

# TWELVE-STEP PUZZLE

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## ACROSS

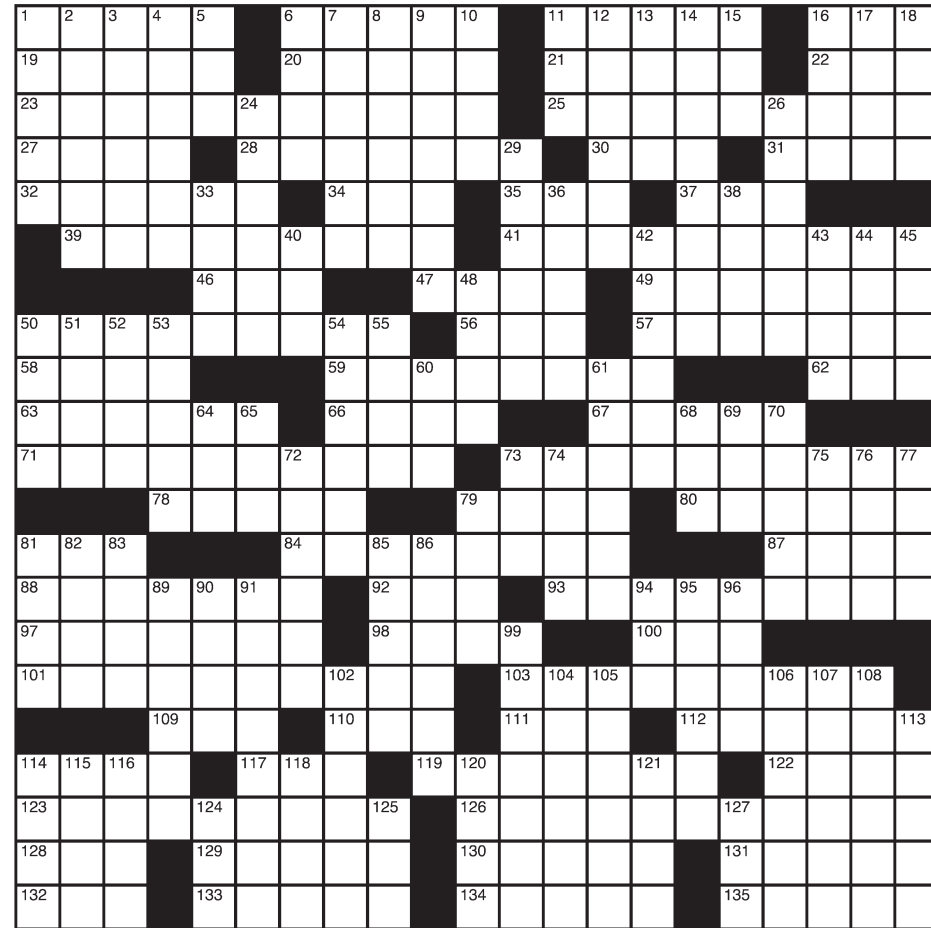
- 1 Takes great pleasure (in)  
 6 It may be fit for a queen  
 11 Loathe  
 16 Sushi bar tuna  
 19 Three-time Wimbledon champ  
 20 Rigel's constellation  
 21 Alla \_\_: music notation  
 22 Big \_\_  
 23 Door holder's quaint invitation  
 25 "Hurry!"  
 27 Nebraska settlers  
 28 "G'day" sayers  
 30 Network with regular pledge drives  
 31 Fifth Avenue retailer  
 32 Unprovoked  
 34 John of Scotland  
 35 Part of i.e.  
 37 Bolt, back in the day  
 39 Native American ritual  
 41 Comic collected in "Cows of Our Planet"  
 46 Zesty start in London?  
 47 TV production company co-founder, familiarly  
 49 Like gossip  
 50 Where stars come out  
 56 Quarterback Marino  
 57 Immortal Russian ballerina Galina  
 58 Hard work  
 59 Car and Driver check  
 62 Alain, par exemple  
 63 When two hands meet?  
 66 Minute  
 67 Work \_\_  
 71 Secure door feature  
 73 Where many tweens may be seen  
 78 Capital mentioned in "M\*A\*S\*H"  
 79 \_\_ colada  
 80 Rubeola spot

- 81 GPS option  
 84 "Gimme a break!"  
 87 "Are you \_\_ not?"  
 88 Likely will  
 92 Dog park sound  
 93 "No, No, Nanette" number  
 97 Like helium  
 98 It may be flat  
 100 Mal de \_\_  
 101 Birds Eye rival  
 103 1974 #1 hit for Helen Reddy  
 109 Foto Hut owner on "That '70s Show"  
 110 Fresno-to-Bakersfield dir.  
 111 Three times, in Rx's  
 112 Doesn't agree to  
 114 Complex course  
 117 \_\_ cat  
 119 Conceal  
 122 Short side?  
 123 Prepare for the ring  
 126 Like some test questions  
 128 Household cleaner  
 129 Polynesian tongue  
 130 Chalet beverage  
 131 Garbo of "Grand Hotel"  
 132 Network with regular pledge drives  
 133 Flagrant, as injustice  
 134 Somewhat far  
 135 Mythical reveler

