



Box - Challenging Puzzle #53

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	12	13	14	15	22	23	24	25
5	6			16		17	18	26			
7		8	9	19	20			27		28	29
		10	11		21			30			
		31	32	33		38					
		34						39			
		35			36			40			
		37				41					

X Direction

- **1** A prime number
- **5** Y9 plus Y14
- 8 Mean of Y8 and Y2
- **10** X8 minus Z18
- **12** Seven times a square
- 16 X1 minus half of X10
- 19 Y2 minus X10
- **21** Three times a prime number
- **22** Fourteen times a prime number
- **26** Thirty-five times a square
- 27 A prime number
- **30** X41 minus X5
- 31 A prime number
- **34** X21 plus half of X41
- 35 Z4 minus half of Z1
- **37** Eight times a prime number
- **38** Half of Y36
- 40 Z29 divided by twenty-one
- 41 Fourteen times Y9

Y Direction

- **1** A prime number
- **2** Y24 minus Y13
- 8 Mean of X38 and Y15
- **9** X5 minus Z11
- 12 Rearranged digits of Z20
- **13** Forty-four times a prime number
- **14** Y38 divided by Z30
- 15 X41 minus Z30
- **22** Twice a prime number
- **23** Mean of Y22 and Z18
- 24 Rearranged digits of X27
- 25 Y39 minus half of X8
- 31 Rearranged digits of Y38
- **32** Y12 plus half of X37
- 33 One thousand nine hundred fifty-eight 29 Y14 times X40 more than Y13
- **36** Y1 minus half of Z21
- 38 Twenty-one times a prime number
- **39** Mean of X16 and Y8

Z Direction

- 1 A square
- **2** Nineteen times a prime number
- **3** Fifty-three times X5
- 4 A palindrome
- **5** Eight times a prime number
- Twice a prime number 6
- Thirty-one times a prime number 7
- **10** Four times a prime number
- **11** Y2 divided by three
- 17 X16 plus X5
- **18** X10 plus X40
- 20 Mean of X30 and X38
- 21 Six times X34
- 28 A prime number
- **30** Y38 divided by Z11

Solution:

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