Large Print Puzzle Sampler

Twelve Calm, Solver-Verified Paper Puzzles for Adults

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01 – 04

Nonograms

Four charming picture-logic grids (8×8 and 10×10), each mathematically verified to have one unique solution with zero guessing.

05 – 08

Clued Word Search

WordSash-style 12×12 Large Print grids with crossword-style clues and **no word lists** — think first, then hunt.

09 – 12

Cryptograms

Four witty public-domain quotes set in crisp 19pt+ monoalphabetic ciphers with roomy write-in lines and an A–Z scratch bar.

Inside This Printable Edition

- **True 16pt–20pt Large Print** engineered for comfortable home printing on standard 8.5" × 11" US Letter paper.
- **Spacious writing margins** — one full puzzle per page, plus complete visual solutions on pages 15–17.
- **Always 100% Free & Unconditional** — print as many copies as you like for yourself, family, or a puzzle club.

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

How to Solve Each Puzzle

1. Nonograms (Puzzles 1–4)

Each number beside a row or above a column tells you the length of an unbroken block of filled squares in that line, in order. Whenever a line has two or more numbers (such as **3 1**), leave at least one empty square between the blocks. Mark empty squares lightly with an **×** as you deduce them. Every puzzle here can be solved one line at a time — no guessing is ever needed.

2. Clued Word Search — No Word Lists (Puzzles 5–8)

Unlike ordinary word searches, there is no printed word bank. Read each numbered clue below the grid and work out the hidden word (the number in parentheses gives its exact letter count). Then find and circle that word in the 12×12 grid. Words run **across** (left to right), **down** (top to bottom), or **diagonally** from left to right. Every answer appears once.

3. Large Print Cryptograms (Puzzles 9–12)

Each quote has been encoded by replacing every letter of the alphabet with a different letter (no letter ever stands for itself). Write your decoded letters on the blank lines above the printed cipher letters. Look for short common words (**THE**, **AND**, **OF**, **TO**, **IS**), repeated patterns, and letter frequency: in English, the most common letters are **E, T, A, O, I, N, S, H, R**. Use the A–Z bar at the bottom of each page to keep track of solved pairs.

Tip for Printing: Print at *100% / Actual Size* on standard US Letter (8.5" × 11") paper. Full answers wait on pages 15–17 whenever you want a quick check.

Mystery Picture #1

Warm-Up · 8×8

Shade the squares matching each row and column clue to reveal a hidden picture. Put a light × in squares you rule out.

	4 1	2 2	1 1 2	1 2	2 2	1 6	1 1 1	3 1
1 1								
1 1								
6								
1 3								
1 1 1								
1 3								
5								
8								

Picture Revealed: _____ Time: _____

Mystery Picture #2

Warm-Up · 8×8

Shade the squares matching each row and column clue to reveal a hidden picture. Put a light × in squares you rule out.

		0	1 1	7	3 1 2	3 1 2	7	1 1	0
	2								
	4								
	6								
1	1								
	4								
1	1								
	6								
	4								

Picture Revealed: _____ **Time:** _____

Mystery Picture #3

Standard · 10×10

Shade the squares matching each row and column clue to reveal a hidden picture. Put a light × in squares you rule out.

