

# NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY 2021

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Activity Sheets, Word Games,  
And Puzzle Packet



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Printable Packet of Puzzles to Play!

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# PUZZLES

## Happy National Puzzle Day!

Hello Friends,

Ready to celebrate National Puzzle Day? For over 20 years, puzzle fans have come together on one day to share the joy of puzzles. That special day is January 29.

When I founded National Puzzle Day it was to simply to encourage people to enjoy puzzles and take a minute to admire the people who create mind bending fun. It started with my listing in *Free Stuff for Kids* many, many years ago. Hundreds of thousands of requests for free puzzles came to my mailbox from schoolchildren around the world. Then adults started asking for the free puzzles too. Today, thanks to the web, we continue to share free puzzles while celebrating with the world. Last year, more than 2 million people celebrated National Puzzle Day (#puzzleday) and it was a social media trend.

In 2021, the celebration continues! Classes, libraries, magazines, schools, families and kids are ready to break out their favorite puzzles to play. Even adults can enjoy a puzzle or two! The idea of sharing the most delightful thing I know on a special day is what National Puzzle Day is all about. Enjoy our free puzzle packet, share your favorite puzzles with your pals and make plans to play with friends on National Puzzle Day!

Happy National Puzzle Day!

Jodi Jill, Founder  
National Puzzle Day  
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# WORD GAMES

# Play Puzzles With Your Friends

## Word Search Puzzle

Grab your friends! The best way to celebrate National Puzzle Day is with friends! In this friend word search puzzle the words describing your friends appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY. Find and circle each word!

CHARM  
CLUB  
DEPEND  
EASE  
EMBRACE  
GENTLE  
GREET  
HARMONY  
HELP  
HUG  
KIND  
LAUGH  
LIKE  
LISTEN  
LOVE  
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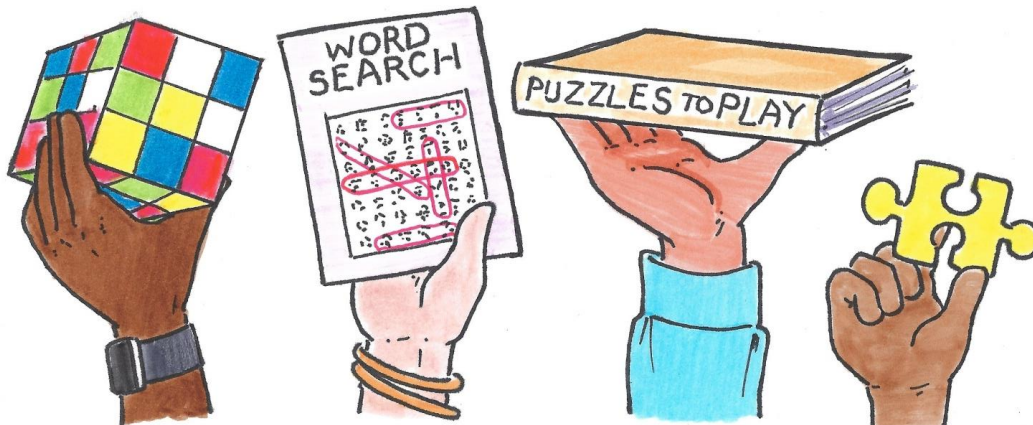
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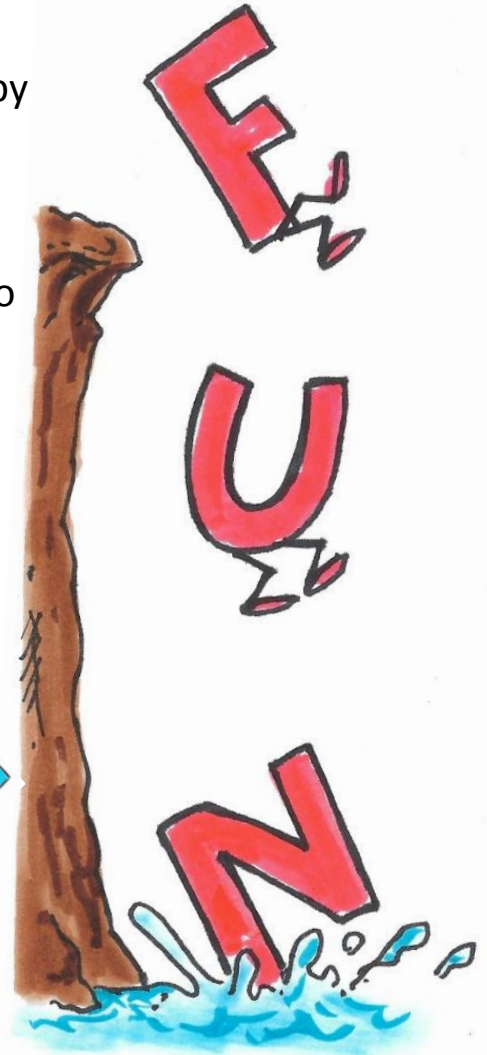
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# Interesting Puzzle Facts