## DOWN

- 1 Word after see or go  
 2 Gamer's game face  
 3 Arizona cultural resort  
 4 Olympic skater Yamaguchi  
 5 Sault \_\_ Marie  
 6 Veggie burger ingredient  
 7 Expanding-circle film effect

- 8 Respiratory cavity  
 9 Prepared for use, as a violin bow  
 10 Get in the game  
 11 Easy as \_\_  
 12 Heathcliff's creator  
 13 Natural rope fiber  
 14 Thorough repair  
 15 Like core courses: Abbr.  
 16 China setting  
 17 Pap's son, in Twain stories  
 18 Bugs  
 24 Prepared for painting, perhaps  
 26 Tries to charm with, as a pickup line  
 29 Goes after  
 33 Quatre et sept  
 36 Glow  
 38 "Joy of Cooking" writer Rombauer  
 40 Fuss  
 42 Tutti-\_\_ ice cream  
 43 Waffle maker  
 44 "Whip It" band  
 45 Red-wrapped import  
 48 Swirl  
 50 Dutch burg  
 51 Cinematic pet  
 52 Aborigine of Japan  
 53 Lava lamp lumps  
 54 Camden Yards athlete  
 55 Campus mil. group  
 60 "Don't \_\_"  
 61 "I come to fetch you to the \_\_-house": Decius Brutus  
 64 Grand \_\_ Opry  
 65 Opposite of paleo-  
 68 Same: Pref.  
 69 Yeats' land: Abbr.  
 70 Support for a hora honoree  
 72 "The Black Cat" (1934) co-star  
 73 Skippy rival



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- 74 Yard, e.g.  
 75 "Money \_\_ everything"  
 76 Pre-sunrise effect  
 77 Sandwich choice  
 79 Sputtering sound  
 81 1997 Emmy winner for TV's "Rebecca"  
 82 Peter or Paul  
 83 Soften  
 85 Mountain lakes  
 86 Declaims  
 89 Showed signs of age, as paint  
 90 Signal to start talking  
 91 Beach party challenge  
 94 Cannes chum  
 95 It's for the birds  
 96 "Awake, arise \_\_ forever fallen!": Milton  
 99 Admit an embarrassing mistake  
 102 Furrier family  
 104 Poet depicted in "Il Postino"  
 105 Hardly generous  
 106 Cochise player of '50s TV  
 107 Soldier's lodging in a private home  
 108 Beer critic's adjective  
 113 Cross one's heart  
 114 Car sticker no.  
 115 Fictional skipper  
 116 Veers suddenly  
 118 Peek or bug ending  
 120 Rider on Butch's handlebars  
 121 Messes (with)  
 124 Texter's "Holy cow!"  
 125 Followers of nus  
 127 NFL overtime margins of victory, often

# Boggle®

## BrainBusters!



INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

### BOGGLE® POINT SCALE

- 3 letters = 1 point
- 4 letters = 2 points
- 5 letters = 3 points
- 6 letters = 4 points
- 7 letters = 6 points
- 8 letters = 10 points
- 9+ letters = 15 points

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- 151+ = Champ
- 101-150 = Expert
- 61 - 100 = Pro
- 31 - 60 = Gamer
- 21 - 30 = Rookie
- 11 - 20 = Amateur
- 0 - 10 = Try again

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



### Boggle® BrainBusters Bonus

We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?

Find SIX SIX-LETTER ELEMENTS in the grid of letters. Write your answers below.

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Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle® BrainBusters:  
TAN RED GRAY TEAL PINK GOLD BLUE WHITE YELLOW

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# SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

# BRIDGE

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

away partner's possible diamond winner, so he discarded a spade. Declarer won the king and led another heart, this time winning dummy's nine. The queen and jack of diamonds were next, shedding a club from dummy, followed by a spade to the ace and a spade ruff. This was the position:

## NORTH

- ♠ A J 7
- ♥ K J 9
- ♦ 9 8 4
- ♣ Q J 10 3

## WEST

- ♠ 10 8 6
- ♥ A Q 7 4
- ♦ 10 7 6 5
- ♣ 8 6

## EAST

- ♠ K Q 9 5 3 2
- ♥ 8 3
- ♦ 2
- ♣ K 9 5 4

## SOUTH

- ♠ 4
- ♥ 10 6 5 2
- ♦ A K Q J 3
- ♣ A 7 2

The bidding:

<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
1♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥*	Dbl	Redbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

\*shortness in spades

## NORTH

- ♠ J
- ♥ K
- ♦ Void
- ♣ 10

## EAST

- ♠ K
- ♥ Void
- ♦ Void
- ♣ K 9

## WEST

- ♠ 10
- ♥ A Q
- ♦ Void
- ♣ Void

## SOUTH

- ♠ Void
- ♥ 10
- ♦ 3
- ♣ A

Opening lead: Eight of ♣

The double of an artificial bid is called a "lead-directing double." Partner is asked to lead that suit. West made such a double, and North, who had denied four hearts, redoubled to show a good three-card holding in hearts. South was Jeff Meckstroth, one of the world's best, and he decided to play it right there.

