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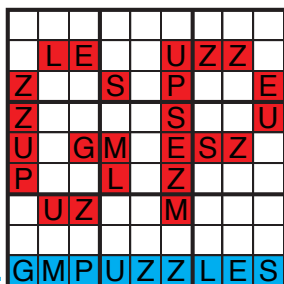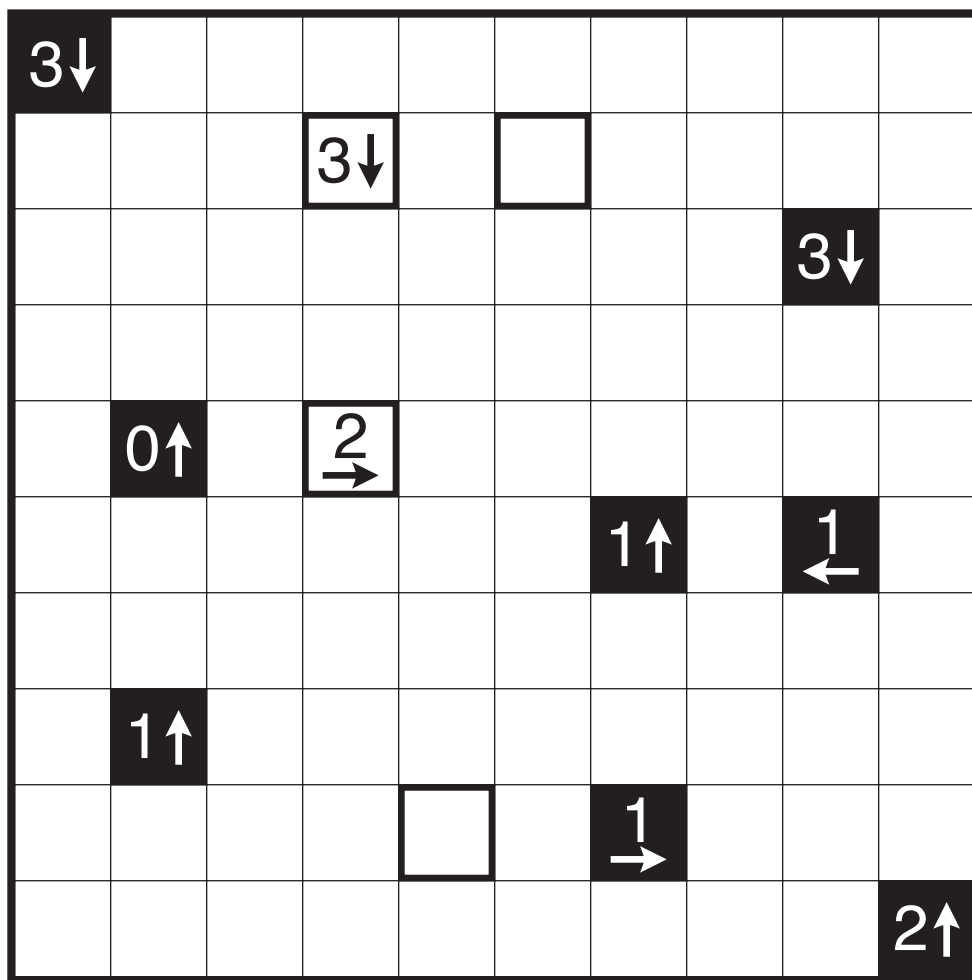# US GRAND PRIX