- The first-ever crossword puzzle was created by Arthur Wynne and ran in the New York World newspaper on December 21, 1913.
- Are you a dissectologist? That is a person who enjoys jigsaw puzzle assembly. A person who is involved in the science of puzzles is an enigmatologist.
- The fastest time ever solving a Sudoku is 1 minute 23.93 seconds. The record was set on May 20, 2006 by Thomas Snyder, an American Sudoku champion.

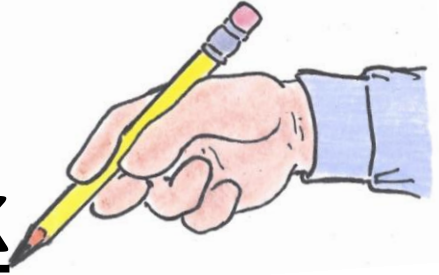


## *Did You Know?*

- The Stomachion is a puzzle that is at least 2,200 years old and believed to be the oldest puzzle known to man.
- The Rubik's Cube (also known as the Magic Cube) is one of the most popular puzzles ever! Over 350 million Cubes have been sold!
- Cool! The word ladder puzzle was invented by Lewis Carroll, author of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.



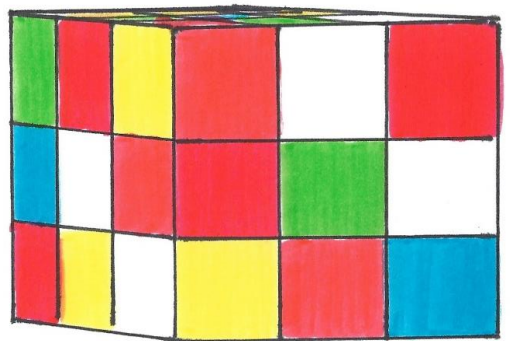
# Fill in the Blank



Puzzles are a very interesting part of our lives. Fill in the blanks to share how you feel about puzzles!

1. My favorite puzzle to play is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. If I was going to make a puzzle for my family, it would be a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A fun afternoon is playing a jigsaw puzzle with my friends. What is the perfect number of pieces for you to enjoy? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the most exciting puzzle you've ever done? And Why?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What is the most boring puzzle you've ever done? And Why?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Rubik's Cube is a 3-D combination puzzle invented in 1974 by Ernő Rubik.



# Puzzle Matching Fun

How well do you know your puzzles? These are many kinds of fun activities for you to play. Draw a line to match the puzzle on the left side to its definition on the right side.

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1. Jigsaw

A. Mostly a newspaper puzzle where letters of words derived from clues are placed in a black and white grid.

2. Sudoku

B. Fun puzzle where details or little-known facts are important for playing.

3. Escape Room

C. A puzzle consisting of a grid of letters to circle and find words provided by a list.

4. Word Search

D. Number puzzle in which missing numbers are to be with every row, every column, and every box containing the numbers 1 through 9

5. Trivia

E. A puzzle consisting of a picture, printed on cardboard or wood, and cut into various pieces of different shapes that must be fitted together.

