

Cozy Mystery Word Search

Read the Story, Find the Clue Words, Reveal the Culprit in the Hidden Message - Puzzle Book for Adults

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How to Play

How to solve a case

Read the story on the left-hand page; every case names its suspects, places and clues. On the right-hand page, find each clue word in the grid. Words run in a straight line - across, down, diagonally, and sometimes backwards.

Reveal the answer

When every word is circled, the letters you did not use, read left to right along each row from the top, spell the solution. Write them in the boxes under the puzzle. One line in the story always points to the same answer, so you can try to solve it before you finish the grid.

Answers

Every grid, hidden message and the clue that gives it away are in the back of the book.

🔍 Welcome to Bramblewick 🔍

Welcome to Bramblewick, a quiet village of thatched cottages, one bakery, one chapel and far too many secrets for its size. Constable Ada Penny keeps the peace from a small blue police house beside the green. You will meet the same neighbors again and again: Mabel the baker, Harold the postman, Lottie at the library, Percy at the grocery, Iris at the flower shop, Reverend Silas at the chapel, Farmer Ned, Captain Barnaby by the harbor, young Tom Wren and his red bicycle, and Granny Elsie, who sees everything from her front window.

MEET THE VILLAGE

Who's Who

Constable Ada Penny
keeps the peace from the blue police house

Mabel Thistle
the baker, famous for scones and pies

Harold Finch
the postman, who knows every gate

Lottie Pringle
the librarian, shy and very observant

Percy Gage
the grocer, fond of a joke

Iris Bell
runs the flower shop on the green

Reverend Silas Crowe
the vicar at the old stone chapel

Farmer Ned Oakley
sheep, hens and a very large hayloft

MEET THE VILLAGE

Who's Who

Captain Barnaby Rudd
retired sailor and keeper of the harbor lamp

Daisy Bloom
the schoolteacher, who plays the chapel organ

Walter Quill
editor of the village newspaper

Fergus McNab
gardener at the manor

Lady Henrietta Vane
lives at the manor, loves garden teas

Tom Wren
eight years old, never without his red bicycle

Granny Elsie Moss
knits by her front window and sees everything

CASE 1

The Missing Blue Ribbon

On the morning of the summer fete, the blue ribbon for the best jam vanished from the judging table. Mabel the baker had been arranging scones beside it. Percy the grocer was eating strawberry tarts and chatting about the weather. Lottie the librarian was reading the entry cards with her spectacles on her nose. When Constable Penny looked closely at the white tablecloth, she found a small sticky smudge of red where the ribbon had been. Mabel's hands were dusted with flour, and Lottie never eats at the fete because she says crumbs ruin books. The constable smiled and asked one neighbor to empty his pockets.

My suspects and clues

CASE 1

Find the Clue Words

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

- ☐ CONSTABLE
- ☐ FETE
- ☐ FLOUR
- ☐ JAM
- ☐ JUDGING
- ☐ LIBRARIAN
- ☐ LOTTIE
- ☐ POCKETS
- ☐ SCONES
- ☐ SMUDGE
- ☐ SPECTACLES
- ☐ STRAWBERRY
- ☐ TABLECLOTH
- ☐ TARTS
- ☐ WEATHER

Hidden message: read uncircled letters left to right, top row first.

CASE 16

The Cold Teapot Clue

Someone had been sneaking into the cricket pavilion and brewing tea. Fergus found the kettle warm on Monday. Walter found a used teabag on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Constable Penny felt the teapot: still warm, and beside it a plate of shortbread with one bite missing. Mabel said she had sold that shortbread only to the choir. Daisy admitted the choir had been practicing in the pavilion because the chapel roof was leaking, and Reverend Silas had told them to keep warm.

My suspects and clues

CASE 16

Find the Clue Words

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

- ☐ CHAPEL
- ☐ CHOIR
- ☐ CRICKET
- ☐ FERGUS
- ☐ KETTLE
- ☐ LEAKING
- ☐ MONDAY
- ☐ PAVILION
- ☐ PLATE
- ☐ PRACTICING
- ☐ SHORTBREAD
- ☐ SILAS
- ☐ TEAPOT
- ☐ TUESDAY
- ☐ WALTER
- ☐ WEDNESDAY

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CASE 30

The Last Case of the Year

On New Year's Eve, the whole village gathered in the hall, and Constable Penny's own blue helmet went missing from its peg. Mabel offered cake. Harold searched the coat room. Lottie looked under every table. Then the lights dimmed, Daisy played the piano, and Tom Wren walked in wearing the helmet, carrying a frosted cake shaped like the little blue police house, while everyone sang for the constable who had solved every case that year.

