



Box - Challenging Puzzle #52

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

X Direction

- **1** A prime number
- **3** Seven times Y21
- **7** Y1 minus Y23
- 11 Z6 minus Z8
- **13** Half of X31, then subtract Y21
- 15 Z12 plus half of Y29
- 18 Y21 plus Z26
- 19 Mean of Z8 and Y28
- **21** A prime number
- 24 X13 times Y11
- **25** Mean of Z20 and X19
- **27** A prime number
- 30 Mean of Y11 and X3
- $\mathbf{31}$ Four more than X30

Y Direction

- **1** Thirty-three times Y11
- **2** Y1 divided by X18
- 5 Y9 minus Y27
- **9** Half of Z16, then subtract Y5
- **11** X24 divided by X7
- **15** X24 minus Y21
- 16 X1 minus Y17
- **17** Mean of Z26 and X30
- **21** Z26 minus Y5
- 22 Sixty-one times Z4
- 23 A square
- 27 Fifteen times Z4
- **28** Eight times a prime number
- 29 Last two digits are the same as X31

Z Direction

- **2** Twice a prime number
- **3** A prime number
- **4** Two-thirds of Y11
- ${\bf 6}\,$ Mean of X31 and Z16
- 8 Half of Y16, then subtract Y27
- 10 X21 minus Y15
- 12 Twenty-five times a prime number
- **14** Mean of Z10 and Y2
- 15 Mean of Y16 and X31
- **16** Rearranged digits of Y28
- **20** Y23 minus Y27
- 26 Twice a square

Solution:

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