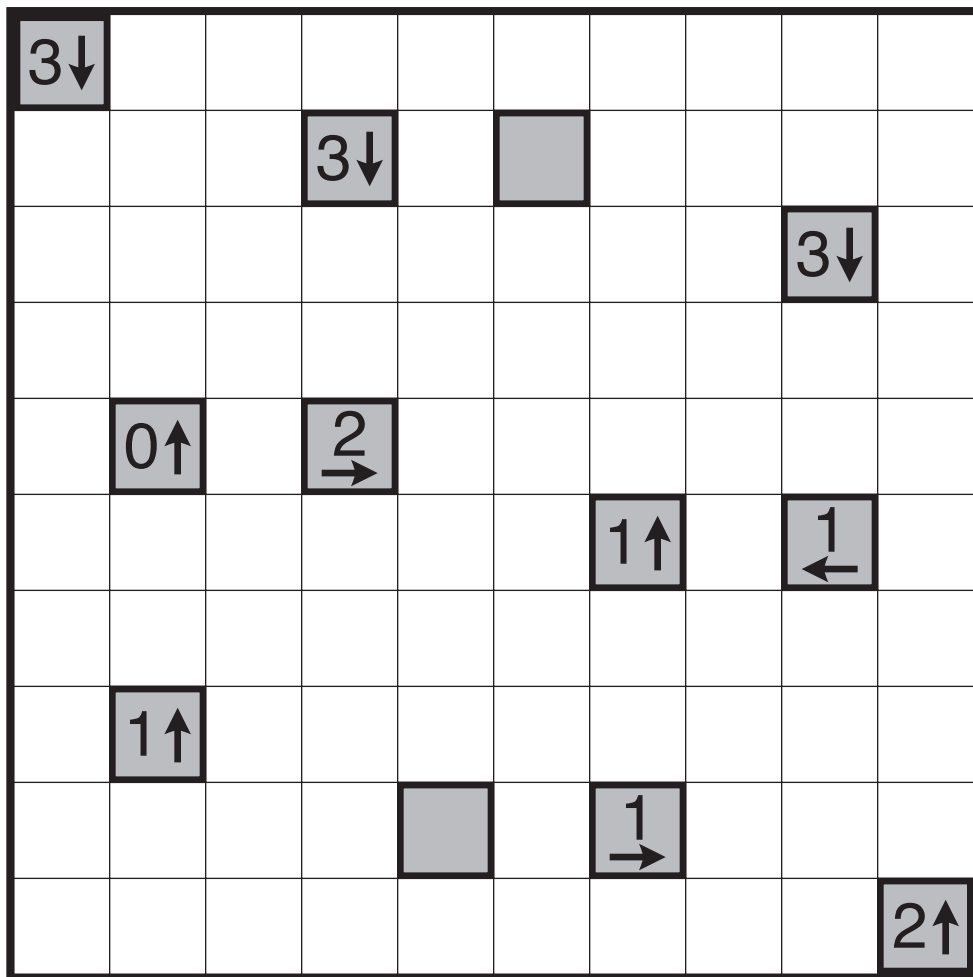|	
Thomas Snyder	Loop Puzzles
Serkan Yürekli	Shading Puzzles
Serkan Yürekli	Region Division Puzzles
Thomas Snyder	Object Placement Puzzles
Thomas Snyder	Number Placement Puzzles
Serkan Yürekli	Word / Observation Puzzles

Castle Wall by Thomas Snyder

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Yajilin by Thomas Snyder

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Yajilin (Castle Wall) by Thomas Snyder

Rules: Standard Yajilin Rules: Blacken some white cells and then draw a single closed loop (without intersections or crossings) through all remaining white cells. Blackened cells cannot share an edge with each other. Some cells are outlined and in gray and cannot be part of the loop. Numbered arrows in such cells indicate the total number of blackened cells that exist in that direction in the grid.

