Christmas Puzzles

MISSING LINK

Each pair of words has a missing word between them that acts as a link to both (e.g. FRONT – DOOR – MAT). The initial letters of the six answers (reading downwards) will spell out a tree.

STERLING	– – – – – –	**LINING**
SALMON	– – – –	**GIN**
TRUNK	– – – –	**RAGE**
TURN	– –	**START**
WEDDING	– – – –	**WALK**
DEAF	– – –	**TRUMPET**

SUDOKU

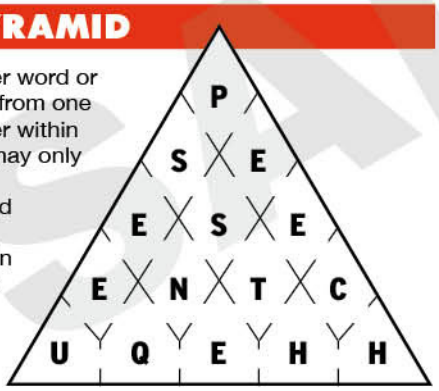
There is just one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

This is a logic puzzle, and you should not have to guess.

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

WORD PYRAMID

Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any of the chambers.



BOX CLEVER

Fill the 6 x 6 grid with as many boxes as there are numbers printed in the grid. Each box must be either square or rectangular and must contain just one of the numbers. The numbers show how many squares there should be in each box.

				6	
	2			3	
		4			2
4					
				6	
		9			

NONAGRAM

W	O	N
F	S	T
R	I	D

How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

Guidelines: 15 Good; 18 Very Good; 21 Excellent.

Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

PATHWORDS

Starting from the central shaded letter, move one letter at a time (up, down, right or left, but not diagonally) to find 17 typical Christmas gifts.

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

TRANSFORMER

Add the given letter or letters to the first word to make a new word.

_ _ _ _ + B

= B _ _ _ _

Clue: Alcohol made out of slimy mud.

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

What words link the following definitions?

_ _ _ T _

1. a side;
2. a group of people;
3. a social gathering;
4. those involved in something.

MAGIC SQUARE

GREETING CARD IDEA

From the 16 letters of the phrase above, find four words which fit the grid so that they can be read both horizontally and vertically.

SAMPLE

SODUKU: Left

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

MISSING LINK:
silver; pink; road; up; cake; ear.
Tree: spruce.

WORD PYRAMID:
The Queen's Speech.

PATHWORDS:
calendar; socks; poinsettia; chocolate; book token; aftershave; potpourri; gloves; diary; mulled wine; scarf; slippers; DVD; pen; sweater; shortbread; book.

TRANSFORMER:
Ooze + B = Booze.

TRAIN OF THOUGHT
Party.

NONAGRAM:
disown; dost; first; fist; foist; forts; frons; frost; frowst; rosin; sift; snit; snort; snot; snow; SNOWDRIFT; soft; sort; sown; stir; stow; strow; strown; swift; sword; sworn; swot; wist; worst; wrist.

MAGIC SQUARE:
tare; acid; ring; edge.

BOX CLEVER

			9		
	6				
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