Dummy's queen of clubs held the first trick, and Meckstroth continued with the jack of clubs for another finesse. When that held, South played a diamond to his ace and led a low heart, winning dummy's jack when West played low. A second diamond came next. East didn't want to ruff

South led his diamond and West was ruined. No matter which card he chose to play, declarer could take two of the last three tricks. Three hearts redoubled making with three redoubled overtricks! Ouch!

A lead-directing double requires enough length and strength in the suit to defeat that contract. West is busy memorizing that advice right now.

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# JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these six Jumbles,  
one letter to each square,  
to form six ordinary words.

S	U	W	E	N	I

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G	R	U	L	F	A

W	H	R	O	N	T

I	N	I	D	O	E

P	L	U	C	T	S

O	L	A	T	A	F



Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

Now arrange the circled letters  
to form the surprise answer,  
as suggested by the above cartoon.

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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# SCRABBLE BRAND

**G**<sub>2</sub> **R**<sub>1</sub> **A**<sub>1</sub> **M**<sub>3</sub> **S**<sub>1</sub>

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E <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>5</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	J <sub>8</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	Double Word Score	RACK 1
I <sub>1</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	G <sub>2</sub>		RACK 2
I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>5</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	4th Letter Triple	RACK 3
E <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	W <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>		RACK 4
A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>		RACK 5

**PAR SCORE 270-280**      **FIVE RACK TOTAL**  
**BEST SCORE 349**      **TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN**

**DIRECTIONS:** Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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# OCT. 11, SUDOKU SOLUTION

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

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# Last Sunday's Puzzle Solved

A	S	A	P		P	U	M	P		S	W	E	L	L		M	E	T	R	O		
S	T	L	O		U	V	E	A		P	O	L	I	O		O	T	H	E	R		
P	O	L	L	Y	B	A	R	G	A	I	N	I	N	G		M	A	O	R	I		
H	O	M	E	E	C		C	A	P	N			C	O	M	E	T	R	U	E		
A	L	A		A	R	S		N	O	D	T	O		S	O	N		E	N	L		
L	I	L		H	A	W	S		O	O	M	P	H		E	T	T	A				
T	E	E	M		W	A	T	E	R	C	A	R	E	S	S		H	U	M	S		
				B	A	L	L	A	D			N	A	R	C		A	P	O	P		
R	A	B	A	T		E	G	G	O	S		H	O	H	O		N	I	L	E		
E	R	A	S	E	S		E	A	V	E					A	N	G	E	L	I	C	
B	A	H		S	P	A	R	R	I	N	G	F	E	V	E	R		L	E	T		
U	N	R	A	T	E	D					S	U	L	U		L	A	H	O	R	E	
S	T	A	R		C	A	M	P			E	V	E	R	T		P	O	W	E	R	
E	X	I	T				N	O	O	K			E	E	R	I	E	R				
S	A	N	E		F	O	L	L	Y	M	A	R	K	E	T		A	C	T	S		
				F	L	A	W		T	Y	R	O	L		A	S	S	T		H	I	T
S	L	R		M	I	A		P	A	R	T	B		S	A	W		A	M	A		
H	O	E	D	O	W	N	S				T	A	R	A		D	I	C	I	E	R	
I	F	E	A	R			T	W	O	B	A	R	O	Q	U	E	G	I	R	L	S	
M	A	Z	D	A			E	A	S	E	L		O	U	T	A		T	E	A	K	
S	T	E	A	L			S	P	U	D	S		K	A	E	L		E	D	G	Y	

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# TODAY'S JUMBLE SOLUTION

# TODAY'S SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

**JUMBLE**

Answer :

UNWISE THROWN SCULPT  
FRUGAL IODINE AFLOAT

Building a moat around the castle

— was a

LAST-DITCH

EFFORT

*SCRABBLE* BRAND GRAMS SOLUTION

J <sub>8</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>5</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>
S <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	G <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>
P <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>5</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>
S <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	W <sub>4</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>
B <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>

RACK 1 =

90

RACK 2 =

63

RACK 3 =

76

RACK 4 =

60

RACK 5 =

60

TOTAL

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PAR SCORE 270-280

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