

WHODUNIT DETECTIVE PUZZLE STUDIO

Detective Word Search

Volume 1

12 Printable Puzzles + Full Answer Key

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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

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

Find: LETTER, SUSPECT, CHIEF, ALIBI, VICTIM, CRIME, INNOCENT, MOTIVE, WINDOW, RAIN, SOLVE, WEAPON

Puzzle 2

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

Find: WITNESS, INNOCENT, CHASE, MYSTERY, JEWEL, FINGERPRINT, DISGUISE, OFFICE, THIEF, SUSPECT, RUBY, RAIN

Puzzle 3

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

Find: MYSTERY, SOLVE, DISGUISE, EVIDENCE, LANTERN, MAP, ROBBERY, LIE, JUSTICE, THUNDER, GUILTY, MOTIVE

Puzzle 4

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

Find: BURGLAR, MOTIVE, SOLVE, LETTER, DETECTIVE, CRIME, JEWEL, VICTIM, GUILTY, MAP, WITNESS, TRAIN

Puzzle 5

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

Find: KEY, TRAIN, MIDNIGHT, DISGUISE, RANSOM, TRACK, DETECTIVE, COMPASS, CHIEF, FINGERPRINT, INFORMANT, SECRET

Puzzle 6

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

Find: PEARL, SOLVE, THIEF, RANSOM, LIE, HEIST, TRAIL, LOCK, GANGSTER, CHASE, MAP, DEDUCE

Puzzle 7

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

Find: SUSPECT, VAULT, DOOR, BANK, STATION, SLEUTH, VICTIM, DOSSIER, CLUE, SHADOW, GANGSTER, KEY

Puzzle 8

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

Find: DEDUCE, LEDGER, VAULT, WEAPON, TRAIL, SECRET, MYSTERY, BURGLAR, SEIZE, GUILTY, CHASE, CAPTURE

Puzzle 9

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

Find: HOTEL, INFORMANT, MAP, NOTEBOOK, JUSTICE, PARTNER, CELL, TRUTH, DOOR, CRIME, BANK, ALIBI

Puzzle 10

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

Find: INNOCENT, ALIBI, VICTIM, THUNDER, TOWER, HIDDEN, EVIDENCE, MAP, DEDUCE, TUNNEL, MANSION, CRIME

Puzzle 11

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

Find: HOTEL, DISGUISE, SUSPECT, DOOR, STATION, ARREST, WITNESS, SOLVE, WEAPON, TRAIN, CELL, INNOCENT

Puzzle 12

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

Find: ESCAPE, HIDEOUT, HOTEL, WINDOW, RAIN, RANSOM, DOSSIER, SLEUTH, FOG, CELL, JEWEL, HEIST

Answer Key

Puzzle 1

LETTER: row 5, column 7, diagonal down-left
SUSPECT: row 11, column 10, backwards
CHIEF: row 1, column 7, across
ALIBI: row 3, column 11, diagonal down-left
VICTIM: row 10, column 11, backwards
CRIME: row 3, column 4, diagonal down-right
INNOCENT: row 2, column 2, across
MOTIVE: row 9, column 5, across
WINDOW: row 8, column 11, backwards
RAIN: row 10, column 2, up
SOLVE: row 5, column 1, across
WEAPON: row 4, column 12, down

Puzzle 2

WITNESS: row 5, column 1, across
INNOCENT: row 2, column 11, down
CHASE: row 2, column 9, diagonal down-left
MYSTERY: row 1, column 5, across
JEWEL: row 6, column 4, down
FINGERPRINT: (placement skipped)
DISGUISE: row 11, column 3, across
OFFICE: row 12, column 4, across
THIEF: row 6, column 6, down
SUSPECT: row 3, column 5, diagonal down-right
RUBY: row 3, column 1, across
RAIN: row 12, column 1, up

Puzzle 3

MYSTERY: row 3, column 12, backwards
SOLVE: row 8, column 5, diagonal down-right
DISGUISE: row 6, column 11, backwards
EVIDENCE: row 7, column 3, across
LANTERN: row 7, column 1, diagonal up-right
MAP: row 5, column 8, backwards
ROBBERY: row 11, column 1, across

LIE: row 8, column 9, down

JUSTICE: row 12, column 2, across

THUNDER: row 4, column 4, across

GUILTY: row 2, column 12, backwards

MOTIVE: row 10, column 12, up

Answer Key (continued)

Puzzle 4

BURGLAR: row 9, column 11, up
MOTIVE: row 9, column 8, up
SOLVE: row 8, column 3, up
LETTER: row 7, column 10, down
DETECTIVE: row 12, column 4, up
CRIME: row 2, column 5, across
JEWEL: row 1, column 2, diagonal down-right
VICTIM: row 12, column 2, up
GUILTY: row 6, column 6, backwards
MAP: row 7, column 5, diagonal down-right
WITNESS: row 4, column 9, down
TRAIN: row 1, column 3, across

