

ALPHAPUZZLE®

Alphapuzzle® tests your logic and word power. Each grid number represents a letter. Each letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters – below the main grid – to start. Can you beat the Target Time? Call for an Extra Letter Clue if you get stuck. Solution next Sunday. **DIFFICULTY:** 10/10; **TARGET TIME:** 30 minutes; **CLUE:** Last thing found in home-garden centre.

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| 3 | | 26 | 10 | 13 | 5 | | 26 | | | 21 | 11 | 15 | 14 | 3 | | 6 |
| | | 12 | | | 15 | | | 9 | 13 | 18 | | | 11 | | | 18 |
| 12 | 7 | 26 | 22 | | | | 26 | | | 23 | | | 14 | 18 | 17 | 26 |
| | | 26 | | | | 12 | 3 | 23 | 4 | 8 | | | | | | 26 |
| 26 | 1 | 5 | 26 | 7 | | | | 20 | | | 13 | 3 | 23 | 15 | | 6 |
| 3 | | | | | | 18 | 7 | 26 | 3 | 8 | | | | | | 26 |
| 18 | 7 | 13 | 18 | 4 | | | | 14 | | | 21 | 18 | 19 | 13 | | 8 |
| | | 26 | | | | 24 | 15 | 18 | 9 | 26 | | | | | 20 | |
| 16 | 18 | 3 | 20 | | | | 18 | | | 18 | | | 2 | 18 | 5 | 26 |
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| 25 | 11 | 18 | 13 | 15 | 8 | | | | | 11 | 15 | 7 | 23 | 10 | 24 | |
| | | 26 | | | 15 | | | 6 | | | 26 | | 8 | | | 8 |

For extra letter clues, call:

0907 181 2603

(Deduct two minutes from Target Time for each extra letter heard).

Alternatively, for six extra letter clues direct to your mobile, text:

XXALPHA to 84901.

Texts cost £1 plus your normal network operator rate.

Full solution:
0907 181 2602

Across only:
0907 181 2600

Down only:
0907 181 2601

*Calls cost 80p a minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.

SP: Spoke, London W1B 2AG.

Last Sunday's solution

ACROSS: Judo, Laxative, Viaduct, Taste, Nylon (clue), Sickle, Ladder, Storey, Wiggle, Rough, Pizza, Sceptic, Treasure, Feel.

DOWN: Juvenile, Spot, Drawl, Drizzle, Quince, Grabs, Artist, Lesser, Antic, Tureen, Insular, Untie, Even, Mythical.

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THE ULTRA ALPHAPUZZLE®

Here's the Ultra Alphapuzzle® – Sunday's extra tough version of Britain's favourite wordpower challenge. Each grid number represents a different letter. All 26 letters are used.

Target time: 30 minutes Solution next Sunday.

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| 11 | 23 | 19 | 22 | 9 | | 19 | 22 | 9 | 26 | 1 | 6 | | 12 |
| 8 | | 22 | | 7 | | 6 | | | | 8 | | | 5 |
| 21 | | | 22 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 23 | | | 3 | 10 | 21 | 23 |
| 10 | | 3 | | 5 | | 23 | | 9 | | | 2 | | |
| 8 | 21 | 10 | 17 | 1 | 23 | | | 9 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 22 | 13 |
| | | 15 | | 23 | | 9 | | 19 | | | 20 | | 10 |
| 25 | 19 | 15 | 11 | | 8 | 25 | 1 | 6 | 4 | | | | 6 |
| 19 | | 23 | | | | 7 | | 22 | | 14 | | | 1 |
| 18 | 23 | 7 | 16 | 26 | 22 | 23 | | | 2 | 19 | 1 | 21 | 9 |
| 26 | | 10 | | | | 22 | | 23 | | 13 | | | 23 |
| 8 | 21 | 19 | 24 | | | 9 | 25 | 23 | 7 | 19 | 3 | 11 | |

For up to six extra clue letters call:

0907 181 2607

(Deduct three minutes from Target Time for each extra letter heard).

Alternatively, for six extra clues direct to your mobile, text

XXALPHAU to 84901.

Texts cost £1 plus your normal network rate.

Full solution:
0907 181 2611

Across only:
0907 181 2609

Down only:
0907 181 2610

*Calls cost 80p per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.

Last Sunday's solution

ACROSS: Ladybird, Errand, Matrix, Preview, Stalk, Last, Pry, Pie, Sale, Rinse, Grinace, Jockey, Honour, Equalise.

DOWN: Strength, Adapt, Patient, Briskly, Care, Postage, Dear, Persona, Fatigue, Sheds, Downsize.

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