My suspects and clues

CASE 30

Find the Clue Words

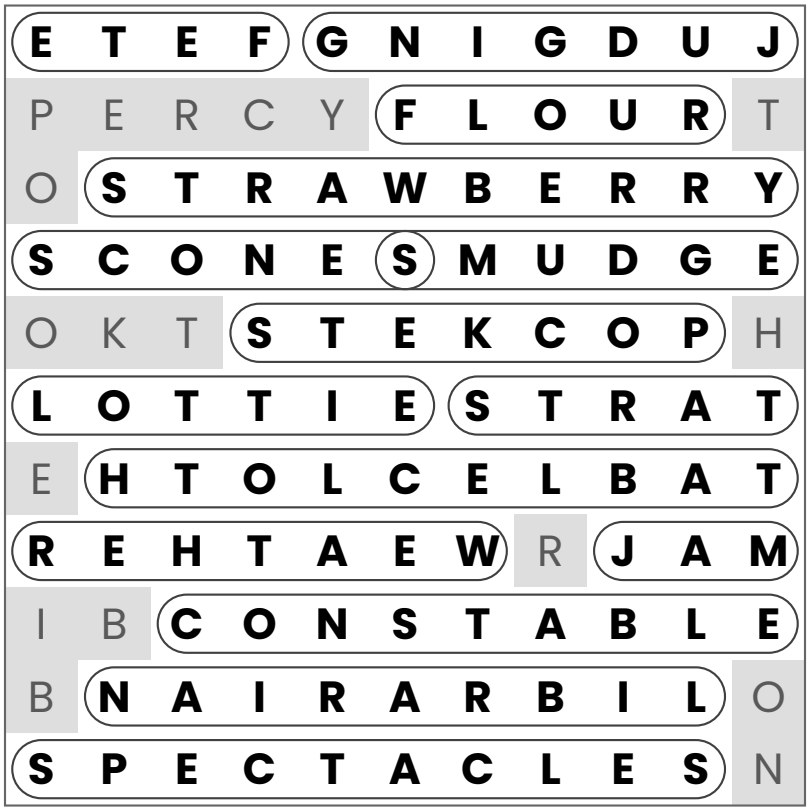
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E	P	D	T	E	P	I	A	N	O	A
R	T	Y	P	V	I	L	L	A	G	E

- ☐ CAKE
- ☐ COAT
- ☐ DAISY
- ☐ FROSTED
- ☐ HALL
- ☐ HAROLD
- ☐ HELMET
- ☐ HOUSE
- ☐ LIGHTS
- ☐ LOTTIE
- ☐ MABEL
- ☐ PENNY
- ☐ PIANO
- ☐ POLICE
- ☐ ROOM
- ☐ SANG
- ☐ TABLE
- ☐ VILLAGE
- ☐ WREN
- ☐ YEAR

Hidden message: read uncircled letters left to right, top row first.

