

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

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

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

Puzzle 2

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

Find: ESCAPE, MANSION, LOCK, LIE, SECRET, SHADOW, TRUTH, SEARCH, RUBY, JUSTICE, SUSPECT, DISGUISE

Puzzle 3

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

Find: SOLVE, WEAPON, TRACK, NOTEBOOK, ESCAPE, CRIME, INFORMANT, CAMERA, TRAIL, MAGNIFIER, CELL, MYSTERY

Puzzle 4

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

Find: MYSTERY, SUSPECT, LOCK, LIE, SEIZE, FOOTPRINT, MANSION, LANTERN, HEIST, DOSSIER, RANSOM, HUNCH

Puzzle 5

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

Find: OFFICE, ALIBI, TRACK, LIE, VICTIM, RANSOM, LEDGER, MIDNIGHT, BANK, RUBY, RAIN, TUNNEL

Puzzle 6

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

Find: CASE, THIEF, HIDDEN, LETTER, INFORMANT, HIDEOUT, DETECTIVE, ARREST, LIGHTHOUSE, COMPASS, VAULT, BRIDGE

Puzzle 7

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

Find: CRIME, CAMERA, ROBBERY, CHASE, TOWER, EVIDENCE, BURGLAR, TRUTH, INNOCENT, LEDGER, HIDDEN, MAP

Puzzle 8

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

Find: JEWEL, LEDGER, STATION, BANK, DOCK, INFORMANT, CHASE, TRAIN, INNOCENT, CAPTURE, ESCAPE, LANTERN

Puzzle 9

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

Find: JUSTICE, CHIEF, SLEUTH, WEAPON, LIE, LETTER, THIEF, KEY, FOOTPRINT, TUNNEL, COMPASS, MYSTERY

Puzzle 10

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

Find: VAULT, LANTERN, SLEUTH, SEIZE, FINGERPRINT, TRUTH, MANSION, LETTER, OFFICE, FOG, SECRET, WINDOW

Puzzle 11

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

Find: LOCK, CHIEF, TRAIL, FOG, INFORMANT, MAGNIFIER, FINGERPRINT, DETECTIVE, DOOR, OFFICE, CELL, COMPASS

Puzzle 12

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

Find: VICTIM, DISGUISE, PARTNER, LEDGER, MAGNIFIER, INFORMANT, MANSION, FOOTPRINT, CELL, RANSOM, CHASE, SLEUTH

Answer Key

Puzzle 1

LETTER: row 10, column 11, backwards
SUSPECT: row 3, column 11, diagonal down-left
CHIEF: row 2, column 2, across
ALIBI: row 7, column 2, down
VICTIM: row 1, column 10, backwards
CRIME: row 2, column 2, down
INNOCENT: row 11, column 10, backwards
MOTIVE: row 3, column 4, diagonal down-right
WINDOW: row 6, column 12, down
RAIN: row 4, column 3, down
SOLVE: row 1, column 12, diagonal down-left
WEAPON: row 2, column 10, diagonal down-left

Puzzle 2

ESCAPE: row 3, column 7, diagonal down-right
MANSION: row 1, column 8, backwards
LOCK: row 4, column 5, diagonal down-left
LIE: row 8, column 6, diagonal up-left
SECRET: row 8, column 3, diagonal up-right
SHADOW: row 4, column 9, diagonal down-left
TRUTH: row 2, column 11, down
SEARCH: row 12, column 3, across
RUBY: row 10, column 9, across
JUSTICE: row 8, column 8, diagonal up-left
SUSPECT: row 9, column 6, across
DISGUISE: row 10, column 8, backwards

Puzzle 3

SOLVE: row 3, column 5, diagonal down-left
WEAPON: row 7, column 7, diagonal down-right
TRACK: row 12, column 2, diagonal up-right
NOTEBOOK: row 12, column 11, up
ESCAPE: row 1, column 7, across
CRIME: row 1, column 3, across
INFORMANT: row 2, column 1, diagonal down-right

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

TRAIL: row 2, column 2, across

MAGNIFIER: row 10, column 2, diagonal up-right

CELL: row 10, column 12, diagonal up-left

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

Answer Key (continued)