Also, in addition to the usual gray clues, some clues are white and black and act similarly to Castle Wall clues. White clues must be inside the loop and black clues must be outside the loop. White and black clues indicate the sum of the lengths of loop segments in the indicated direction.
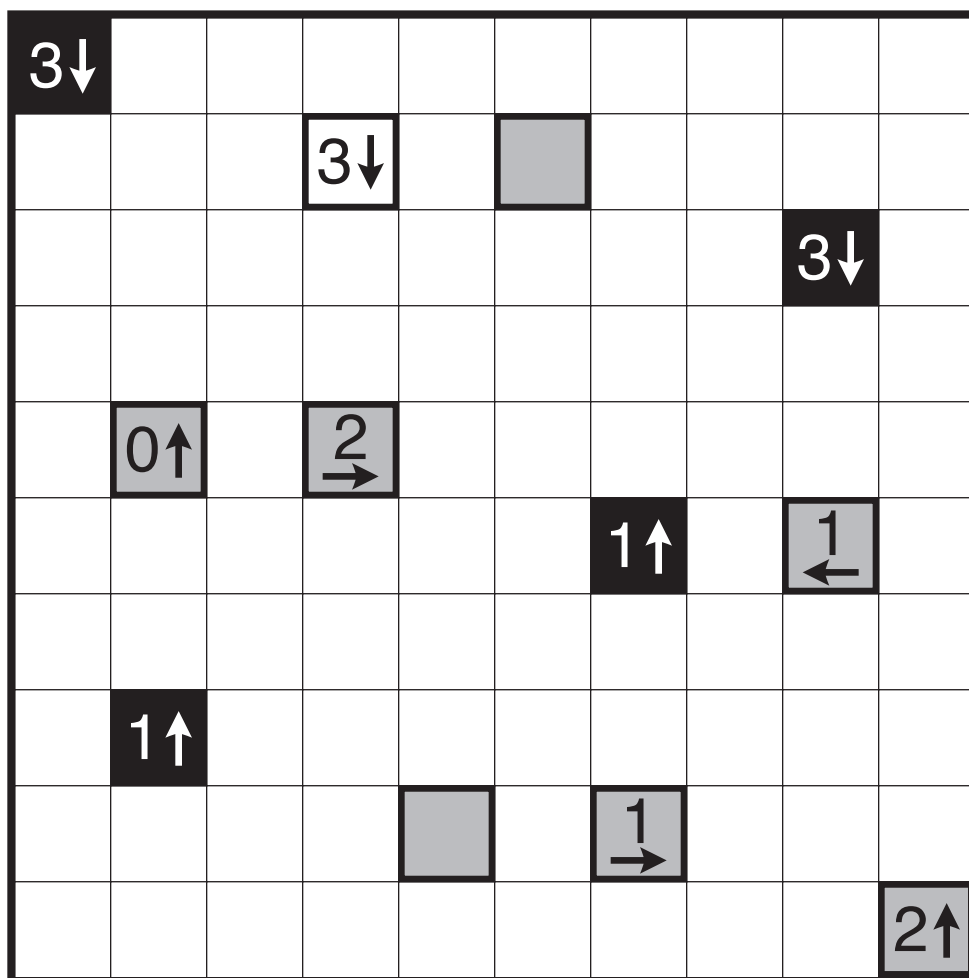
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LITS by Serkan Yürekli

