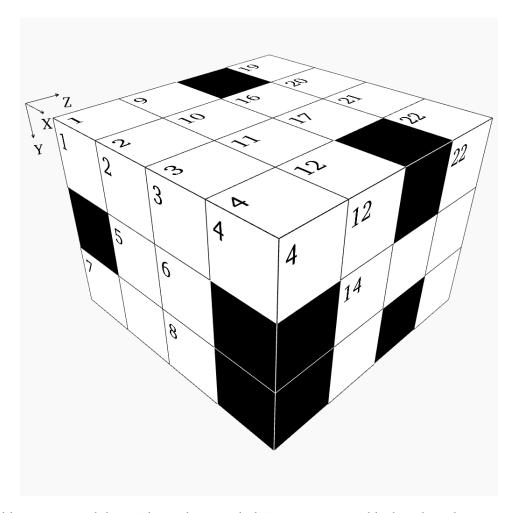


Box - Challenging Puzzle #21



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 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | 16 | 17 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
|---|---|-----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 5 | 6 | | 13 | | | 14 | 18 | | | 23 | | | |
| | J | o l | | | | | | | | | 20 | | | |
| 7 | | 8 | | | | 15 | | | | | 24 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

X Direction

- 1 One thousand four hundred thirty-eight 2 Y3 plus X15 more than X23
- **5** Mean of Y10 and X15
- **7** X1 divided by Y18
- **9** A prime number
- **13** Y12 plus half of Y11
- 15 Y16 divided by four
- **16** Twice a prime number
- 18 Mean of Z3 and Y22
- **19** Five times a prime number
- **23** Eight hundred eighty-six more than
- **24** X19 plus Z7

Y Direction

- **3** Half of X23, then subtract Z8
- **9** A prime number
- **10** Twice the result of Z14 minus Y20
- **11** Twice a prime number
- **12** Rearranged digits of Z14
- **16** Y20 minus Z4
- **17** Mean of X19 and Y20
- 18 Z14 divided by ten
- 19 A square
- **20** A square
- **21** Fifty-two times Y18
- **22** A prime number

Z Direction

- 1 X16 minus X15
- 2 A prime number
- 3 Mean of Z5 and Y2
- **4** Y2 minus half of X16
- **5** Fourteen times a prime number
- 6 Four times X7
- 7 Fourteen times a prime number
- **8** Four times a prime number
- 13 Three-fifths of Z14
- **14** X7 minus Y2

Solution:

| 6 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 6 | ٩ | | 8 | 6 | | 1 | 1 | 9 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 3 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 0 |
| 3 | 2 | 2 | | 7 | | 2 | 0 | 9 | | 2 | | 4 | 9 | 8 | 9 |