Puzzle 5

KEY: row 7, column 11, diagonal down-left
TRAIN: row 1, column 5, diagonal down-right
MIDNIGHT: row 11, column 5, up
DISGUISE: row 4, column 4, down
RANSOM: row 12, column 9, backwards
TRACK: row 11, column 12, backwards
DETECTIVE: row 9, column 3, up
COMPASS: row 12, column 2, up
CHIEF: row 6, column 7, diagonal down-right
FINGERPRINT: (placement skipped)
INFORMANT: row 1, column 12, down
SECRET: row 3, column 6, down

Puzzle 6

PEARL: row 12, column 11, backwards
SOLVE: row 1, column 5, diagonal down-right
THIEF: row 10, column 4, diagonal up-right
RANSOM: row 5, column 1, across
LIE: row 3, column 5, diagonal up-left
HEIST: row 2, column 11, diagonal down-left
TRAIL: row 8, column 7, diagonal up-right

LOCK: row 7, column 2, diagonal down-right

GANGSTER: row 11, column 2, across

CHASE: row 4, column 1, across

MAP: row 2, column 9, backwards

DEDUCE: row 10, column 7, diagonal up-right

Answer Key (continued)

Puzzle 7

SUSPECT: row 8, column 5, across

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

DOOR: row 9, column 5, across

BANK: row 1, column 9, backwards

STATION: row 3, column 12, down

SLEUTH: row 7, column 8, backwards

VICTIM: row 11, column 6, backwards

DOSSIER: row 10, column 11, backwards

CLUE: row 3, column 7, backwards

SHADOW: row 11, column 7, across

GANGSTER: row 6, column 2, across

KEY: row 4, column 10, down

Puzzle 8

DEDUCE: row 6, column 9, up

LEDGER: row 10, column 7, backwards

VAULT: row 2, column 4, across

WEAPON: row 11, column 2, across

TRAIL: row 6, column 12, down

SECRET: row 12, column 2, across

MYSTERY: row 7, column 5, across

BURGLAR: row 5, column 10, down

SEIZE: row 5, column 6, diagonal up-left

GUILTY: row 6, column 6, backwards

CHASE: row 8, column 5, backwards

CAPTURE: row 1, column 8, backwards

Puzzle 9

HOTEL: row 5, column 11, up

INFORMANT: row 10, column 10, backwards

MAP: row 3, column 3, diagonal down-right

NOTEBOOK: row 2, column 1, diagonal down-right

JUSTICE: row 8, column 9, diagonal up-left

PARTNER: row 1, column 7, backwards

CELL: row 11, column 3, across

TRUTH: row 4, column 12, down

DOOR: row 7, column 9, diagonal down-right

CRIME: row 8, column 11, diagonal up-left

BANK: row 12, column 4, across

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

Answer Key (continued)

Puzzle 10

INNOCENT: row 4, column 2, across
ALIBI: row 1, column 5, backwards
VICTIM: row 3, column 9, backwards
THUNDER: row 6, column 7, backwards
TOWER: row 7, column 6, down
HIDDEN: row 12, column 3, up
EVIDENCE: row 2, column 2, down
MAP: row 7, column 11, backwards
DEDUCE: row 2, column 7, backwards
TUNNEL: row 5, column 12, backwards
MANSION: row 6, column 10, down
CRIME: row 12, column 5, up

Puzzle 11

HOTEL: row 11, column 6, diagonal up-left
DISGUISE: row 5, column 1, across
SUSPECT: row 3, column 11, diagonal down-left
DOOR: row 1, column 6, diagonal down-left
STATION: row 11, column 12, up
ARREST: row 4, column 4, across
WITNESS: row 3, column 5, across
SOLVE: row 12, column 5, diagonal up-left
WEAPON: row 9, column 6, across
TRAIN: row 5, column 11, down
CELL: row 10, column 8, across
INNOCENT: (placement skipped)

Puzzle 12

ESCAPE: row 12, column 11, diagonal up-left
HIDEOUT: row 8, column 4, diagonal up-right
HOTEL: row 6, column 1, across
WINDOW: row 1, column 7, across
RAIN: row 7, column 7, diagonal down-right
RANSOM: row 12, column 5, across
DOSSIER: row 9, column 10, diagonal up-left

SLEUTH: row 9, column 2, across

FOG: row 10, column 2, down

CELL: row 2, column 12, down

JEWEL: row 3, column 8, diagonal down-right

HEIST: row 2, column 3, across