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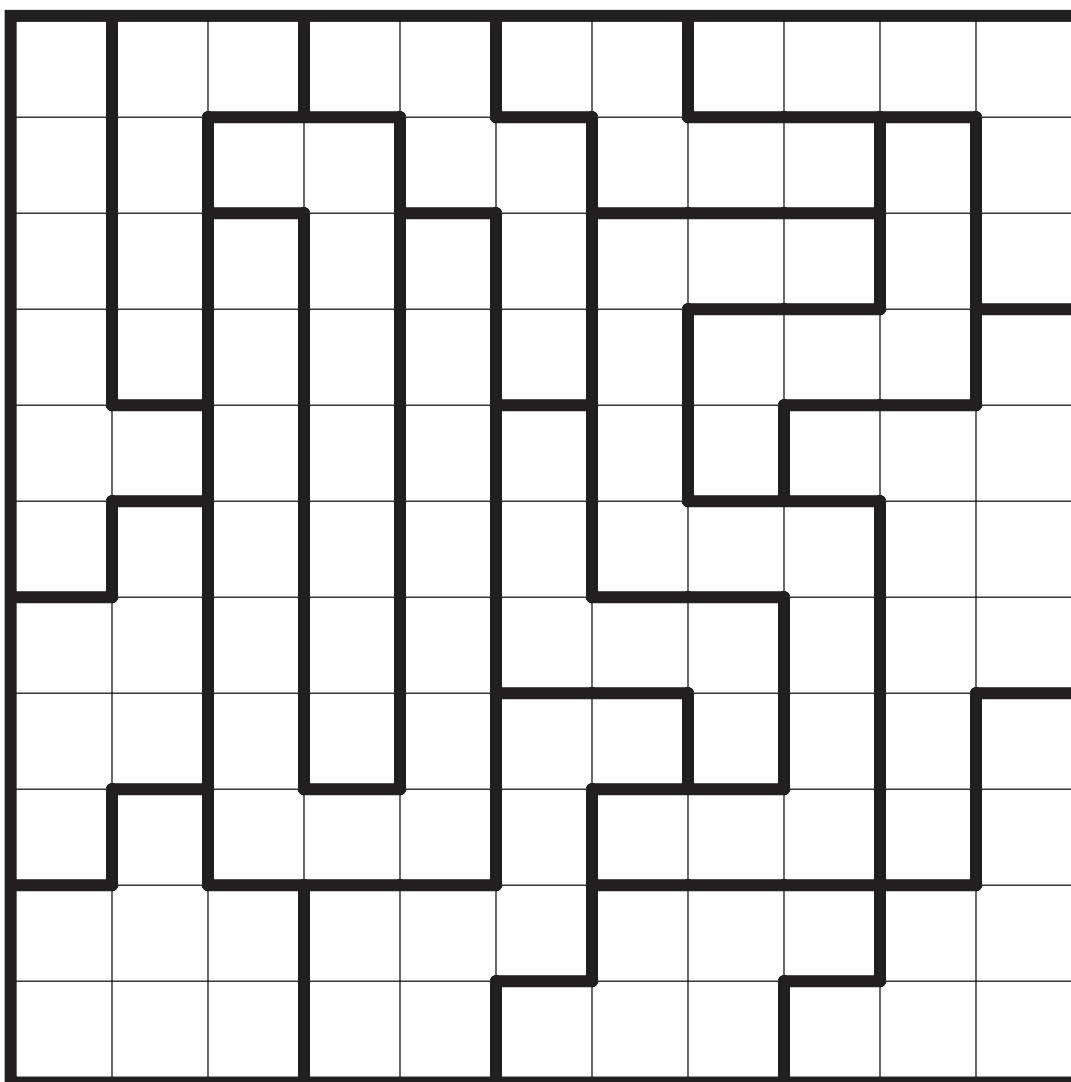
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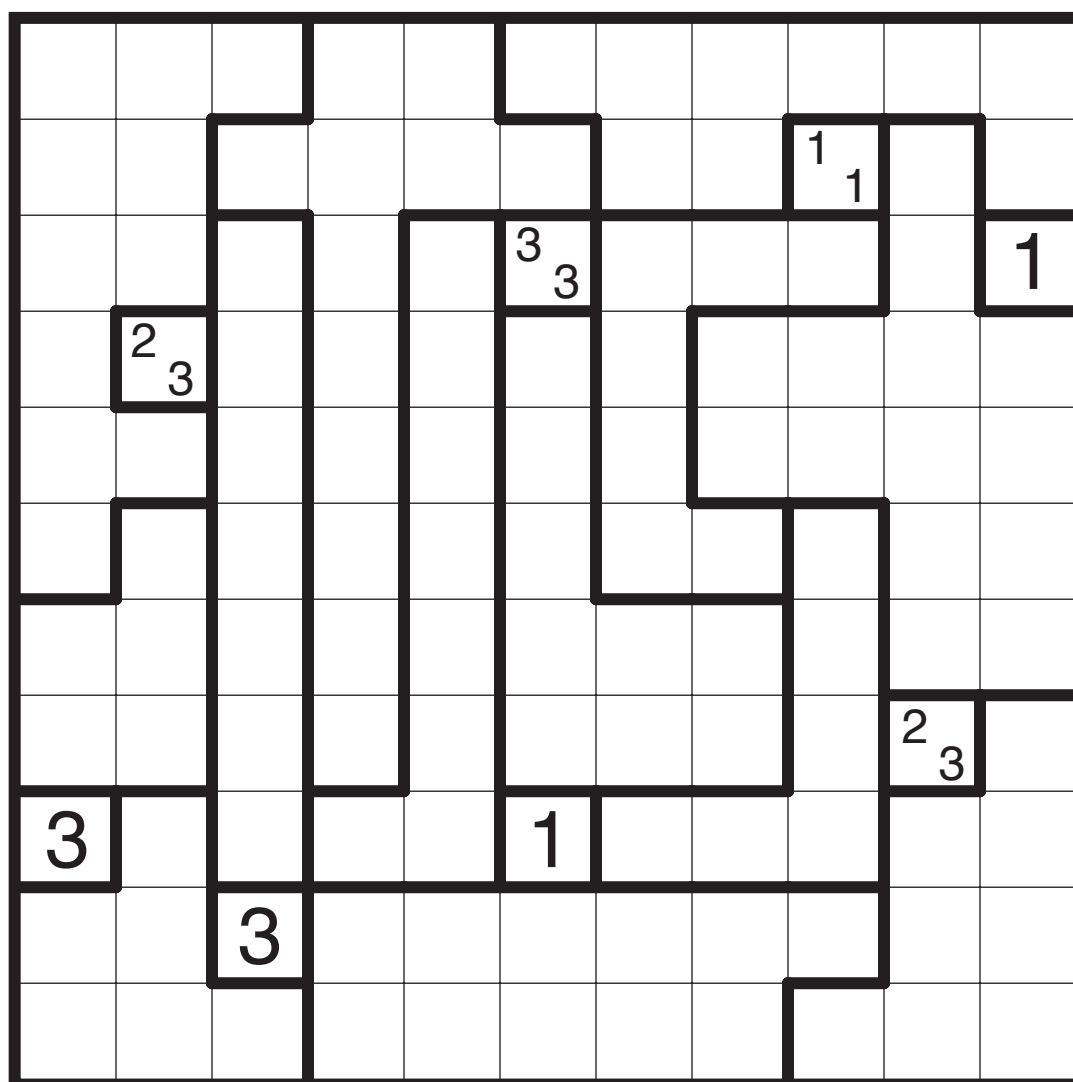
Tapa by Serkan Yürekli

