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How To Play

- Find all the hidden detective words in the letter grid.
- Words can run across, down, diagonal, forwards or backwards.
- Circle each word you find. The word list is under the grid.
- Answers showing every word location are at the back.

Puzzle 1

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

Find: MANSION, CLUE, SECRET, STATION, DOSSIER, COMPASS, SOLVE, LANTERN, GUILTY, HUNCH, TOWER, MYSTERY

Puzzle 2

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

Find: RAIN, ALIBI, RUBY, LETTER, JUSTICE, TRACK, THIEF, STATION, WEAPON, HEIST, MAGNIFIER, VAULT

Puzzle 3

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

Find: DOOR, MOTIVE, SECRET, KEY, MAGNIFIER, THUNDER, RAIN, RUBY, HEIST, CAPTURE, LIE, HUNCH

Puzzle 4

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

Find: WINDOW, SHADOW, TRACK, LIGHTHOUSE, LETTER, WEAPON, FOG, MIDNIGHT, ARREST, CELL, LOCK, ESCAPE

Puzzle 5

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

Find: ESCAPE, DISGUISE, WEAPON, LETTER, GUILTY, DOSSIER, COMPASS, ALIBI, INNOCENT, LIE, PARTNER, LOCK

Puzzle 6

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

Find: RANSOM, RAIN, DISGUISE, THIEF, JEWEL, FOG, TUNNEL, LIE, CLUE, MYSTERY, LOCK, FOOTPRINT

Puzzle 7

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

Find: TRUTH, HUNCH, SUSPECT, HEIST, EVIDENCE, WEAPON, INFORMANT, DOCK, WITNESS, RANSOM, BRIDGE, ARREST

Puzzle 8

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

Find: CASE, RUBY, THUNDER, WEAPON, RAIN, SUSPECT, DOSSIER, SECRET, CHASE, FINGERPRINT, GANGSTER, DISGUISE

Puzzle 9

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

Find: RAIN, DEDUCE, CLUE, SEIZE, ALIBI, CAPTURE, BRIDGE, JUSTICE, TRACK, GANGSTER, GUILTY, VICTIM

Puzzle 10

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

Find: SEARCH, TOWER, RUBY, SEIZE, HIDDEN, VICTIM, DETECTIVE, SOLVE, MAP, LETTER, TRAIN, GUILTY

Puzzle 11

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

Find: ARREST, TRACK, MYSTERY, CAPTURE, HEIST, BANK, PEARL, WINDOW, MAGNIFIER, TRAIN, DOOR, EVIDENCE

Puzzle 12

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

Find: VICTIM, GUILTY, CHIEF, SLEUTH, SHADOW, SECRET, DETECTIVE, NOTEBOOK, RANSOM, PARTNER, HOTEL, KEY

Answer Key

Puzzle 1

MANSION: row 4, column 2, down

CLUE: row 9, column 6, backwards

SECRET: row 1, column 6, down

STATION: row 10, column 12, up

DOSSIER: row 12, column 9, up

COMPASS: row 9, column 8, up

SOLVE: row 3, column 1, down

LANTERN: row 7, column 10, up

GUILTY: row 9, column 7, up

HUNCH: row 8, column 4, up

TOWER: row 2, column 11, down

MYSTERY: row 11, column 7, backwards

Puzzle 2

RAIN: row 9, column 5, up

ALIBI: row 5, column 5, up

RUBY: row 12, column 7, across

LETTER: row 6, column 1, up

JUSTICE: row 2, column 8, down

TRACK: row 8, column 2, up

THIEF: row 12, column 1, across

STATION: row 10, column 4, up

WEAPON: row 7, column 12, up

HEIST: row 12, column 11, up

MAGNIFIER: row 12, column 6, up

VAULT: row 1, column 6, diagonal down-right

Puzzle 3

DOOR: row 9, column 10, down

MOTIVE: row 9, column 2, across

SECRET: row 6, column 6, diagonal up-left

KEY: row 3, column 4, diagonal down-left

MAGNIFIER: row 7, column 1, across

THUNDER: row 10, column 1, across

RAIN: row 7, column 9, down

RUBY: row 8, column 3, across

HEIST: row 4, column 10, down

CAPTURE: row 12, column 1, across

LIE: row 3, column 12, backwards

HUNCH: row 2, column 7, across

Answer Key (continued)