Puzzle 4

MYSTERY: row 11, column 3, across

SUSPECT: row 12, column 4, across

LOCK: row 5, column 12, backwards

LIE: row 9, column 1, down

SEIZE: row 4, column 4, diagonal down-right

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

MANSION: row 10, column 4, across

LANTERN: row 8, column 7, backwards

HEIST: row 9, column 7, backwards

DOSSIER: row 1, column 11, backwards

RANSOM: row 6, column 7, diagonal down-left

HUNCH: row 3, column 12, backwards

Puzzle 5

OFFICE: row 2, column 11, down

ALIBI: row 10, column 12, up

TRACK: row 4, column 3, down

LIE: row 3, column 10, diagonal down-left

VICTIM: row 11, column 1, diagonal up-right

RANSOM: row 3, column 5, diagonal down-right

LEDGER: row 5, column 1, down

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

BANK: row 2, column 10, backwards

RUBY: row 9, column 5, across

RAIN: row 1, column 6, across

TUNNEL: row 12, column 2, across

Puzzle 6

CASE: row 10, column 6, up

THIEF: row 6, column 11, up

HIDDEN: row 7, column 10, down

LETTER: row 6, column 1, up

INFORMANT: row 12, column 8, up

HIDEOUT: row 5, column 3, down

DETECTIVE: row 12, column 2, up

ARREST: row 1, column 10, backwards

LIGHTHOUSE: row 10, column 7, up

COMPASS: row 10, column 9, up

VAULT: row 4, column 5, down

BRIDGE: row 3, column 12, down

Answer Key (continued)

Puzzle 7

CRIME: row 3, column 7, diagonal down-right
CAMERA: row 5, column 4, down
ROBBERY: row 3, column 2, down
CHASE: row 8, column 10, down
TOWER: row 2, column 9, diagonal down-left
EVIDENCE: row 5, column 6, down
BURGLAR: row 1, column 5, across
TRUTH: row 1, column 1, down
INNOCENT: row 2, column 3, down
LEDGER: row 5, column 10, diagonal down-left
HIDDEN: row 2, column 2, across
MAP: row 11, column 9, diagonal up-left

Puzzle 8

JEWEL: row 12, column 9, backwards
LEDGER: row 4, column 12, backwards
STATION: row 7, column 2, across
BANK: row 10, column 9, diagonal up-right
DOCK: row 4, column 5, diagonal up-left
INFORMANT: row 2, column 12, backwards
CHASE: row 7, column 10, down
TRAIN: row 3, column 5, across
INNOCENT: row 5, column 11, diagonal down-left
CAPTURE: row 10, column 2, diagonal up-right
ESCAPE: row 8, column 1, up
LANTERN: row 1, column 3, across

Puzzle 9

JUSTICE: row 1, column 2, diagonal down-right
CHIEF: row 8, column 1, across
SLEUTH: row 7, column 11, down
WEAPON: row 7, column 9, backwards
LIE: row 3, column 10, across
LETTER: row 1, column 9, down
THIEF: row 11, column 2, across

KEY: row 4, column 4, diagonal up-right

FOOTPRINT: row 9, column 2, across

TUNNEL: row 6, column 6, backwards

COMPASS: row 10, column 7, backwards

MYSTERY: row 2, column 5, across

Answer Key (continued)

Puzzle 10

VAULT: row 1, column 6, diagonal down-right
LANTERN: row 6, column 5, diagonal down-right
SLEUTH: row 2, column 1, down
SEIZE: row 6, column 7, diagonal up-left
FINGERPRINT: row 1, column 1, diagonal down-right
TRUTH: row 10, column 5, backwards
MANSION: row 8, column 12, diagonal up-left
LETTER: row 7, column 5, diagonal down-right
OFFICE: row 11, column 8, diagonal up-left
FOG: row 7, column 12, diagonal down-left
SECRET: row 12, column 9, backwards
WINDOW: row 6, column 2, diagonal down-right

Puzzle 11

LOCK: row 1, column 7, backwards
CHIEF: row 6, column 7, across
TRAIL: row 2, column 5, backwards
FOG: row 5, column 10, across
INFORMANT: row 3, column 4, across
MAGNIFIER: row 10, column 11, backwards
FINGERPRINT: row 7, column 12, backwards
DETECTIVE: row 11, column 10, backwards
DOOR: row 3, column 3, diagonal down-right
OFFICE: row 2, column 11, backwards
CELL: row 9, column 8, backwards
COMPASS: row 4, column 3, across

Puzzle 12

VICTIM: row 4, column 2, down
DISGUISE: row 9, column 4, up
PARTNER: row 5, column 3, down
LEDGER: row 7, column 11, down
MAGNIFIER: row 11, column 7, up
INFORMANT: row 2, column 6, down
MANSION: row 4, column 1, down

FOOTPRINT: row 12, column 10, up

CELL: row 8, column 12, up

RANSOM: row 11, column 5, up

CHASE: row 3, column 1, across

SLEUTH: row 1, column 6, across