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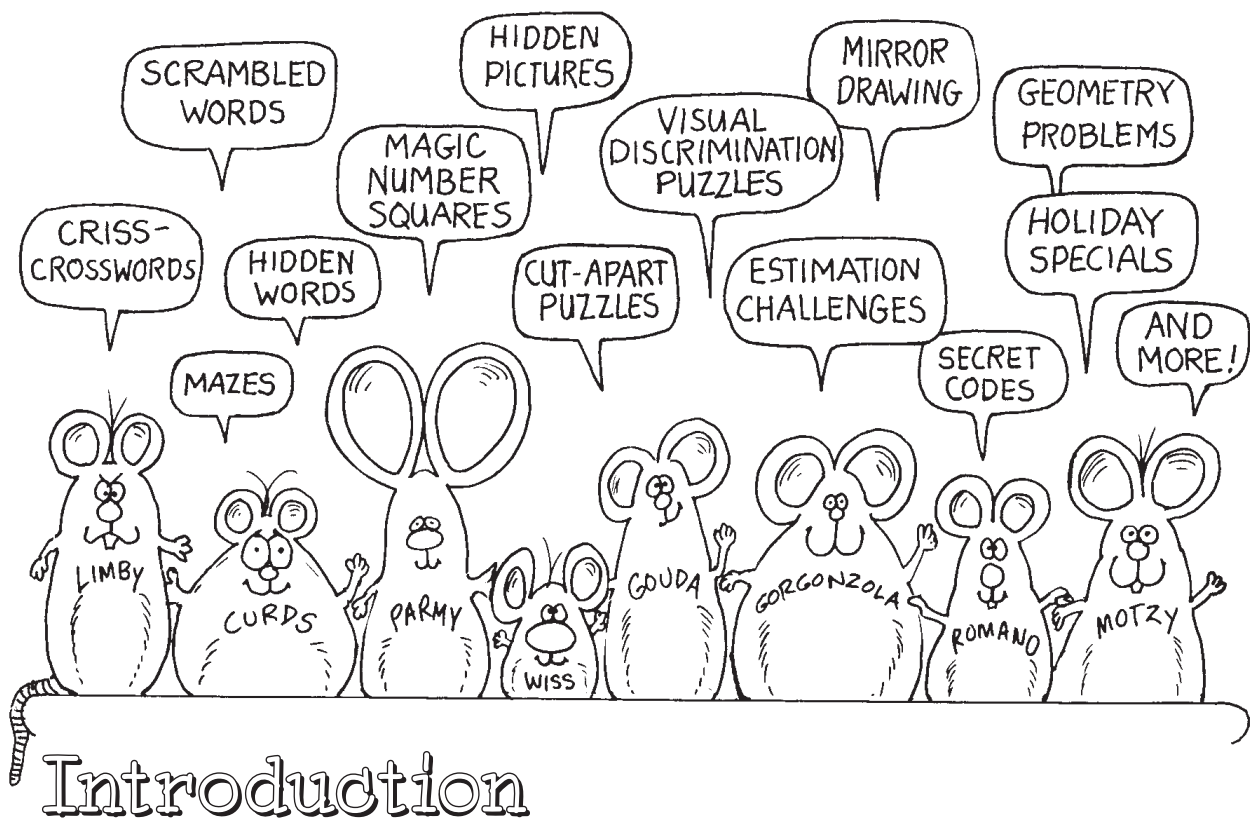
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An awesome array of all kinds of puzzles and plenty of fun for your upper-elementary students awaits you in these newly revised Puzzlers books. These books provide special activities for you to use during the school year.

In each book you'll find some pages that will be easy for your students, and some that might be quite hard. Be careful! What seems easy to one person may prove difficult for someone else.

Many of the puzzles in this book are word puzzles that stretch students' vocabularies in particular word categories, or test their decoding skills and recognition of common spelling patterns. Other puzzles are designed to strengthen students' abilities to use visual thinking—a powerful tool for problem solving that is often overlooked in the classroom.

All of the puzzles in this book are intended to challenge, to amuse, and to provoke students into seeing and thinking creatively. As they work toward solutions, students will also practice problem-solving strategies, such as discovering patterns, guess-and-check, logical reasoning, devising systematic approaches, and making organized lists.

Turn to the Puzzlers series whenever you want a break from the usual classroom routine, or to put to good use those spare moments right after lunch or recess and at the end of the school day. You might want to duplicate the pages and keep them on hand for “class tournaments,” a rainy-day event in which students compare their answers and find a class champion. Or you can give them to students who finish their in-class assignments early.