Case Solutions

Case 1: The Missing Blue Ribbon



Hidden message

PERCY TOOK THE RIBBON

The clue in the story

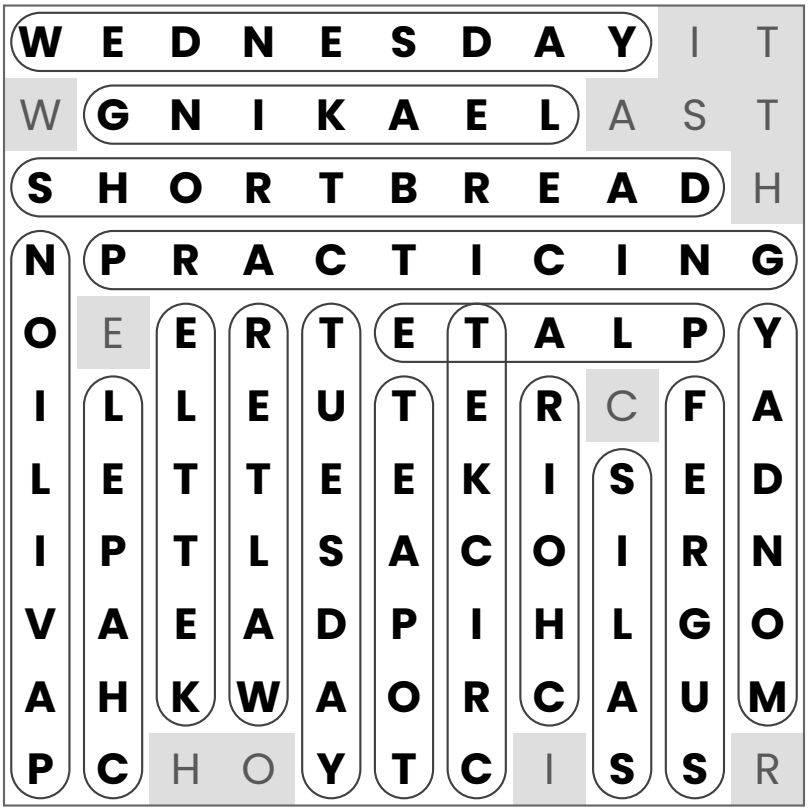
A sticky smudge of red where the ribbon had been, and only Percy was eating strawberry tarts.

What happened

The red smudge came from Percy's strawberry tarts; he had pocketed the ribbon to pin on his own jar.

Case Solutions

Case 16: The Cold Teapot Clue



Hidden message

IT WAS THE CHOIR

The clue in the story

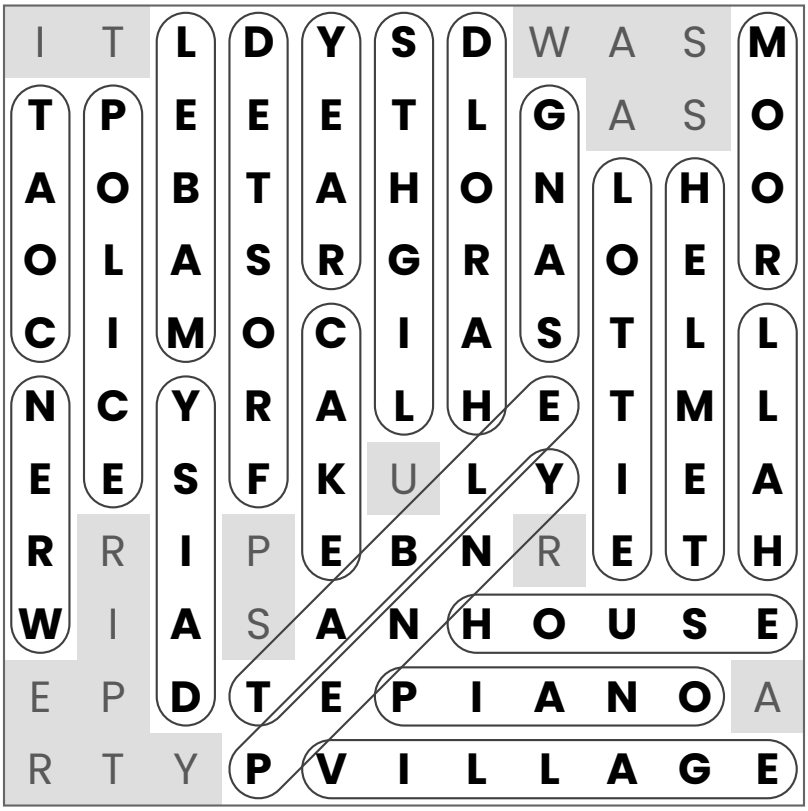
Mabel sold that shortbread only to the choir, and the chapel roof was leaking.

What happened

The choir moved its practice to the pavilion while the chapel roof was mended and kept warm with tea.

Case Solutions

Case 30: The Last Case of the Year



Hidden message

IT WAS A SURPRISE PARTY

The clue in the story

Tom walked in wearing the helmet, carrying a cake shaped like the police house.

What happened

The whole village borrowed the helmet for a surprise party to thank Constable Penny.