



Box - Challenging Puzzle #22

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

X Direction

1 A cube

- **6** Z12 minus Z13
- 8 X17 plus Y17
- **11** Four times a prime number
- 14 X15 plus Y17
- **15** Z21 plus Y10
- **17** Thirty times a prime number
- **18** A cube
- **20** Mean of X14 and Z3
- 24 Fifteen times a prime number
- 25 Y11 times Y1
- 26 Y27 minus Y20
- **28** Twenty-one times a prime number
- **30** Z14 plus Y17

Y Direction

- **1** A cube
- **3** Its digits total Y29
- 8 Y22 minus Y28
- 9 Fifty-three times Y20
- **10** Y16 minus Z4
- **11** X25 divided by X1
- **15** Twelve times a prime number
- **16** A prime number
- **17** X30 minus Z24
- **20** X20 divided by X14
- **21** Four times a prime number
- **22** Forty-seven times Z24
- 23 Half of X8, then subtract Z24
- **26** Mean of Z24 and Y9

27 Mean of Y1 and Z21

- 28 Consecutive digits in descending order
- 29 A square

Z Direction

- 2 Mean of Z21 and X15
- 3 Mean of Z7 and Z21
- 4 Y27 plus Y10
- **5** Last three digits are the same as last three digits of X28
- 6 Ninety-seven times a prime number
- **7** Y16 times Z21
- 9 Z19 times X26
- 12 Fourteen times X17
- 13 Two hundred sixty-six less than X18
- 14 Y22 divided by forty-seven
- **19** Y20 times Y29
- **21** Mean of X30 and Y27
- 24 X15 reversed

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Solution:

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