6. Rubik's Cube

F. An area in which people are locked in order to play a game requiring them to solve a series of puzzles within a certain amount of time.

7. Crossword Puzzle

G. Typically this 3-D combination puzzle with bright colors fits in your hand.

# What is a Puzzle?

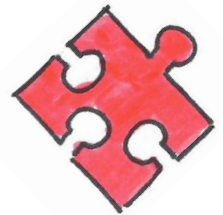
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A **puzzle** is a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge. In a **puzzle**, the solver is expected to put pieces together, in a logical way or in a particular order to arrive at the correct solution.

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## Types of Puzzles



**Word Puzzles:** Puzzles that use language to challenge the solver.

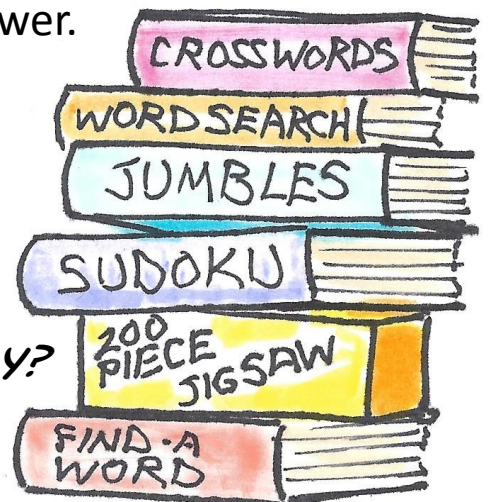
**Logic Puzzles:** Puzzles that can be solved by thinking and using deductive reasoning

**Number Puzzles:** Puzzles that require numbers to complete

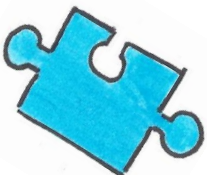
**Mechanical Puzzles:** Puzzles that manipulate a whole object or parts of it to get an answer.

**Escape Rooms:** Locked areas where you must solve a series of puzzles to get out

**Informational Puzzles:** Puzzles that test subject knowledge based on facts.



*WHAT PUZZLES DO YOU LIKE TO PLAY?*



“Every puzzle is designed to entertain the solver. Every puzzle maker must offer a well-defined solution along with plenty of fun.”

- Jodi Jill

# Word Scramble

Unscramble each word and write it on the line provided.

1. Amro edgw \_\_\_\_\_
2. Leirdd \_\_\_\_\_
3. Ease omcpor \_\_\_\_\_
4. Lesov \_\_\_\_\_
5. Ocsrrosdw \_\_\_\_\_
6. Eluzpz \_\_\_\_\_
7. Duosku \_\_\_\_\_
8. Aritiv \_\_\_\_\_
9. Arrocc ehwsd \_\_\_\_\_
10. Wgsaji \_\_\_\_\_



## POSSIBLE WORDS:

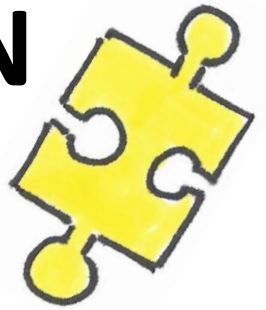
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Puzzle	Trivia
Riddle	Solve
Sudoku	Escape Room
Word Game	Jigsaw





