

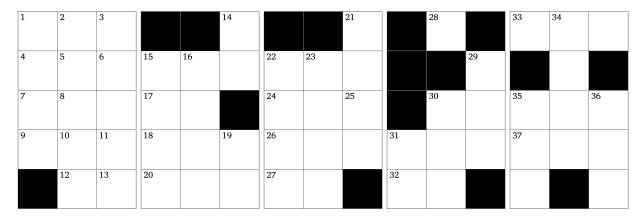
# **Box - Challenging Puzzle #45**

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:



#### **X** Direction

- **1** Three times Y29
- **4** Y36 minus Y19
- 7 X4 reversed
- 9 X37 plus Z3
- 12 X7 minus X20
- 15 Mean of X26 and Y14
- 17 A square
- **18** A prime number
- **20** X37 minus X30
- **22** Mean of Z3 and X31
- 24 Z25 reversed
- **26** Seven times a prime number
- **27** Mean of Z28 and X32
- **30** Mean of Y19 and X17
- **31** One hundred eighty-seven more than Y35
- 32 Y14 reversed
- 33 X20 plus half of X12
- **35** Rearranged digits of X7
- **37** X26 plus half of X27

#### **Y** Direction

- **1** Four times a prime number
- 2 First two digits are the same as first two digits of Z25
- **3** Thirty-six times a prime number
- 14 X32 reversed
- **15** Half of Y22, then subtract X18
- **16** Z7 plus Y15
- **19** X31 divided by seventy-four
- **21** A prime number
- **22** One thousand more than Y1
- 23 Mean of Y1 and X1
- **29** Z7 minus X15
- **30** Twice the result of Y29 plus Y14
- **31** Y34 divided by X32
- **34** Thirty-four times a prime number
- 35 Mean of Z25 and Z7
- 36 A prime number

#### **Z** Direction

- **3** Y36 minus X22
- 4 Z3 plus X9
- **5** Mean of Y36 and X9
- **6** Three times a prime number
- 7 Z3 plus Y14
- 8 Twelve thousand three hundred sixty more than Z9
- **9** Eighty-two times a prime number
- **10** Fifty-two times a prime number
- **11** Seven times a prime number
- **12** Four times a prime number
- **13** X15 minus Z28
- **20** Three times a prime number
- 25 X24 reversed
- 28 Mean of X17 and Y14

## Solution:

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