

# AT PRESENT

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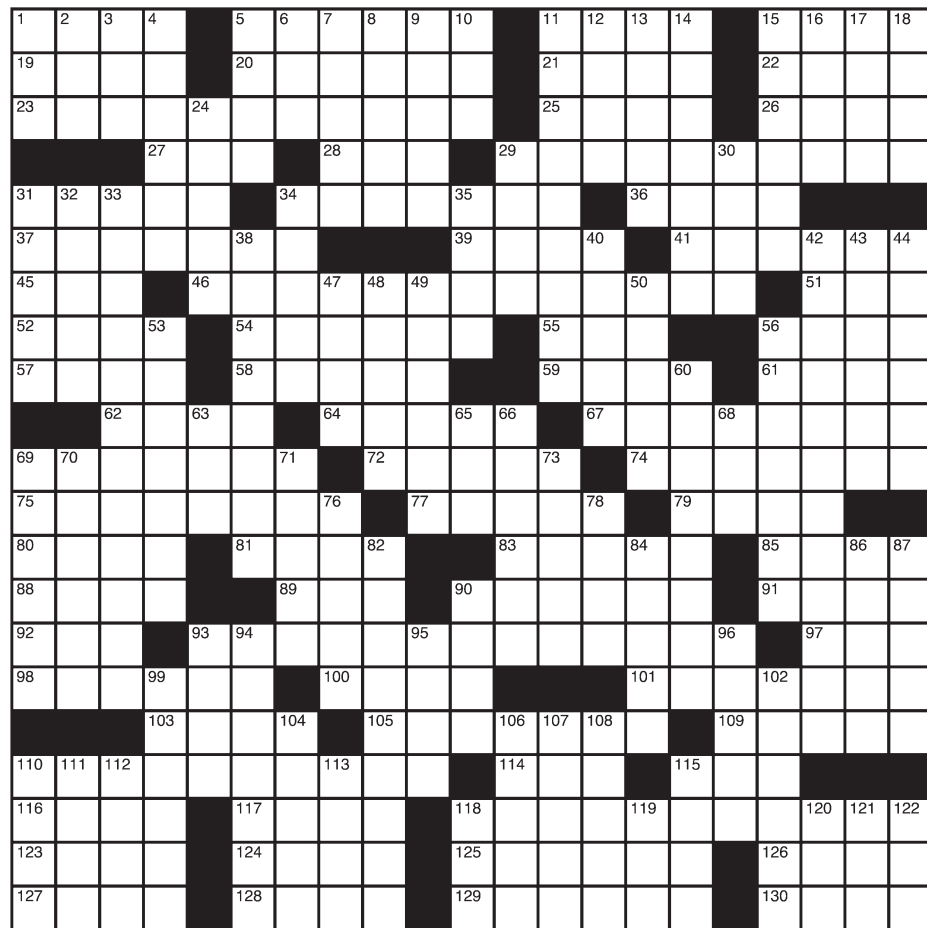
- 1 China problem  
 5 Brought to Broadway  
 11 Clothing fold  
 15 TV talk pioneer  
 19 Like some bears' market predictions  
 20 Happened next  
 21 New Balance competitor  
 22 Bear overhead  
 23 Extra vacation clothes?  
 25 Barely burn  
 26 Reactions to mice, maybe  
 27 Acct. earnings  
 28 2010 title role for Denzel  
 29 Big party for jalopy owners?  
 31 Simply not done  
 34 Trying experiences  
 36 Catamaran mover  
 37 Emergency supplies delivery method  
 39 Coll. drilling group  
 41 Ball game delayers  
 45 "As I see it," in texts  
 46 Clergyman who works wonders?  
 51 "How relaxing!"  
 52 Periscope part  
 54 Wood shop tools  
 55 Mid-Atlantic st.  
 56 Sight from the Sicilian village of Taormina  
 57 Intimate modern message  
 58 Clipped, in a way  
 59 Shrill cry  
 61 Race  
 62 Corn or cotton  
 64 Bores for ore  
 67 Fairy tale food