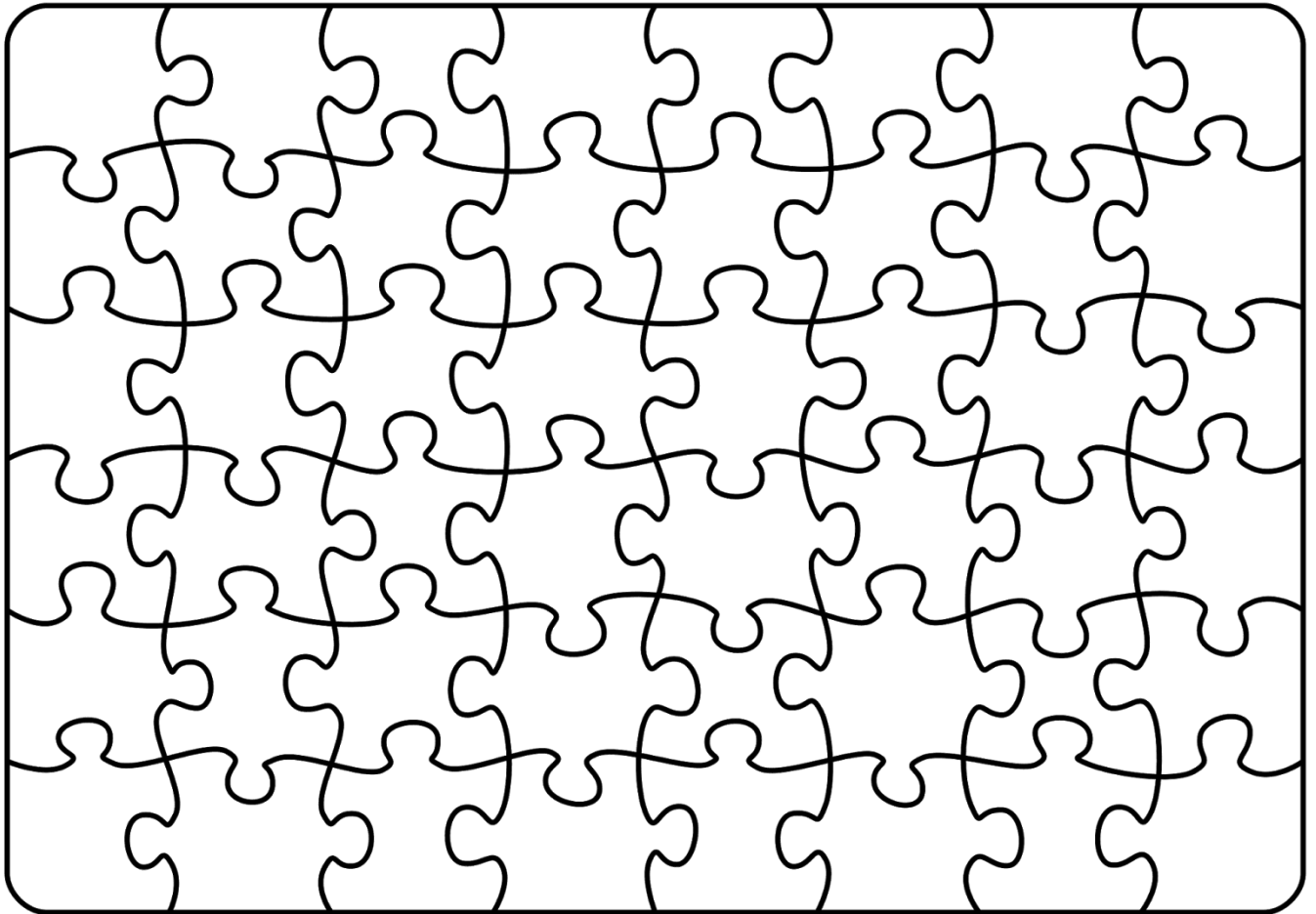


# MAKE YOUR OWN JIGSAW PUZZLE



Want to make your own jigsaw puzzle? It's easy! In the jigsaw template below, design a colorful picture. When finished, cut out the individual pieces on the lines. Mix up the pieces and lay them out on a table.