Your own special “puzzle file” may be in a desk drawer, a three-ring binder, or even just a manila folder. Wherever it is, you’ll want to keep it stocked with your favorite Puzzlers. And if you don’t already have such a file, why not start one?

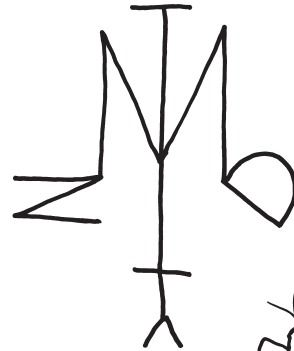
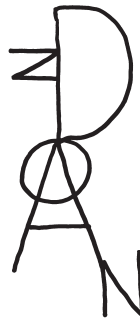
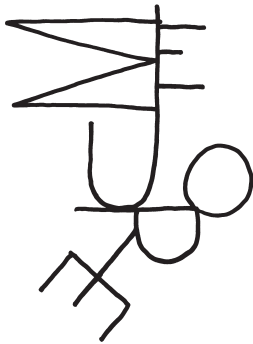
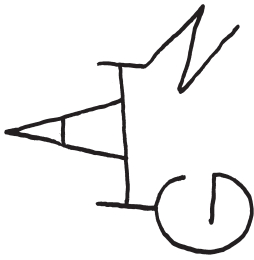
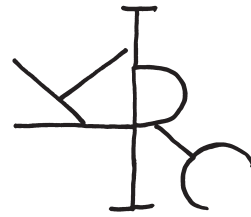
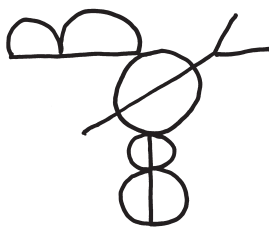
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Name Scramble



Unscramble the letter groups below to reveal the names of some of Marvel's classmates. Maybe your name will be one of them!



Challenge: Make your own letter groups for classmates to solve.

Same # Name

Marvel sits next to John in class. What would John's name be if he were in a classroom in another country? Help Wiss unscramble the names of the countries and then connect the countries to the appropriate names. If you get stuck, go to the library or use the Internet to help you.

1. LYATI

2. SISURA

3. ANDLIER

4. RAILAATUS

5. CONDALTS

6. ICXEMO

7. REGNAMY

8. RANECF

JEAN

IAN

JOHN

GIOVANNI

SEAN

IVAN

JOHANN

JUAN



Class Tournament

Make the shortest word possible ending with the letter on each line. Each letter counts as one point. An unfinished line counts as two points. The winner is the person with the **least** points.

- | | |
|------------|-------------|
| 1. _____ O | 10. _____ D |
| 2. _____ P | 11. _____ A |
| 3. _____ T | 12. _____ W |
| 4. _____ R | 13. _____ N |
| 5. _____ X | 14. _____ K |
| 6. _____ L | 15. _____ F |
| 7. _____ M | 16. _____ S |
| 8. _____ B | 17. _____ G |
| 9. _____ E | 18. _____ H |



Challenge: Try to make the longest word possible ending with the letter on each line. An unfinished line now counts as zero. The winner this time is the person with the **most** points.

Computer Classic

Wiss will be using a computer in class this year. Help him find fourteen hidden computer words in the sentences below. Be careful—some words are backward! The first one is done for you.

1. LUCY STANDS BY TERRY.
2. GOOD DOGS DON'T BITE CHILDREN.
3. D. V. DOBBS IS GETTING A NEW COMPUTER GAME.
4. DOES MARCIA KEEP COOKIES IN THIS JAR?
5. SHE STUDIED EGYPTIANS AND ROMANS.
6. STEWART ASKED LUCY TO MARRY HIM.
7. JASMINE WANTS TO BROWSE RASHEED'S PAPER.
8. MY THREAD IS KNOTTED!
9. DO YOU KNOW WHY ROME MISSED THE TRACK MEET?
10. AUNT TILLY MADE ONE OF HER FAMED OMELETS FOR BRUNCH.
11. DO ALL DUCKS HAVE WEBBED FEET?
12. I SAW THE FLEETING RABBIT SPRINT ERRATICALLY ACROSS THE FIELD.
13. SEE MS. MIKILU BY TERRY JONES.
14. DOES YOUR BACKPACK HAVE RED TRIM ON IT OR NOT?



Planetary ZZZs

After the latest space shuttle mission, Wiss is dreaming about the planets. Help him find the names of nine planets on this page.

