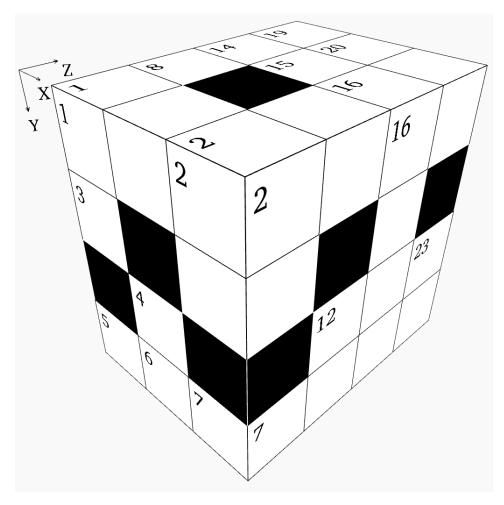


# **Box - Challenging Puzzle #15**



This puzzle is like a crossword, but with numbers. Each digit occupies a 3D block and can be a part of a "word" in the X,Y, and Z directions.

#### **Rules:**

- 1. "Words" may not start with a zero.
- 2. "Words" in the X direction read from left to right.
- 3. "Words" in the Y direction read from top to bottom.
- 4. "Words" in the Z direction read from front to back.
- 5. There is one unique solution which satisfies all the clues given below.
- 6. Some "words" may not have clues. They will be determined by the "words" which intersect them.

If we take the box pictured above and divide it into individual X-Y layers, we will get these planes:

| 1 |   | 2 | 8  |    |    | 14 | 15 | 16 | 19 | 20 |    |
|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 3 |   |   | 9  | 10 |    | 17 |    |    | 21 |    |    |
|   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|   | 4 |   | 11 |    | 12 | 18 |    |    | 22 |    | 23 |
|   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 13 |    |    |    |    |    |    | 24 |    |
|   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

#### **X** Direction

- 1 Y15 reversed
- **5** Mean of X1 and Y1
- **9** X24 divided by three
- **11** X1 plus Y19
- **13** Forty-three times X9
- **14** A prime number
- 17 Thirty-nine times a prime number
- **18** Y15 plus X9
- **19** Seven times a prime number
- 21 Y4 reversed
- **22** Twice a prime number
- **24** Six times a prime number

### **Y Direction**

- **1** Z6 plus Z15
- **2** A square
- 4 X21 reversed
- 8 Z7 minus Y2
- 10 Thirty-five times X9
- **12** X24 plus Z6
- **14** Three times Z2
- 15 X1 reversed
- **16** Thirty-one times a square
- **19** Six times a prime number
- **20** Mean of Y14 and X19
- 23 Twice a prime number

#### **Z** Direction

- 1 Y15 times X24
- 2 A prime number
- **3** Z2 minus Y23
- **4** Last two digits are the same as last two digits of X22
- **5** Y10 minus half of Y19
- **6** Y16 divided by Y23
- **7** Twice a prime number
- **10** A prime number
- **11** Twice a prime number
- **12** Six times a prime number
- **15** Z4 divided by Z12

## **Solution:**

| 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 |   | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 |   | 6 | 1 | 4 |   | f | 4 | 1 | 5 | 9 |   |
|   | ٩ |   | 8 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 6 |
| 3 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 1 |   | 0 |   | 4 | 2 |