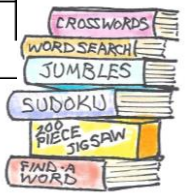
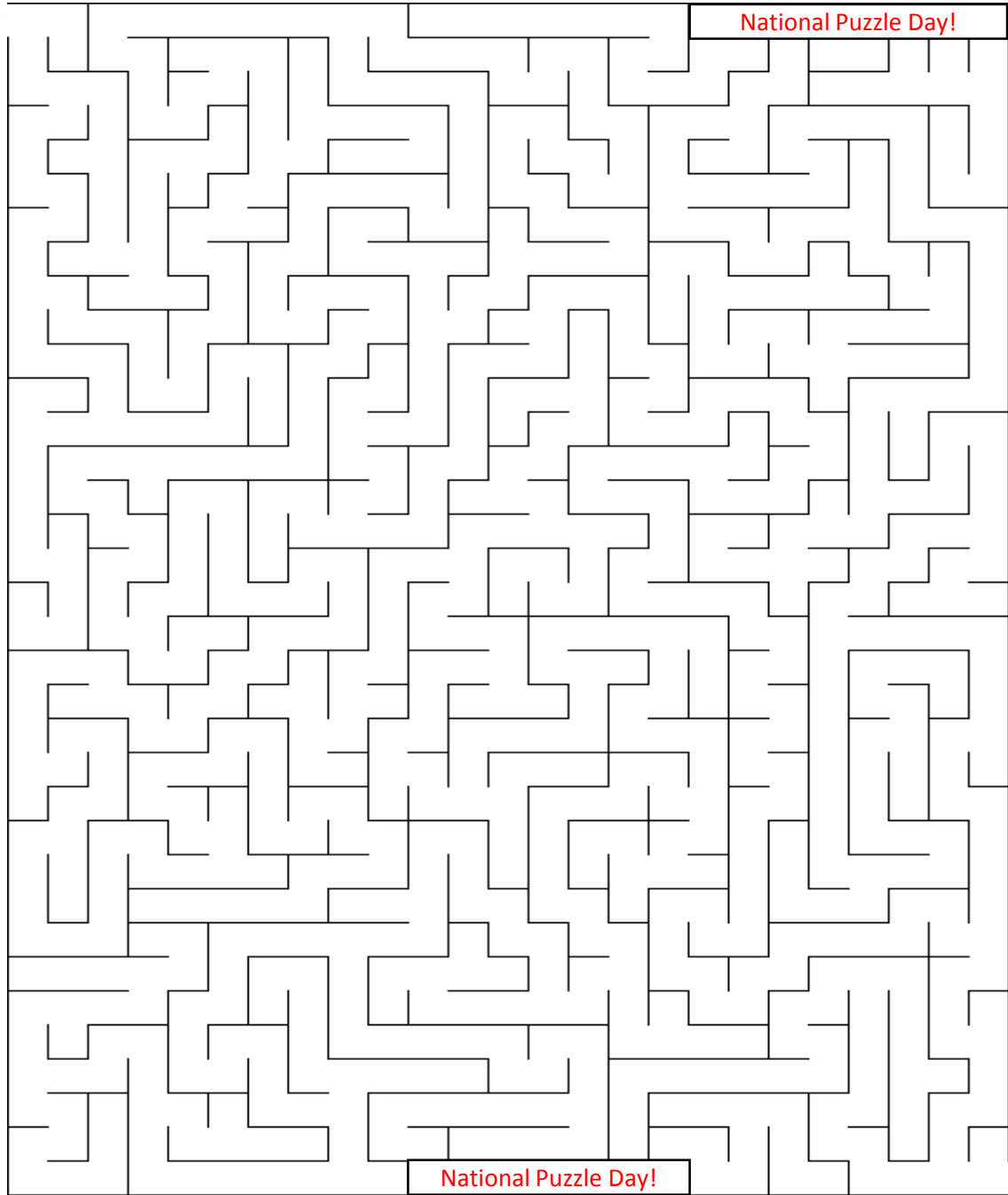
Solve your own jigsaw puzzle by connecting the pieces!



