9
5	**2**	8	**1**	**9**	**3**	6	**4**	7
6	**7**	**9**	**8**	**4**	5	1	2	3
3	**4**	6	9	1	**2**	5	7	8
1	5	**2**	**3**	7	8	**4**	**9**	**6**
9	8	7	6	5	**4**	3	1	**2**

Puzzle 3

9	**6**	3	7	2	5	1	4	**8**
2	**5**	**4**	3	**8**	1	7	6	9
7	**8**	1	**4**	**6**	9	**3**	5	**2**
4	**7**	2	**9**	**3**	6	5	**8**	**1**
6	3	8	**5**	1	**7**	9	2	**4**
1	**9**	5	8	**4**	**2**	6	**3**	7
3	4	**7**	1	**5**	**8**	2	**9**	6
8	1	6	2	**9**	3	**4**	**7**	**5**
5	2	9	6	7	4	8	**1**	3

Puzzle 4

4	1	3	6	**2**	**9**	**7**	**8**	5
7	**9**	**5**	**8**	**3**	1	**6**	4	**2**
8	6	2	**4**	7	**5**	3	**9**	1
6	5	**1**	7	4	2	8	**3**	**9**
3	2	**7**	1	9	8	**4**	5	6
9	**8**	4	3	5	6	**1**	2	7
5	**7**	8	**9**	1	**4**	2	6	3
1	4	**9**	2	**6**	**3**	**5**	**7**	**8**
2	**3**	**6**	**5**	**8**	7	9	1	4

Puzzle 5

1	2	6	**9**	5	3	7	**4**	8
5	4	9	**8**	6	7	**2**	3	**1**
3	**7**	**8**	2	4	**1**	5	9	6
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9	1	**2**	4	3	**5**	8	6	**7**
7	**5**	3	6	9	**8**	4	1	**2**

Puzzle 6

6	9	**5**	8	**7**	1	3	**2**	4
2	4	7	5	**6**	3	**1**	9	**8**
3	**1**	8	**9**	2	4	**6**	5	7
7	**6**	**1**	**2**	3	9	**4**	8	**5**
4	5	9	7	**1**	8	2	6	**3**
8	2	**3**	6	4	**5**	**7**	**1**	**9**
5	7	**4**	1	9	**2**	8	**3**	6
9	3	**2**	4	**8**	6	5	7	**1**
1	**8**	6	3	**5**	7	**9**	4	2

ANSWER KEY

Sudoku Solutions

Puzzle 13

9	**2**	4	5	6	1	3	8	**7**
8	1	**3**	**7**	9	4	5	**6**	**2**
6	7	5	2	8	**3**	4	9	1
4	5	**7**	3	**2**	6	**8**	1	**9**
3	8	9	1	4	7	2	5	6
2	6	**1**	8	**5**	9	**7**	4	**3**
7	3	8	**9**	1	5	6	2	4
5	**9**	6	4	3	**2**	**1**	7	8
1	4	2	6	7	8	9	**3**	**5**

Puzzle 14

6	1	3	**2**	**7**	**9**	5	**8**	4
7	5	**2**	1	8	4	**3**	**6**	9
9	8	4	6	3	**5**	7	1	**2**
1	**2**	5	7	**4**	**8**	9	**3**	6
8	**9**	7	**5**	6	**3**	2	**4**	1
4	**3**	6	**9**	**2**	1	8	**5**	7
2	4	1	**8**	5	7	6	9	3
3	**6**	**8**	4	9	2	**1**	7	5
5	**7**	9	**3**	**1**	**6**	4	2	8

Puzzle 15

2	6	3	8	**4**	9	7	5	**1**
7	**9**	4	3	1	**5**	2	8	**6**
8	**5**	1	**6**	**7**	2	9	4	**3**
9	1	5	**7**	**2**	**8**	6	**3**	4
6	4	7	5	3	1	8	9	2
3	**8**	2	**9**	**6**	**4**	1	7	5
5	3	8	1	**9**	**6**	4	**2**	**7**
4	7	6	**2**	8	3	5	**1**	9
1	2	9	4	**5**	7	3	6	**8**

