WHODUNIT DETECTIVE PUZZLE PACK

Detective Word Search

Volume 1

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How To Play

- Find all the hidden detective words in the letter grid.
- Words can run across, down, diagonal, forwards or backwards.
- Circle each word you find. The word list is under the grid.
- Answers showing every word location are at the back.

Puzzle 1

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

Find: STATION, TRUTH, WEAPON, LIGHTHOUSE, MAP, EVIDENCE, CASE, ROBBERY, JEWEL, INFORMANT, ESCAPE, PARTNER

Puzzle 2

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

Find: LEDGER, THIEF, CAMERA, FOG, THUNDER, CHASE, TRAIL, MAGNIFIER, LANTERN, SUSPECT, JEWEL, ARREST

Puzzle 3

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

Find: THUNDER, HIDEOUT, SECRET, LIE, DEDUCE, WEAPON, SEIZE, TRAIN, CAPTURE, BRIDGE, KEY, COMPASS

Puzzle 4

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

Find: VICTIM, ARREST, WITNESS, LOCK, GANGSTER, TRAIL, LIE, KEY, MOTIVE, LEDGER, NOTEBOOK, MAGNIFIER

Puzzle 5

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

Find: STATION, HIDDEN, THIEF, FOOTPRINT, HUNCH, INNOCENT, MAP, PARTNER, WINDOW, RUBY, BRIDGE, LOCK

Puzzle 6

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

Find: FOG, DOSSIER, LIGHTHOUSE, COMPASS, TRAIL, SLEUTH, DETECTIVE, CAMERA, THUNDER, ALIBI, ARREST, SEARCH

Puzzle 7

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

Find: DISGUISE, ARREST, TUNNEL, DOCK, MIDNIGHT, MYSTERY, TOWER, HIDEOUT, SHADOW, MAP, MANSION, COMPASS

Puzzle 8

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

Find: WINDOW, CRIME, CELL, KEY, SHADOW, PARTNER, DETECTIVE, EVIDENCE, RUBY, BANK, LANTERN, ALIBI

Puzzle 9

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

Find: VICTIM, SECRET, DISGUISE, PEARL, RAIN, VAULT, KEY, HIDDEN, OFFICE, INNOCENT, CHIEF, CASE

Puzzle 10

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

Find: DOSSIER, BRIDGE, TRAIN, COMPASS, THIEF, ALIBI, BURGLAR, RUBY, CAPTURE, CHASE, VICTIM, LANTERN

Answer Key

Puzzle 1

STATION: row 8, column 12, up

TRUTH: row 3, column 7, across

WEAPON: row 5, column 6, backwards

LIGHTHOUSE: row 7, column 2, across

MAP: row 9, column 1, diagonal down-right

EVIDENCE: row 8, column 4, across

CASE: row 12, column 1, diagonal up-right

ROBBERY: row 10, column 11, backwards

JEWEL: row 3, column 5, backwards

INFORMANT: row 4, column 11, backwards

ESCAPE: row 2, column 9, backwards

PARTNER: row 1, column 1, across

Puzzle 2

LEDGER: row 8, column 11, up

THIEF: row 3, column 1, diagonal down-right

CAMERA: row 1, column 6, backwards

FOG: row 7, column 4, diagonal up-right

THUNDER: row 4, column 6, diagonal down-right

CHASE: row 8, column 1, diagonal up-right

TRAIL: row 9, column 5, across

MAGNIFIER: row 3, column 10, diagonal down-left

LANTERN: row 11, column 10, backwards

SUSPECT: row 3, column 9, backwards

JEWEL: row 2, column 1, across

ARREST: row 1, column 12, down

Puzzle 3

THUNDER: row 1, column 4, across

HIDEOUT: row 3, column 12, backwards

SECRET: row 9, column 12, up

LIE: row 11, column 3, backwards

DEDUCE: row 11, column 12, backwards

WEAPON: row 2, column 1, down

SEIZE: row 7, column 7, diagonal down-right

TRAIN: row 4, column 6, across

CAPTURE: row 3, column 5, down

BRIDGE: row 6, column 7, diagonal up-right

KEY: row 8, column 11, backwards

COMPASS: row 5, column 6, down

Answer Key (continued)