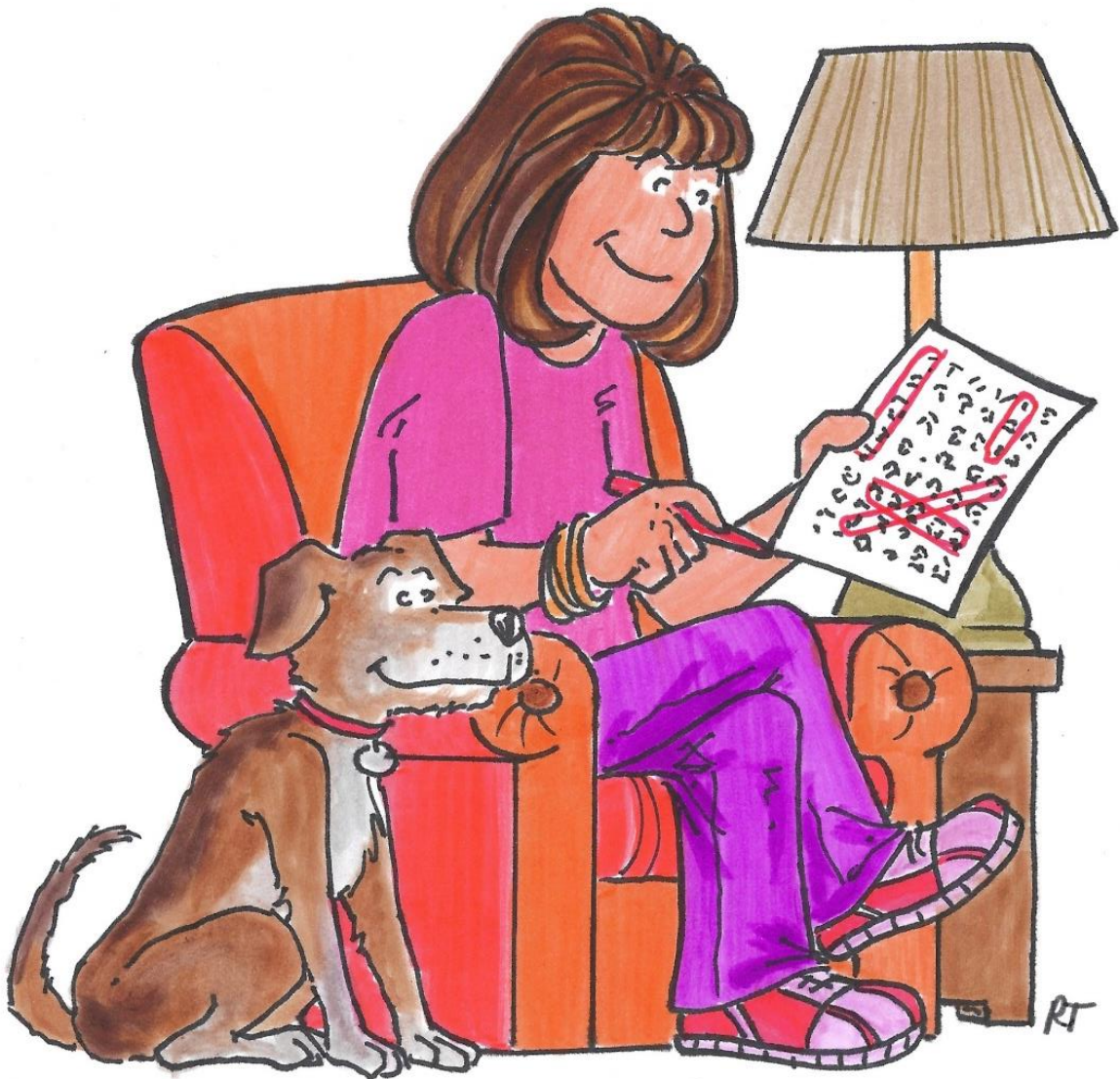


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Find Your Way to Our Celebration by Making Your Way Through the Maze. Happy National Puzzle Day!



# Puzzles are Fun to Play Everyday!



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