

COMPUTING - WORD PUZZLES & CROSS WORDS

TASK: Make a Wonder Word or Crossword puzzle on a theme.

PROGRAM: Microsoft Publisher

SKILLS: Using tables effectively, adding clip art, using Word Art


TIME: 2 weeks.


Wonder Word (Beginner)



1. Write down 10 words about a theme (eg. animals)
2. Open Publisher and start a new, blank document.
3. At the top of your page use Word Art to make a heading for your
4. puzzle.
5. Next choose the Table Frame Tool and drag out a rectangle under your heading.
6. Decide how many rows and columns to use. If you're not sure, try
7. 12 X 12. You should now have a grid.
8. Using capitals, hide your words in the grid putting one letter in each cell. Put random letters in your remaining cells to make your puzzle tricky.
9. Click and drag to highlight the grid. Centre your text and outline your grid. You do this by clicking on the Line/Border Style icon and choosing 'More Styles'. Click on 'Grid', then OK.
10. Under your grid, type the words to find. You may like to write these in another 2 column table.
11. Finish off your puzzle with clip art relating to the theme.
12. Check with the teacher before printing.

Animals

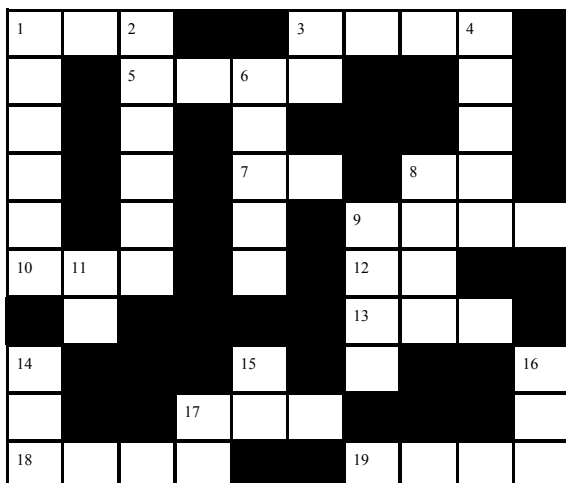
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 Pig
 Koala
 Mouse


 Squid
 Donkey
 Duck

Cross Word (Advanced)



- Making a Cross Word is similar to making a Wonder Word except that you'll be using more advanced tables skills.
- Start by planning your Cross Word on paper since your answers need to fit in exactly the right places. Come up with about 10 questions with simple answers—try to keep to a theme.
- Make a table as explained above. To 'black out' certain squares, highlight the cell you want to black out and choose the 'Fill Colour' icon (looks like a paint can), clicking on black.
- Type in numbers in your squares using a very small font, say 7 or 8.
- When your Cross Word is finished type in your Across and Down clues in order.
- Decorate with clip art and print.