



# Box - Challenging Puzzle #10

This puzzle is like a crossword, but with numbers. Each digit occupies a 3D block and can be a part of a "word" in the X,Y, and Z directions.

# **Rules:**

- 1. "Words" may not start with a zero.
- 2. "Words" in the X direction read from left to right.
- 3. "Words" in the Y direction read from top to bottom.
- 4. "Words" in the Z direction read from front to back.
- 5. There is one unique solution which satisfies all the clues given below.
- 6. Some "words" may not have clues. They will be determined by the "words" which intersect them.

### If we take the box pictured above and divide it into individual X-Y layers, we will get these planes:

1	2		3	4		15	16	17	18	25		26		27
5	6		7	8	19		20							
9	10				21		22			28	29		30	
11	12	13		14	23			24		31				

#### **X** Direction

- 1 Mean of Z5 and Z7
- **3** A square
- **5** A square
- **7** Y30 minus Z22
- **9** Y3 minus Y18
- 11 Z9 plus Z14
- **15** Seventy-three times a prime number
- **19** Seventy-one times a prime number
- **21** Eighty-two times Y18
- **23** One thousand fifty-five more than Y1
- 25 Z13 minus half of Z8
- **28** Mean of X15 and Z20
- **31** Mean of Y15 and Z5

#### **Y** Direction

- Twenty-six times a prime number
  Mean of Y1 and Y3
  Z5 minus Z6
  Z12 times X5
  Y26 plus Z14
  Z20 times Z24
  Z14 plus X7
  X3 minus Y17
  Z7 plus half of X21
  A square
  X23 minus half of Y4
  Six times X5
- **29** Z7 plus Z22 **30** Mean of Z16 and Z4

## **Z** Direction

- 2 Thirty-one times X5
- **3** Z6 plus Z14
- **4** Z5 minus Z16
- 5 Twice Y30
- **6** Twice the result of Z4 minus Z3
- **7** Z3 minus X7
- 8 Z13 minus Y18
- **9** Y29 plus Z13 **10** Nine times Z24
- **11** Y30 times Y18
- **12** Z24 plus X9
- **13** Z11 minus Z3
- 14 Z4 minus Y27
- $16\,$  Mean of X7 and Y18  $\,$
- 20 Mean of Y17 and Y27
- **22** A cube
- 24 Y30 minus Z7

# Solution:

٩	4		8	1		٩	2	7	1	3	6	٩		٩
1	6		4	7	4	4	8	0	1	8		3		6
7	3			1	9	0	2			4	6	7	F	
8	1	7		2	1	0	2	3	3	4	7	7	4	