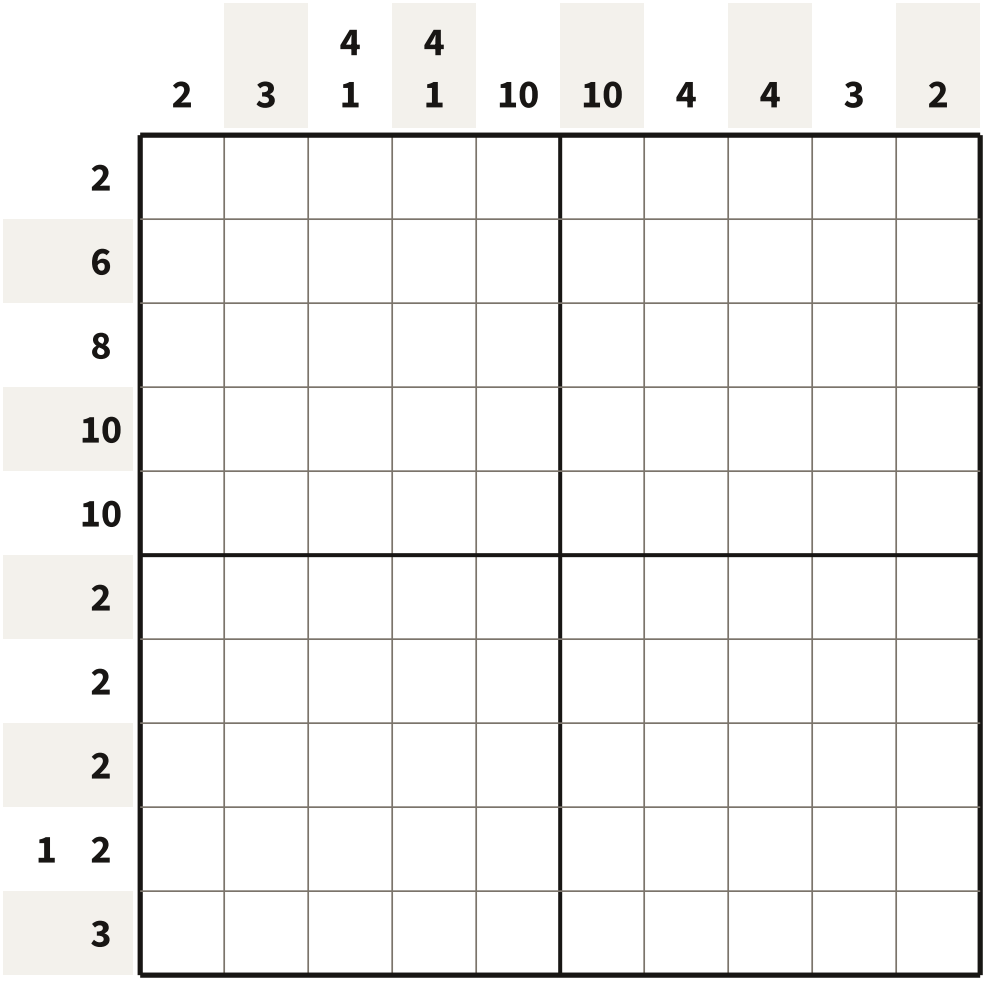
	1 1	1 2 1	2 3	3 3	10	5 4	4 3	3	2 1	1 1
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
1										
10										
8										
6										
2 2 2										

Picture Revealed: _____ **Time:** _____

Mystery Picture #4

Standard · 10×10

Shade the squares matching each row and column clue to reveal a hidden picture. Put a light × in squares you rule out.



Picture Revealed: _____ **Time:** _____

PUZZLE 5 OF 12 · CLUED WORD SEARCH (NO WORD LIST)

The Morning Kitchen

12×12 · 10 Clues

Solve each clue first, then find the hidden answer in the grid.

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

Clues (Across, Down, or Diagonal Left-to-Right)

1. Countertop appliance that browns sliced bread **(7)**
2. Warm breakfast porridge simmered from rolled grain **(7)**
3. Whistling spouted pot for boiling tea water **(6)**
4. Small shallow dish resting beneath a teacup **(6)**
5. Folded cloth or paper square set beside a plate **(6)**
6. Golden sweetener gathered from clover blossoms **(5)**
7. Rich dairy splash poured into dark coffee **(5)**
8. Loaf baked from flour, yeast, and warm water **(5)**
9. Curved utensil used to stir a morning cup **(5)**
10. Light, medium, or dark style of coffee bean **(5)**

PUZZLE 6 OF 12 · CLUED WORD SEARCH (NO WORD LIST)

Garden & Greenhouse

12×12 · 10 Clues

No word bank here — use the ten clues to uncover every hidden word.

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

Clues (Across, Down, or Diagonal Left-to-Right)

1. Wooden lattice that supports climbing vines **(7)**
2. Rich dark soil made from leaves and kitchen scraps **(7)**
3. Small handheld spade for planting seedlings **(6)**
4. Late-summer bloom with layered geometric petals **(6)**
5. Delicate potted flower prized on sunny windowsills **(6)**
6. Low green groundcover famous for four-leaf luck **(6)**
7. Soft coloured leaf forming a flower blossom **(5)**
8. Cool shelter cast beneath a mature oak tree **(5)**
9. Shredded bark spread to hold garden moisture **(5)**
10. Open blossom at the height of spring **(5)**

PUZZLE 7 OF 12 · CLUED WORD SEARCH (NO WORD LIST)

Harbor & Coastline

12×12 · 10 Clues

Every answer runs across, down, or diagonally from left to right.