Puzzle 4

VICTIM: row 1, column 10, backwards

ARREST: row 6, column 7, diagonal down-left

WITNESS: row 6, column 2, diagonal down-right

LOCK: row 2, column 11, down

GANGSTER: row 4, column 2, diagonal down-right

TRAIL: row 6, column 10, up

LIE: row 5, column 5, diagonal up-left

KEY: row 6, column 6, diagonal down-right

MOTIVE: row 10, column 7, diagonal up-right

LEDGER: row 7, column 12, diagonal down-left

NOTEBOOK: row 10, column 1, diagonal up-right

MAGNIFIER: row 2, column 4, diagonal down-right

Puzzle 5

STATION: row 2, column 1, across

HIDDEN: row 4, column 11, down

THIEF: row 9, column 10, up

FOOTPRINT: row 4, column 1, diagonal down-right

HUNCH: row 10, column 2, across

INNOCENT: row 3, column 9, backwards

MAP: row 11, column 1, across

PARTNER: row 4, column 4, diagonal down-right

WINDOW: row 12, column 7, backwards

RUBY: row 4, column 9, diagonal down-left

BRIDGE: row 8, column 12, up

LOCK: row 7, column 9, diagonal up-left

Puzzle 6

FOG: row 8, column 12, down

DOSSIER: row 2, column 3, diagonal down-right

LIGHTHOUSE: row 3, column 11, diagonal down-left

COMPASS: row 6, column 3, down

TRAIL: row 11, column 4, across

SLEUTH: row 11, column 2, up

DETECTIVE: row 11, column 10, diagonal up-left

CAMERA: row 6, column 12, up

THUNDER: row 1, column 6, diagonal down-right

ALIBI: row 4, column 8, diagonal down-left

ARREST: row 12, column 9, backwards

SEARCH: row 3, column 1, down

Answer Key (continued)

Puzzle 7

DISGUISE: row 1, column 10, diagonal down-left

ARREST: row 12, column 1, up

TUNNEL: row 12, column 7, across

DOCK: row 10, column 5, diagonal up-right

MIDNIGHT: row 4, column 2, across

MYSTERY: row 11, column 9, up

TOWER: row 10, column 2, up

HIDEOUT: row 2, column 2, across

SHADOW: row 3, column 2, across

MAP: row 9, column 11, down

MANSION: row 1, column 9, backwards

COMPASS: row 2, column 12, down

Puzzle 8

WINDOW: row 1, column 4, across

CRIME: row 6, column 9, diagonal up-left

CELL: row 10, column 12, backwards

KEY: row 7, column 9, down

SHADOW: row 4, column 10, down

PARTNER: row 7, column 12, up

DETECTIVE: row 2, column 4, across

EVIDENCE: row 10, column 1, across

RUBY: row 6, column 3, down

BANK: row 6, column 11, down

LANTERN: row 9, column 7, diagonal up-left

ALIBI: row 11, column 7, across

Puzzle 9

VICTIM: row 12, column 4, diagonal up-right

SECRET: row 10, column 4, up

DISGUISE: row 10, column 11, diagonal up-left

PEARL: row 1, column 12, down

RAIN: row 4, column 8, across

VAULT: row 11, column 10, diagonal up-left

KEY: row 5, column 9, backwards

HIDDEN: row 11, column 2, up

OFFICE: row 7, column 11, diagonal down-left

INNOCENT: row 3, column 3, down

CHIEF: row 2, column 5, across

CASE: row 4, column 1, diagonal up-right

Answer Key (continued)

Puzzle 10

DOSSIER: row 7, column 7, backwards

BRIDGE: row 9, column 4, across

TRAIN: row 3, column 6, across

COMPASS: row 5, column 4, across

THIEF: row 2, column 10, backwards

ALIBI: row 11, column 2, across

BURGLAR: row 6, column 5, across

RUBY: row 2, column 11, down

CAPTURE: row 12, column 6, across

CHASE: row 8, column 12, up

VICTIM: row 8, column 9, backwards

LANTERN: row 4, column 8, backwards

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