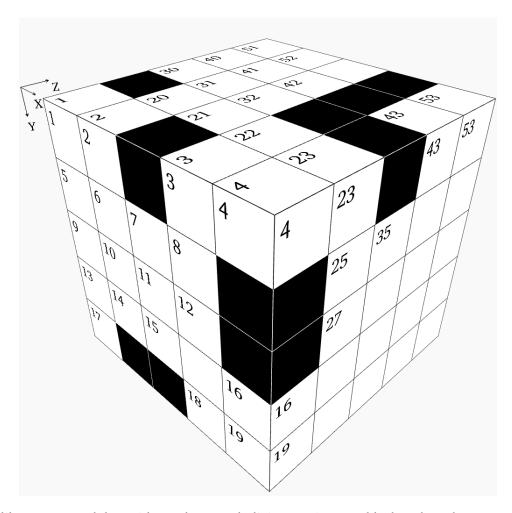


# Cube - Hard Puzzle #31



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 cube pictured above and divide it into individual X-Y layers, we will get these planes:

| 1  | 2  |    | 3  | 3  | 4  |    |    | 20 | 21 | 22 | 2  | 23 | 30 | 31 | 32 |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 3  |    |    | 24 |    |    |    | 2  | 25 | 33 |    |    | 34 | 35 |
| 9  | 10 | 11 |    | 12 |    |    | 26 |    |    |    | 2  | 27 | 36 |    |    |    |    |
| 13 | 14 | 15 |    |    | 16 |    | 28 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 37 | 38 |    |
| 17 |    |    |    | 18 | 19 |    |    |    |    | 29 |    |    |    |    | 39 |    |    |
|    |    |    | 40 |    | 41 | 42 |    | 43 |    | 51 | 52 |    |    | 53 | 3  |    |    |
|    |    |    | 44 |    |    |    |    |    |    | 54 |    |    | 55 | j  |    |    |    |
|    |    |    | 45 |    |    |    | 46 |    |    |    |    | 56 |    |    |    |    |    |
|    |    |    |    |    |    | 47 |    |    |    | 57 | 58 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|    |    |    | 48 |    | 49 |    | 50 |    |    | 59 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

#### X Direction

- 1 A square
- Mean of Y52 and X48
- **5** Three times a prime number
- 9 Z27 plus X56
- **13** First two digits are the same as first two digits of X30
- 18 X37 minus X54
- 20 X24 minus Y56
- **24** Ninety-two times X37
- **26** Twelve thousand fifty-one more than
- 28 Mean of Y24 and Z38
- 29 Mean of X37 and X50
- **30** Mean of Y40 and X48
- **33** Fourteen thousand five hundred forty-seven more than Y32
- **36** Eight thousand six hundred eighty-six **41** Four times a prime number less than Y3
- 37 Z38 minus Z3
- **39** A palindrome
- **40** Y22 plus X48
- **44** Eleven times X55
- 45 X39 minus Y56
- 46 X48 minus X45
- **47** Z11 minus X55
- **48** Mean of Z49 and Y52
- **50** Z4 plus X55
- **51** X50 plus half of Y41
- 54 Mean of X1 and Z43
- 55 Y46 minus X37
- **56** Three times a prime number
- **57** One thousand two hundred fifty less than Z18
- **59** X28 times Z43

#### Y Direction

- **1** X26 divided by seven
- Twenty-three times a prime number
- **3** Twice the result of Z6 minus X29
- 7 Mean of Z38 and Y24
- **16** Z43 minus X45
- **20** Twenty-four times a prime number
- 21 Y46 times Y16
- 22 Y31 minus X50
- 23 A prime number
- **24** Z25 minus X39
- **30** Ninety-eight times a prime number
- 31 Z13 plus X37
- **32** Thirty-eight times a prime number
- **34** Ten times a prime number
- 35 Z4 plus Y7
- **40** A prime number
- 42 Half of X3
- 43 Seventeen times a prime number
- **46** Twice Z43
- **51** Mean of X57 and Y31
- 52 Y42 plus X45
- 53 Ninety-two times a prime number
- 55 Nine times X51
- **56** Twice a prime number
- **58** X3 plus X55

## **Z** Direction

- 2 Two hundred seventy more than Z18
- 3 X18 minus X3
- **4** Y35 minus X28
- **5** Mean of Z17 and X40
- **6** Five times a prime number
- X13 minus half of Y20
- **8** Four times a prime number
- 9 Mean of Z12 and Y34
- **10** Six times a prime number
- **11** Three times a prime number
- **12** Ten times a prime number
- 13 Twice the result of X37 minus X1
- **14** A square
- 15 Eight thousand six hundred twenty-five more than Y43
- **16** A prime number
- 17 Three times a prime number
- 18 Two thousand five hundred forty-nine less than X59
- **19** One thousand nine hundred twenty-one less than Z2
- **21** Twenty-three times a prime number
- **25** A cube
- **27** Z30 times X48
- **30** Mean of Z13 and Y16
- **38** Mean of Y52 and X40
- 43 X59 divided by Y7
- 49 X18 minus Y52

# **Solution:**

| 1 | 6 |   | 3 | , | 4 |   |   | 9 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 1        |   | 3 | 7 |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 9 | 9 |   |   | 1 |   | 0 | 2 | 1 |   | 2 | 9        |   | 0 | 6 | 6 | 1 |
| 4 | 3 | 6 | 8 |   |   | 7 |   | 9 | 8 | 8 |   | 4 | 3        |   | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| 1 | 3 | 8 | 1 |   | 5 | 9 |   | 6 | 8 |   |   | 7 | 0        |   |   | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 |   |   | 6 |   | 5 | 3 |   |   |   | 9 |   | 7 | 6        |   |   | 4 | 0 | 4 |
|   |   |   | 2 | 5 | 1 |   |   | 7 |   | 3 | 3 | 1 | ł        |   | 4 |   |   |   |
|   |   |   | 4 | 0 | 1 | } |   | 9 |   | 4 | 5 |   |          | 3 | 7 |   |   |   |
|   |   |   | 1 | 8 |   |   | 1 | 5 |   | 0 |   | 3 | 3        | 0 | 9 |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |   | 6 | , | 4 | 4 |   | 6 | 7 | 8 | 3        | 3 | 3 |   |   |   |
|   |   |   | 3 | 3 |   |   | 8 | 3 |   | 7 | 1 | 6 | <b>,</b> | 3 | 2 |   |   |   |