- 69 Rival of Brom in an 1820 novel  
 72 Pops in the fridge  
 74 Hoisting devices  
 75 Wildly excited  
 77 Classic pops  
 79 Solidify  
 80 Frog's kiddie-lit friend  
 81 Condescending sort  
 83 Photoshop developer  
 85 Mother of the Valkyries  
 88 Makeshift shelters  
 89 "Mr. Blue Sky" band, briefly  
 90 Future litigator's study  
 91 Airport transport  
 92 Virtuoso  
 93 Biker's trail?  
 97 Ristorante suffix  
 98 Upheaval  
 100 Call for  
 101 Puts on the right track  
 103 Evil sitcom organization  
 105 Didn't fill yet, as calendar slots  
 109 They may be rough  
 110 Volga Region daily?  
 114 Sharp turn  
 115 \_\_\_ premium  
 116 Traveling  
 117 Cantina cooker  
 118 Bees battling over nectar?  
 123 "In your dreams"  
 124 Wiped out  
 125 Friendly court contest  
 126 Toledo's lake  
 127 Delighted  
 128 Three-part figs.  
 129 Mouth formations  
 130 Identical

## DOWN

- 1 They may be writable  
 2 Fanny pack spot

- 3 Portfolio element, for short  
 4 Game division  
 5 Reserved \_\_\_  
 6 Demolition aid  
 7 Sunflower relative  
 8 Artisan group  
 9 Like many King novels  
 10 RMN was his VP  
 11 Analytical write-up  
 12 Iris locale  
 13 Punto and Bravo  
 14 China setting  
 15 Colorado county or its seat  
 16 Geometry figure  
 17 Sets a price of  
 18 Reckless  
 24 Vast, in verse  
 29 Voting coalition  
 30 Baptism, e.g.  
 31 Formal affair wear  
 32 Singer Mann  
 33 Swindler at a New York zoo?  
 34 Media mogul with a Presidential Medal of Freedom  
 35 Mars, to the Greeks  
 38 Drips on the driveway  
 40 Move like ivy  
 42 Gave stars to kippers?  
 43 Run  
 44 Portfolio units  
 47 Elementary bit  
 48 Matthews of "Hardball"  
 49 Fab Four name  
 50 Sanction  
 53 Leaves high and dry  
 56 Flier's printout  
 60 Competition with slashing  
 63 2001 honor for J.K. Rowling



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- 65 Suffix with stamp  
 66 Much of Libya  
 68 Genetic messenger  
 69 "Maybe even less"  
 70 Catching position  
 71 Enjoyed some courses  
 73 It's usually not a hit  
 76 2014 U.S. Senior Open winner Montgomerie  
 78 Diva highlights  
 82 Jerks  
 84 Relay stick  
 86 Poet who feuded with  
 Pope Boniface VIII  
 87 Off the mark  
 90 Advanced degs.  
 93 Bring up  
 94 14-legged crustaceans  
 95 Equipment  
 96 Connect with  
 99 Signed off on  
 102 One of four singing brothers  
 104 Corporate division  
 106 Form of oxygen  
 107 Comic strip frame  
 108 Spew out  
 110 Strong flavor  
 111 Mil. no-show  
 112 Appetizer in una taberna  
 113 Not leave things to chance  
 115 Fakes being  
 118 Mortar trough  
 119 Word of support  
 120 One may be padded  
 121 Intention  
 122 Driving need?