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

Clues (Across, Down, or Diagonal Left-to-Right)

1. Classic wooden sailing ship with two or more masts **(8)**
2. Magnetic dial that keeps a vessel pointing north **(7)**
3. Heavy iron hook dropped to hold a boat steady **(6)**
4. Rotating lighthouse beam guiding ships past rocks **(6)**
5. Sheltered dock basin lined with small boats **(6)**
6. Calm coastal bay where vessels drop sail safely **(6)**
7. Twice-daily rise and fall of the ocean shoreline **(5)**
8. Timber pier built out over water for unloading cargo **(5)**
9. White coastal seabirds circling above fishing boats **(5)**
10. Branching marine reef formed in clear warm seas **(5)**

The Reading Room

12×12 · 10 Clues

Work out each literary clue, then circle the answer in the grid.

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

Clues (Across, Down, or Diagonal Left-to-Right)

1. Ribbon or card tucked between pages to save a spot **(8)**
2. Numbered narrative division inside a full-length book **(7)**
3. Lined notebook kept for daily thoughts and notes **(7)**
4. Long work of imagined prose fiction **(5)**
5. Large sheet of paper folded once to form book leaves **(5)**
6. Horizontal wooden board holding a row of hardcovers **(5)**
7. Feathered writing pen dipped in an inkwell **(5)**
8. Alphabetical back-of-book guide to topics and pages **(5)**
9. Short reflective piece exploring a single subject **(5)**
10. Ordinary written language without metrical verse **(5)**

Quiet Pleasures

Warm-Up

Starter Hints: **Z = E** · **I = T**

S E Z C J B N S N I C Z Q S P B K

H J E E S I L E K Z P D I J E K I C Z

T B Z J D L P Z D S N I C Z S I C Z P.

— Public-domain author (check page 17 to confirm)

Letter Scratch-Pad (write the decoded letter above each cipher 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

Inner Peace

Warm-Up

Starter Hints: **W = E** · **V = N**

V D R P K V C L Z V E F K V C H D G

T W Z L W E G R H D G F X W M Q .

V D R P K V C L Z V E F K V C H D G

T W Z L W E G R R P W R F K G J T P D Q

T F K V L K T M W X .

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Letter Scratch-Pad (write the decoded letter above each cipher 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

Mindful Days

Standard

Starter Hint: **M = T**

Z M Z X Y L M Q Y L H F R M L W Q

W H X C ; X L E B Q M R Q E Y M X .

M R Q A H Q X M Z L Y Z X : V R E M

E B Q V Q W H X C E W L H M ?

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Letter Scratch-Pad (write the decoded letter above each cipher 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

Clear Thoughts

Challenge

No starter hints given — classic broadsheet challenge!

Y X O X J Z Z F E O D D I A Q I H V

P F A O N O Z O E N D H Z I E Y X O

R H J P F Y Q I A Q I H V

Y X I H L X Y D.

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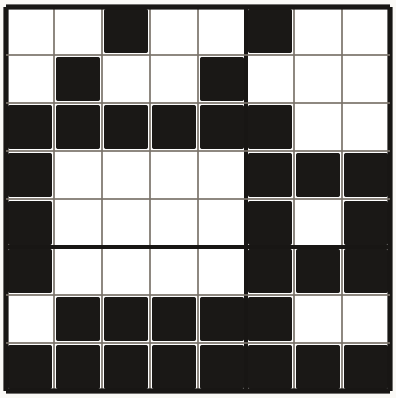
Letter Scratch-Pad (write the decoded letter above each cipher letter)

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

Nonogram Answers (Puzzles 1–4)

