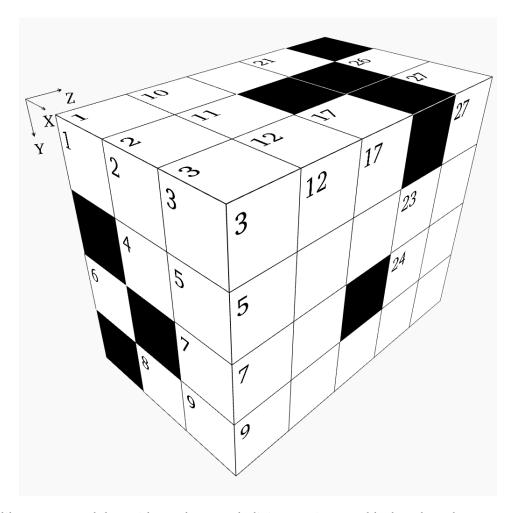


# **Box - Challenging Puzzle #71**



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

#### **X** Direction

- **1** Z16 minus X13
- 4 A square
- 8 X26 plus X4
- **10** A prime number
- **13** A prime number
- **14** Twice the result of Z4 minus Y3
- **16** Mean of Y12 and Y28
- 18 Two-thirds of Z15
- **19** Mean of Y28 and Z24
- 20 A prime number
- 22 Mean of X20 and X1
- **25** Nine times a prime number
- **26** A square
- 28 Mean of X25 and X8

## **Y Direction**

- 2 Mean of Z22 and Y26
- **3** A prime number
- **10** Twenty-nine times a prime number
- 11 Twice the result of Z1 minus X20
- 12 Three times a prime number
- **17** A square
- **18** Z24 plus Z2
- 19 Twice the result of Y18 minus Y26
- **21** Twice a prime number
- 23 A prime number
- **26** Mean of Y17 and Y18
- **27** Y21 minus Y12
- 28 X8 minus Z22

#### **Z** Direction

- **1** Thirty-three times Y2
- 2 Mean of Z22 and Z7
- 3 X25 plus Y28
- **4** Z8 plus X10
- **5** Z6 plus half of Y17
- **6** Forty-one times a prime number
- **7** Y2 plus Z15
- **8** Thirty-one times a prime number
- **9** Four thousand four hundred ninety more than Z5
- 15 Y17 minus Y28
- **16** Fifty-two times a prime number
- 22 Mean of Z7 and X4
- 24 Mean of Y17 and X18

# **Solution:**

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