# 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.

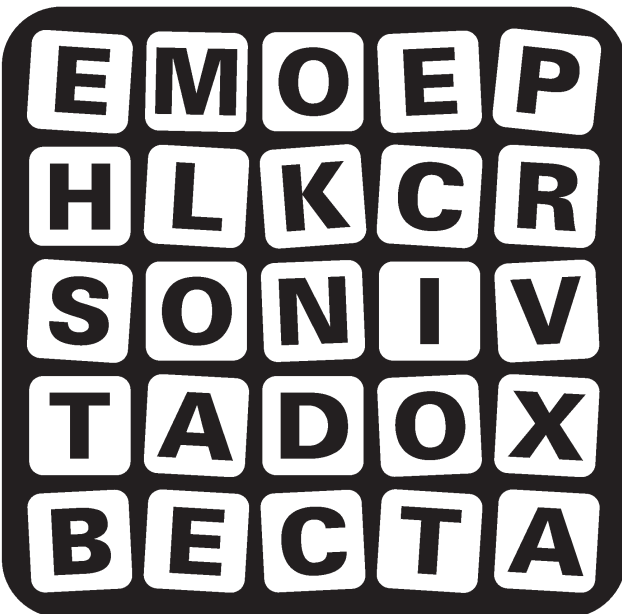
## BOGGLE® POINT SCALE

- 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

## YOUR BOGGLE® RATING

- 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 **EIGHT WORDS RELATING TO MONEY** in the grid of letters. Write your answers below.

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Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle® BrainBusters:  
DONKEY MONKEY JAGUAR TURTLE GERBIL COUGAR

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# SUDOKU

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

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

# BRIDGE

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

## NORTH

♠ K Q 10 4  
♥ A K 9 6  
♦ Q 9 8 7  
♣ A

## WEST

♠ A 7 5  
♥ J 2  
♦ J 3 2  
♣ Q J 8 7 3

## EAST

♠ J 9 8 2  
♥ Q 7 4  
♦ K 10 6 5  
♣ K 6

## SOUTH

♠ 6 3  
♥ 10 8 5 3  
♦ A 4  
♣ 10 9 5 4 2

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

Today's deal is from an important event in Europe earlier this year. South was Roy Welland, an American star now living in Europe and playing for Germany. Welland has represented the USA on many occasions, but has relocated for love.

Declarer won the opening club lead with dummy's ace and led the king of spades. West won with his ace and shifted to a low trump, taken by dummy's ace. Welland next led a diamond to his ace, followed by a low diamond, inserting dummy's eight when West played low. East won with the 10 and led the king of

clubs, ruffed in dummy. Welland now led the queen of diamonds, pinning West's jack. This was covered by East with the king and ruffed by South. A trump to dummy's king left this position:

## NORTH

♠ Q 10 4  
♥ 9  
♦ 9  
♣ Void

## WEST

♠ 7 5  
♥ Void  
♦ Void  
♣ J 8 7

## EAST

♠ J 9 8  
♥ Q  
♦ 6  
♣ Void

## SOUTH

♠ 6  
♥ 10  
♦ Void  
♣ 10 9 5

Welland cashed the nine of diamonds, discarding his spade, and ruffed a spade. When he next ruffed a club in dummy, East had a "Hobson's Choice" — he could discard and allow this ruff to be Welland's needed extra trick, or overruff and lead a spade into the board's queen-10 to give 10 tricks that way. Beautifully played!

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# AUGUST 23, SUDOKU SOLUTION

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

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## Last Sunday's Puzzle Solved

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

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# TODAY'S JUMBLE SOLUTION

# TODAY'S SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

**JUMBLE®**

**Answer :**

PACKET HYMNAL MEADOW PALACE  
FINALE PIGLET

The stands at the baseball game

were —

“TEAMING”

WITH PEOPLE

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N<sub>1</sub> I<sub>1</sub> A<sub>1</sub> C<sub>3</sub> I<sub>1</sub> N<sub>1</sub> S<sub>1</sub>

S<sub>1</sub> A<sub>1</sub> N<sub>1</sub> D<sub>2</sub> L<sub>1</sub> O<sub>1</sub> T<sub>1</sub>

L<sub>1</sub> E<sub>1</sub> U<sub>1</sub> C<sub>3</sub> O<sub>1</sub> M<sub>3</sub> A<sub>1</sub>

S<sub>1</sub> Y<sub>4</sub> R<sub>1</sub> I<sub>1</sub> N<sub>1</sub> G<sub>2</sub> E<sub>1</sub>

T<sub>1</sub> H<sub>4</sub> O<sub>1</sub> R<sub>1</sub> I<sub>1</sub> T<sub>1</sub> E<sub>1</sub>

**PAR SCORE 255-265**

RACK 1 =

RACK 2 =

RACK 3 =

RACK 4 =

RACK 5 =

TOTAL

**59**

**62**

**61**

**61**

**70**

**313**

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