Puzzle 4

WINDOW: row 3, column 10, down

SHADOW: row 2, column 6, backwards

TRACK: row 10, column 4, across

LIGHTHOUSE: row 11, column 3, across

LETTER: row 9, column 1, diagonal up-right

WEAPON: row 6, column 2, up

FOG: row 7, column 8, up

MIDNIGHT: row 4, column 8, diagonal down-left

ARREST: row 1, column 7, across

CELL: row 7, column 4, diagonal down-left

LOCK: row 8, column 5, across

ESCAPE: row 6, column 5, diagonal up-right

Puzzle 5

ESCAPE: row 4, column 1, across

DISGUISE: row 2, column 11, down

WEAPON: row 7, column 8, down

LETTER: row 1, column 5, across

GUILTY: row 7, column 9, down

DOSSIER: row 10, column 12, up

COMPASS: row 7, column 5, diagonal up-right

ALIBI: row 5, column 6, diagonal down-left

INNOCENT: row 4, column 10, diagonal down-left

LIE: row 5, column 1, diagonal down-right

PARTNER: row 3, column 1, across

LOCK: row 7, column 1, down

Puzzle 6

RANSOM: row 4, column 6, across

RAIN: row 9, column 3, diagonal down-right

DISGUISE: row 2, column 9, down

THIEF: row 7, column 7, diagonal up-left

JEWEL: row 7, column 2, up

FOG: row 9, column 6, down

TUNNEL: row 1, column 11, backwards

LIE: row 10, column 5, diagonal down-left

CLUE: row 12, column 1, diagonal up-right

MYSTERY: row 11, column 9, diagonal up-left

LOCK: row 8, column 11, down

FOOTPRINT: row 9, column 1, up

Answer Key (continued)

Puzzle 7

TRUTH: row 12, column 3, across

HUNCH: row 7, column 5, across

SUSPECT: row 7, column 2, up

HEIST: row 9, column 10, backwards

EVIDENCE: row 8, column 2, across

WEAPON: row 3, column 4, across

INFORMANT: row 11, column 11, up

DOCK: row 11, column 5, across

WITNESS: row 1, column 10, backwards

RANSOM: row 2, column 10, down

BRIDGE: row 2, column 11, backwards

ARREST: row 10, column 1, up

Puzzle 8

CASE: row 2, column 10, backwards

RUBY: row 2, column 6, backwards

THUNDER: row 6, column 11, diagonal down-left

WEAPON: row 5, column 5, down

RAIN: row 7, column 12, down

SUSPECT: row 1, column 1, across

DOSSIER: row 6, column 6, diagonal down-right

SECRET: row 3, column 1, down

CHASE: row 7, column 3, up

FINGERPRINT: row 2, column 2, down

GANGSTER: row 3, column 4, across

DISGUISE: row 11, column 4, up

Puzzle 9

RAIN: row 12, column 4, across

DEDUCE: row 10, column 6, backwards

CLUE: row 10, column 12, backwards

SEIZE: row 11, column 1, up

ALIBI: row 1, column 2, down

CAPTURE: row 7, column 5, up

BRIDGE: row 1, column 3, down

JUSTICE: row 2, column 12, backwards

TRACK: row 12, column 12, backwards

GANGSTER: row 8, column 4, across

GUILTY: row 4, column 9, backwards

VICTIM: row 11, column 11, backwards

Answer Key (continued)

Puzzle 10

SEARCH: row 4, column 5, across

TOWER: row 5, column 7, across

RUBY: row 7, column 9, backwards

SEIZE: row 7, column 12, up

HIDDEN: row 5, column 1, down

VICTIM: row 12, column 9, diagonal up-left

DETECTIVE: row 4, column 3, down

SOLVE: row 3, column 9, backwards

MAP: row 10, column 4, across

LETTER: row 3, column 2, down

TRAIN: row 10, column 11, up

GUILTY: row 1, column 12, backwards

Puzzle 11

ARREST: row 6, column 7, across

TRACK: row 12, column 7, across

MYSTERY: row 5, column 9, backwards

CAPTURE: row 4, column 6, across

HEIST: row 10, column 7, across

BANK: row 3, column 7, backwards

PEARL: row 9, column 4, across

WINDOW: row 2, column 4, across

MAGNIFIER: row 4, column 2, down

TRAIN: row 11, column 11, backwards

DOOR: row 5, column 1, down

EVIDENCE: row 7, column 4, across

Puzzle 12

VICTIM: row 12, column 5, diagonal up-right

GUILTY: row 5, column 7, diagonal down-left

CHIEF: row 3, column 1, down

SLEUTH: row 1, column 3, down

SHADOW: row 8, column 6, diagonal up-right

SECRET: row 5, column 10, diagonal down-left

DETECTIVE: row 2, column 11, diagonal down-left

NOTEBOOK: row 8, column 2, diagonal up-right

RANSOM: row 11, column 12, up

PARTNER: row 10, column 1, diagonal up-right

HOTEL: row 9, column 11, up

KEY: row 5, column 4, up

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