Puzzle 16

9	8	1	6	4	7	**3**	**5**	2
3	**7**	**6**	**2**	1	5	8	4	9
2	4	5	8	3	9	**1**	7	6
5	**9**	**7**	**3**	8	1	2	6	4
6	3	2	**9**	**5**	**4**	7	8	**1**
8	1	4	7	2	**6**	**5**	**9**	3
1	2	**9**	5	6	8	4	3	**7**
7	5	3	4	9	**2**	**6**	**1**	8
4	**6**	**8**	1	7	3	9	2	5

Puzzle 17

4	**6**	**2**	1	5	**3**	7	9	8
1	7	3	6	8	9	5	4	**2**
8	9	5	2	**7**	**4**	1	**3**	6
6	5	**9**	4	**1**	**2**	8	7	3
3	**1**	8	5	9	7	6	**2**	4
2	4	7	**8**	**3**	6	**9**	1	**5**
7	**3**	4	**9**	**6**	5	2	8	**1**
5	2	1	7	4	8	3	6	9
9	8	6	**3**	2	1	**4**	**5**	7

Puzzle 18

8	1	**3**	9	6	5	**2**	4	7
9	**6**	7	**8**	2	4	5	3	**1**
2	5	4	**1**	**7**	3	8	**9**	6
6	8	9	4	1	7	3	**5**	2
7	3	5	**6**	**9**	**2**	4	1	**8**
1	**4**	2	5	3	8	6	7	**9**
3	**2**	6	7	**5**	**1**	9	8	4
5	7	8	2	4	**9**	1	**6**	3
4	9	**1**	3	8	6	**7**	2	5

ANSWER KEY

Cryptogram Solutions

1. Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul.
   - *Emily Dickinson, Poems ("Hope" is the thing with feathers) (1891)*

2. Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.
   - *Benjamin Franklin, Poor Richard's Almanack (1758)*

3. Well done is better than well said.
   - *Benjamin Franklin, Poor Richard's Almanack (1758)*

4. Lost time is never found again.
   - *Benjamin Franklin, Poor Richard's Almanack (1758)*

5. A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.
   - *King James Bible, Proverbs (KJV) (1611)*

6. A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.
   - *King James Bible, Proverbs (KJV) (1611)*

7. A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.
   - *King James Bible, Proverbs (KJV) (1611)*

8. Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
   - *King James Bible, Proverbs (KJV) (1611)*

9. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
   - *King James Bible, Luke 2 (KJV) (1611)*

10. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
    - *King James Bible, Luke 2 (KJV) (1611)*

11. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
    - *King James Bible, Luke 2 (KJV) (1611)*

12. With malice toward none, with charity for all.
    - *Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address (1865)*

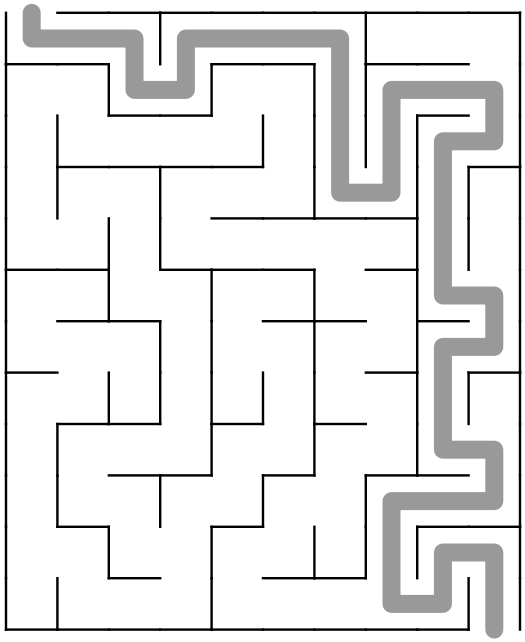
13. What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult to each other?
    - *George Eliot, Middlemarch (1872)*

