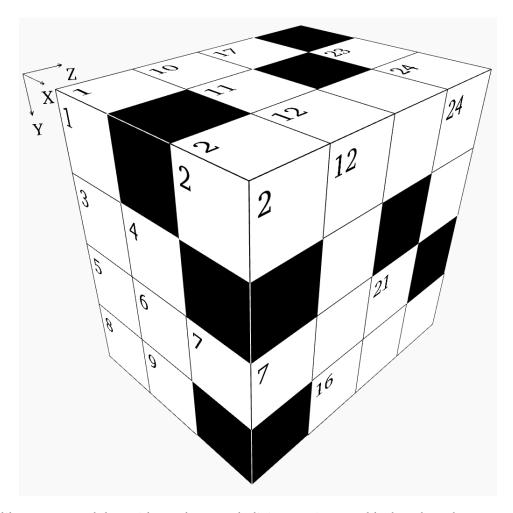


# **Box - Intermediate Puzzle #23**



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 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 17 |    |    |    | 23 | 24 |
|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 3 | 4 |   |    | 13 |    | 18 | 19 |    | 25 |    |    |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 14 |    |    | 20 |    | 21 | 26 |    |    |
| 8 | 9 |   | 15 |    | 16 | 22 |    |    |    |    |    |
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#### **X** Direction

- **3** Z9 divided by sixteen
- **5** Z2 divided by Y24
- 8 Z4 divided by Z9
- **10** Z18 plus X22
- **13** X26 minus Y14
- **14** X10 plus half of Y23
- **15** A prime number
- **18** Consecutive digits in descending order **19** Thirty-four times a square
- **20** Z8 minus Z5
- 22 Mean of Z18 and Z1
- 23 Z1 minus half of Z18
- **25** Z7 minus X22
- **26** Consecutive digits in ascending order

#### **Y Direction**

- 1 Eight times a prime number
- **4** A cube
- 11 One thousand five hundred ninety-three more than Y12
- **12** Its digits total X3
- **14** Four-fifths of X23
- 17 Sixty-three times a prime number
- **21** X5 divided by five
- **23** Thirty-two times a prime number
- 24 Mean of X22 and X3
- 25 X14 minus X8

#### **Z** Direction

- **1** Twenty less than Z16
- 2 Consecutive digits unordered
- 4 Forty times Z16
- **5** A prime number
- **6** Forty-six times Y21
- **7** A cube
- **8** Seven times a prime number
- **9** Fifteen times a square
- **16** Mean of X15 and Y21
- **18** Twice a prime number

## **Solution:**

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