THE PUZZLE PAGE

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

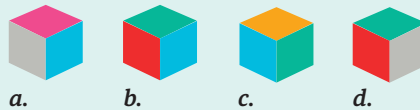Illustration: Yann Le Bec

1 Anagrams

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

1 Invalid Cote
Way of saying goodbye

2 Reg Barged In
Man or house

3 Hail Quern
Columbine's sweetheart

4 Ban Mock Mag
Meaty game

5 Tom Terrain
He'll be back!

6 Rely On Grab
Hybrid fruit

7 Pie Crust I.D
Carer of feet

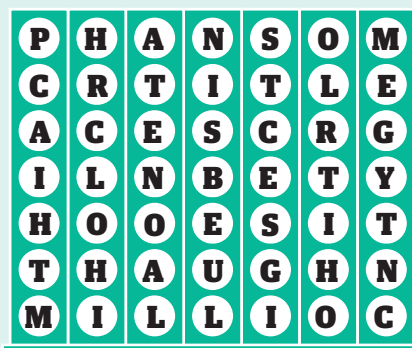**8 Cheat Hoot**
Pain in the mouth

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2 Cubism

This cutout shape can be folded to make a cube. Which of the four cubes below is the only one it could make?

a.   b.   c.   d.

Grid letters (7 columns):

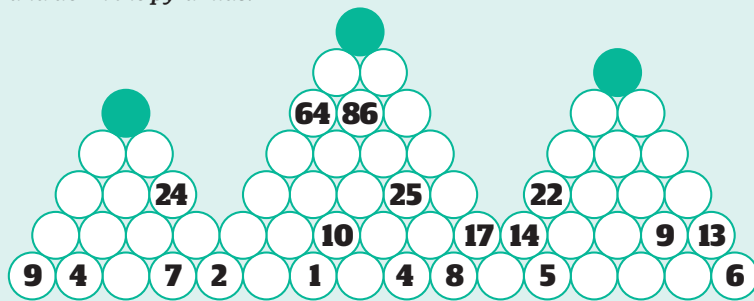| P	H	A	N	S	O	M
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T	H	A	U	G	H	N
M	I	L	L	I	O	C

3 Drop Zone

Seven columns, or stacks of lettered balls - remove a ball and the others above it will drop down in its place. Remove one ball from each column so that when all the other balls drop down, they will spell out six words reading across.
What are they, and what word will be spelled out left to right by the seven balls you remove?

4 Add up

If the number in each circle is the sum of the two below it, can you figure out the top numbers? You may have to work up and down the pyramids.
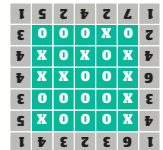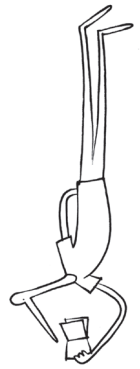
Pyramid 1:
24
10
9 4 7 2

Pyramid 2:
64 86
25
10
1 4 8

Pyramid 3:
22
17 14 9 13
5 6

5 Noughts & Crosses

The numbered squares around the edge of the grid describe the number of crosses in all the vertical, horizontal and diagonal lines connecting with that square. Complete the grid so that there is a nought or a cross in every square.

1	6	3	2	3	4	1
4		O				5
3				O	O	3
6		O				4
4					X	4
2	O		O			3
1	7	2	4	2	5	1

SOLUTIONS

1
1 Valediction
2 Gingerbread
3 Harlequin
4 Backgammon
5 Terminator
6 Loganberry
7 Pedicurist
8 Toothache

2
Cube d

3
PHANTOM
ARTICLE
ICEBERG
HONESTY
THOUGHT
MILLION
CLASSIC

4
1. 103
2. 338
3. 125

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1	6	3	2	3	4	1
4	X	O	X	O	X	5
3	O	O	X	O	X	3
6	X	O	X	X	X	4
4	X	O	X	O	X	3
2	O	X	O	X	X	2
1	7	2	4	2	5	1