WORDSEARCH PUZZLE

Instructions and Solutions
ThinkFun’s Brain Fitness games are designed as a fun way to help you exercise your brain. The 80 challenges will stretch your mental muscles and strengthen speed, focus, and memory. We recommend that you start with the beginner level and work through the challenges progressively. Just 15 minutes of play a day will reduce stress and provide a good brain workout. You’re on your way to a healthier brain!

For word search lovers who want a little extra brain workout, this is the game for you! In this amalgamation of polyominoes and word search, players select a challenge and then place the pieces onto the challenge so that the letters under each piece spell a word either forward or backward. Not only will this game give your vocabulary a run for its money, it will strengthen your visual perception and reasoning skills.

Includes:
- 80 Challenges
- 8 Puzzle Pieces
- Instructions & Solutions
Object:

Use the colored Puzzle Pieces to cover all the letters printed on your challenge card. Each puzzle piece must cover a single word that can be read forward or backward (not scrambled) and no blank spaces can appear under a Puzzle Piece.

Setup:

1. Select a challenge from the challenge booklet.

2. Select the required Puzzle Pieces as shown on the right side of each challenge card:

   ![Puzzle Piece Symbols]

   – Select only the Puzzle Pieces shown.

   ![Puzzle Piece Symbols]

   – All Puzzle Pieces are used.

   ![Puzzle Piece Symbols]

   – The number of question marks equals the number of pieces you need to use but you will have to decide which pieces they are!
Steps To Play:

1. Place the colored Puzzle Pieces on the challenge so the letters under each Puzzle Piece spell a single, complete word when read forward or backward. For a correct solution:
   
   a. Words covered correctly by a Puzzle Piece will not be scrambled.
   
   b. Puzzle Pieces must be entirely within the challenge boundary.
   
   c. All letters on the challenge must be covered by Puzzle Pieces.
   
   d. No portion of a Puzzle Piece can cover an empty spot.
   
   e. When an icon is shown on the grid, use the word that represents the icon to make up a word. For example, “B”, “R” and “&” can be combined to make the word “BRAND.” Be careful with challenge 80, we’ve made it especially tricky!

   Example:

   ![Correctly solved challenge](image1.png) ![Blank challenge](image2.png)

2. When every letter is covered and all colored pieces spell a word, YOU WIN!
ACCEPTABLE WORDS:

Word Search Puzzle challenges use only words that can be found in a standard English dictionary. Abbreviations, prefixes or suffixes are not used, nor are words requiring a hyphen or an apostrophe, nor are proper nouns that require a capital letter.

About the Inventor:

Derrick Niederman has been creating word and number puzzles for more than thirty years. His first crossword puzzle was published by the New York Times in 1981, the same year he earned his Ph.D. in mathematics from MIT. Dozens of Niederman’s crossword puzzles have been published in the Times and other leading publications. Niederman has published several volumes of math puzzles and is the author of the recreational mathematics book *Number Freak* as well as the co-author of the quantitative reasoning classic, *What the Numbers Say*. Niederman is also the creator of the geometric puzzle 36 Cube, introduced by ThinkFun in 2008.

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Solutions – Intermediate

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EMU
GRAM
NURSE

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HERON
RAID
TYPE
WASTE

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BOOST
OOPS
SHOO
ZOO

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CITY
ICY
IMPY
LYRIC

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ARLY (RAL)
GLOVE
VAN

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BUY
DUTY
JUMPY
JURY
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TRUELY
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AVID (DIVA)
LIVE (EVIL)
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VALID
VALVE
VIE

BISHOPRIC
CROOKED
KNIGHTHOOD
QUEENLY
SPAWNING
STRIKING

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PANDA
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