14. There is no charm equal to tenderness of heart.
    - *Jane Austen, Emma (1815)*

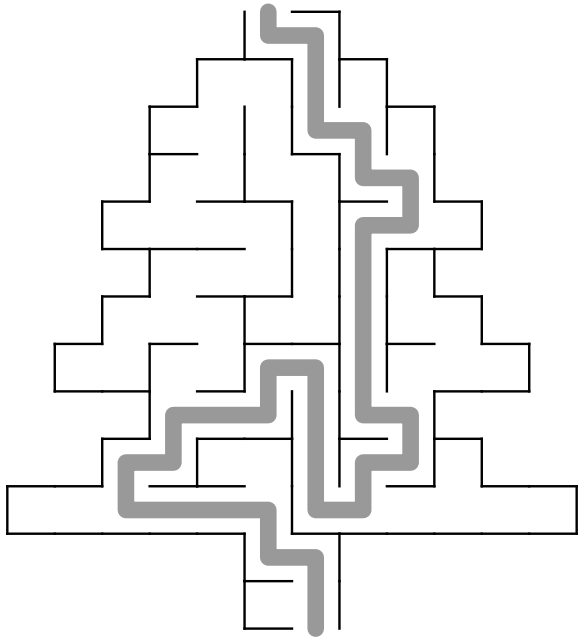
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Maze Solutions

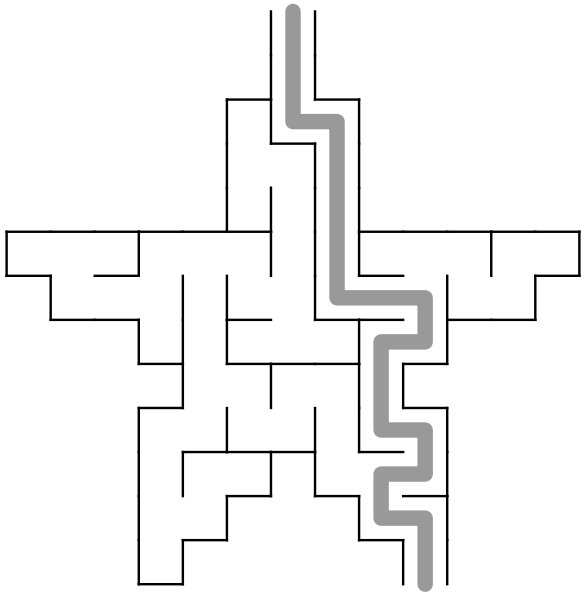
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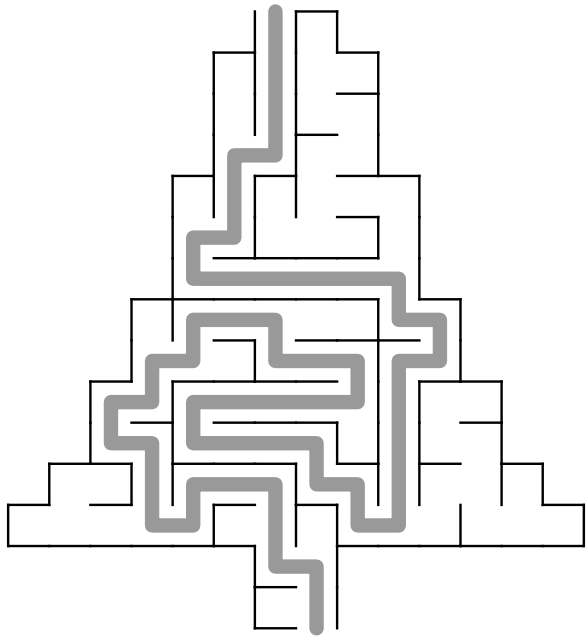
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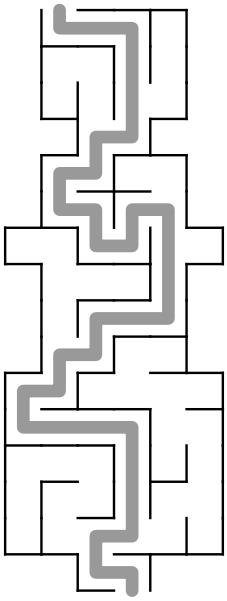
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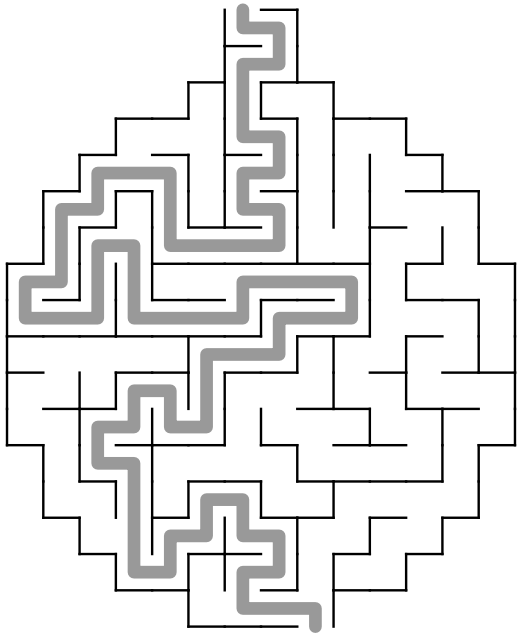
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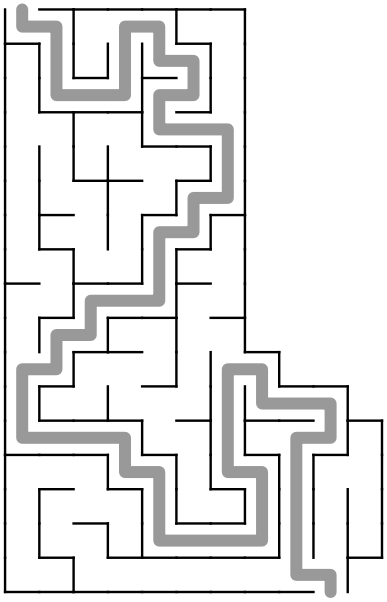
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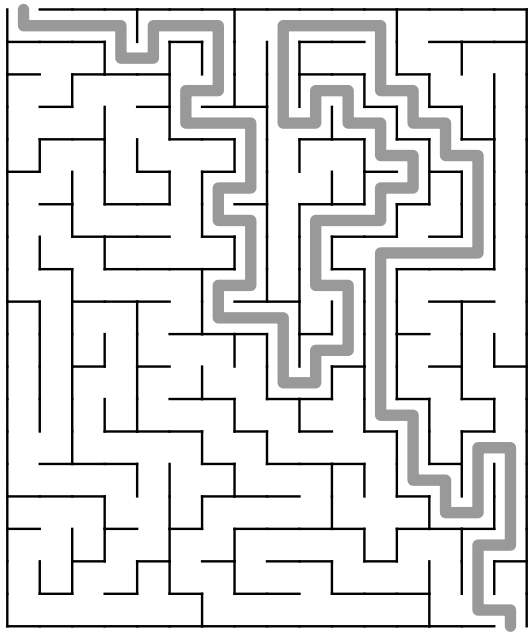
Maze 6



