THE PUZZLE PAGE

Put your memory, maths skills and word knowledge to the test with these challenges. How fast can you finish them?

1 Anagrams

Can you work out these anagrams? The clues may help – or hinder!

1 Rose prop
Miranda's father

2 I rue a hop
Bliss

3 Uneven laze
From Caracas?

4 A sad butler
Rail
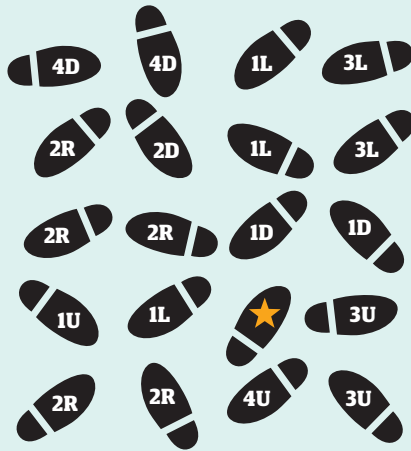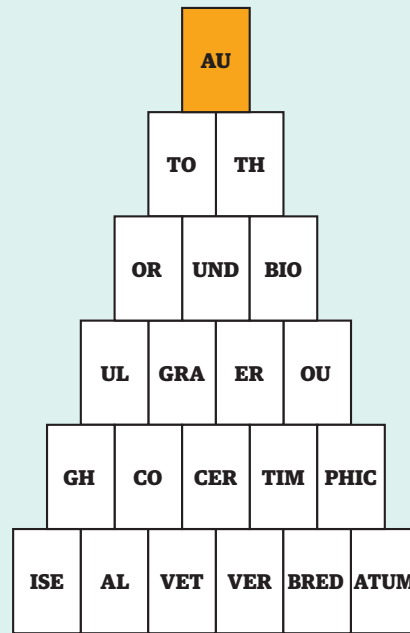
5 Arch of trev
Travels on air

6 I, Trojan
Person who takes care

7 O, antique
Formula

8 A la tube
Scene

2 Predictive text

Starting in the highlighted box, try to make a word adding one word part from each layer as you go. Then return to the second layer and use the letters in the unused box to start another word and so on, until you've used all the boxes and created six words of decreasing length.
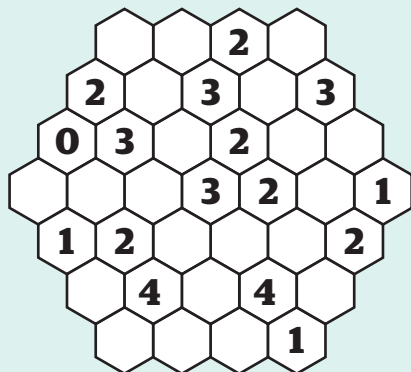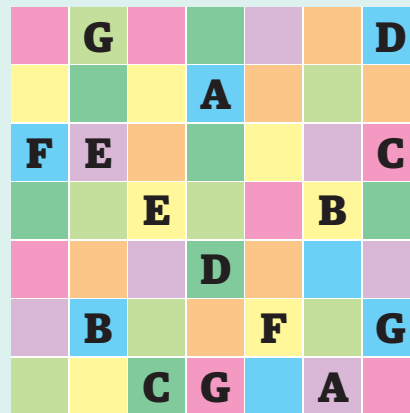
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TO · TH

OR · UND · BIO

UL · GRA · ER · OU

GH · CO · CER · TIM · PHIC

ISE · AL · VET · VER · BRED · ATUM

3 Strictly ballroom

The 19 moves that make up the Random Fandango are pictured. The number on each footprint indicates how many moves to make, while the letters provide the direction (D for down, U for Up, L for Left and R for Right). If the "orange star" footprint is where you finish, which one do you start with?
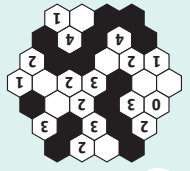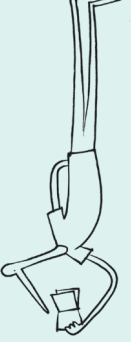
Footprints: 4D, 4D, 1L, 3L, 2R, 2D, 1L, 3L, 2R, 2R, 1D, 1D, 1U, 1L, ★, 3U, 2R, 2R, 4U, 3U

4 Myriad

Complete the Myriad grid so that all the rows and columns, and all squares of the same colour, contain the letters A to G.

Grid entries: G, D / A / F, E, C / E, B / D / B, F, G / C, G, A

5 Radar

The numbers in some cells in the grid indicate the exact number of black cells that should border them. Shade the unnumbered cells black until all the numbers are surrounded by the correct number of black cells. Do not shade any numbered cells!
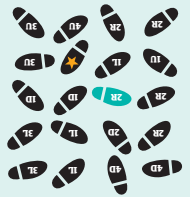
Hex grid numbers: 2 / 2, 3, 3 / 0, 3, 2 / 3, 2, 1 / 1, 2, 2 / 4, 4 / 1

SOLUTIONS

1
1 Prospero
2 Euphoria
3 Venezuelan
4 Balustrade
5 Hovercraft
6 Janitor
7 Equation
8 Tableau

2
Autobiographical
Thoroughbred
Undercover
Ultimatum
Cerise
Vet

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