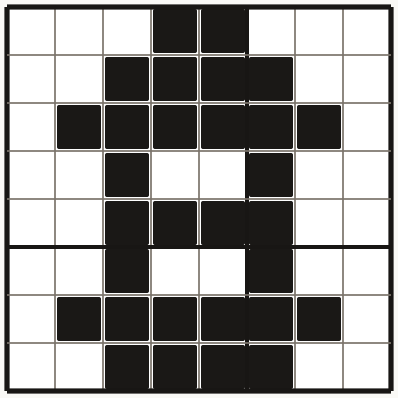
Puzzle 1: Morning Teacup

8×8 · Warm-Up



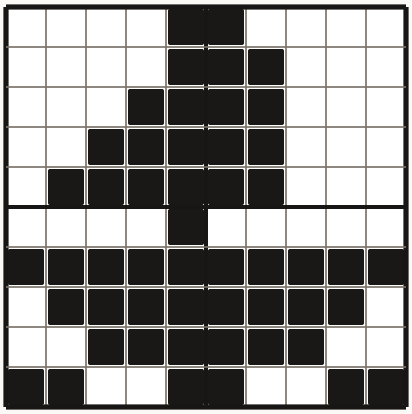
Puzzle 2: Cottage Lantern

8×8 · Warm-Up



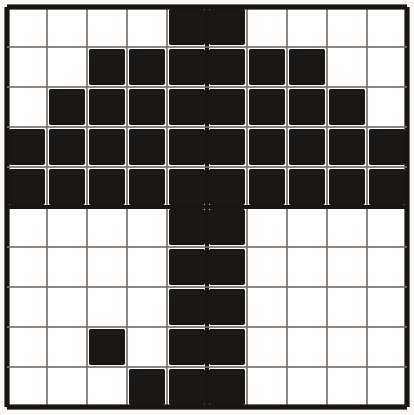
Puzzle 3: Harbor Sailboat

10×10 · Standard



Puzzle 4: Rainy-Day Umbrella

10×10 · Standard



Word Search Solutions (Puzzles 5–8)

Puzzle 5: The Morning Kitchen



1. TOASTER
2. OATMEAL
3. KETTLE
4. SAUCER
5. NAPKIN
6. HONEY
7. CREAM
8. BREAD
9. SPOON
10. ROAST

Puzzle 6: Garden & Greenhouse



1. TRELLIS
2. COMPOST
3. TROWEL
4. DAHLIA
5. ORCHID
6. CLOVER
7. PETAL
8. SHADE
9. MULCH
10. BLOOM

Puzzle 7: Harbor & Coastline



1. SCHOONER
2. COMPASS
3. ANCHOR
4. BEACON
5. MARINA
6. HARBOR
7. TIDES
8. WHARF
9. GULLS
10. CORAL

Puzzle 8: The Reading Room



1. BOOKMARK
2. CHAPTER
3. JOURNAL
4. NOVEL
5. FOLIO
6. SHELF
7. QUILL
8. INDEX
9. ESSAY
10. PROSE

Cryptogram Answers (Puzzles 9–12)

Puzzle 9: Quiet Pleasures (Warm-Up)

“ONE HALF OF THE WORLD CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE PLEASURES OF THE OTHER.”

— **Jane Austen**, *Emma (1815)*

Cipher Key (Cipher=Plain): J=A · H=C · K=D · Z=E · N=F · C=H · B=L · E=N · S=O · T=P · P=R · D=S · I=T · L=U · Q=W

Puzzle 10: Inner Peace (Warm-Up)

“NOTHING CAN BRING YOU PEACE BUT YOURSELF. NOTHING CAN BRING YOU PEACE BUT THE TRIUMPH OF PRINCIPLES.”

— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**, *Self-Reliance (1841)*

Cipher Key (Cipher=Plain): Z=A · E=B · L=C · W=E · Q=F · C=G · P=H · K=I · M=L · J=M · V=N · D=O · T=P · F=R · X=S · R=T · G=U · H=Y

Puzzle 11: Mindful Days (Standard)

“IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO BE BUSY; SO ARE THE ANTS. THE QUESTION IS: WHAT ARE WE BUSY ABOUT?”

— **Henry David Thoreau**, *Letter to H. G. O. Blake (1857)*

Cipher Key (Cipher=Plain): E=A · W=B · Q=E · F=G · R=H · Z=I · Y=N · L=O · A=Q · B=R · X=S · M=T · H=U · V=W · C=Y

Puzzle 12: Clear Thoughts (Challenge)

“THE HAPPINESS OF YOUR LIFE DEPENDS UPON THE QUALITY OF YOUR THOUGHTS.”

— **Marcus Aurelius**, *Meditations (2nd c. AD)*

Cipher Key (Cipher=Plain): J=A · N=D · O=E · A=F · L=G · X=H · F=I · P=L · E=N · I=O · Z=P · R=Q · V=R · D=S · Y=T · H=U · Q=Y

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