Maze 7



Maze 8



ANSWER KEY

Word Scramble Solutions

1. Christmas Treats

1. FUDGE
2. TOFFEE
3. COCOA
4. EGGNOG
5. PUDDING
6. CANDY
7. NUTMEG
8. CINNAMON
9. PEPPERMINT
10. MARZIPAN
11. SHORTBREAD

2. Decorations

1. WREATH
2. ORNAMENT
3. GARLAND
4. HOLLY
5. MISTLETOE
6. CANDLE
7. LANTERN
8. STOCKING
9. BAUBLE
10. POINSETTIA
11. GLITTER

3. Winter Weather

1. SNOWFLAKE
2. BLIZZARD
3. FROST
4. FLURRY
5. CHILL
6. FREEZE
7. SNOWDRIFT
8. WINTRY
9. FROSTY
10. DRIZZLE
11. HAILSTONE

4. Santa and Friends

1. REINDEER
2. ELVES
3. SLEIGH
4. RUDOLPH
5. WORKSHOP
6. CHIMNEY
7. SNOWMAN
8. PRANCER
9. VIXEN
10. CUPID
11. DONNER

5. Christmas Music

1. HYMN
2. MELODY
3. CHORUS
4. HARP
5. TRUMPET
6. VIOLIN
7. PIANO
8. HARMONY
9. SOPRANO
10. CELLO
11. FLUTE

6. Around the House

1. FIREPLACE
2. BLANKET
3. QUILT
4. ARMCHAIR
5. PANTRY
6. TEAPOT
7. KETTLE
8. WINDOW
9. PORCH
10. STAIRCASE
11. CUPBOARD