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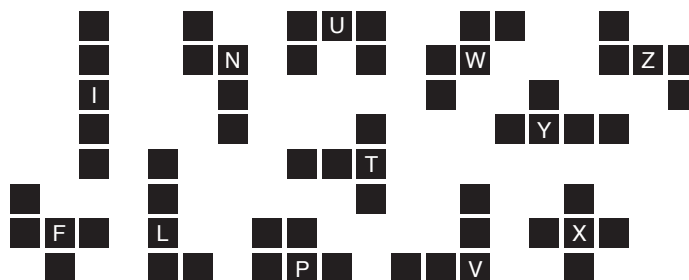*(from 2021 Puzzle Grand Prix: US Round)*

LITS (Tapa) by Serkan Yürekli

Rules: Standard LITS rules; also, the number clues follow standard Tapa rules.

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Pentominous by Serkan Yürekli

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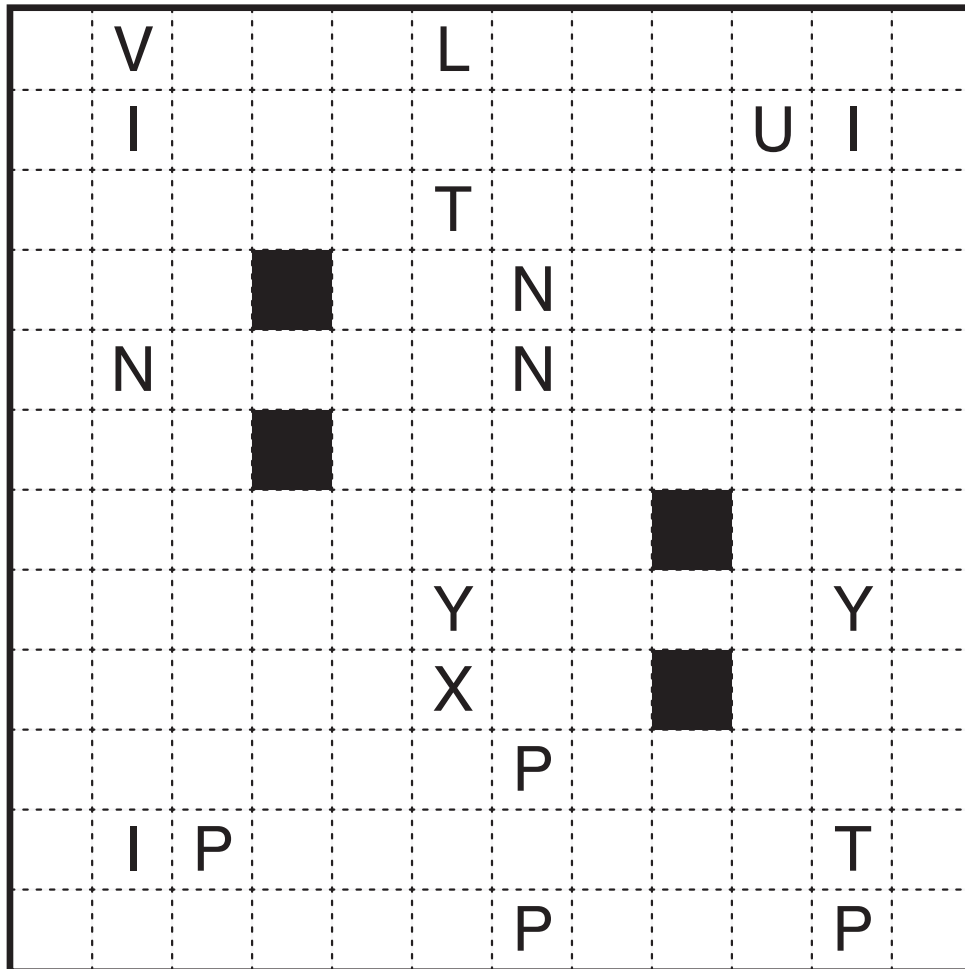
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Spiral Galaxies by Serkan Yürekli

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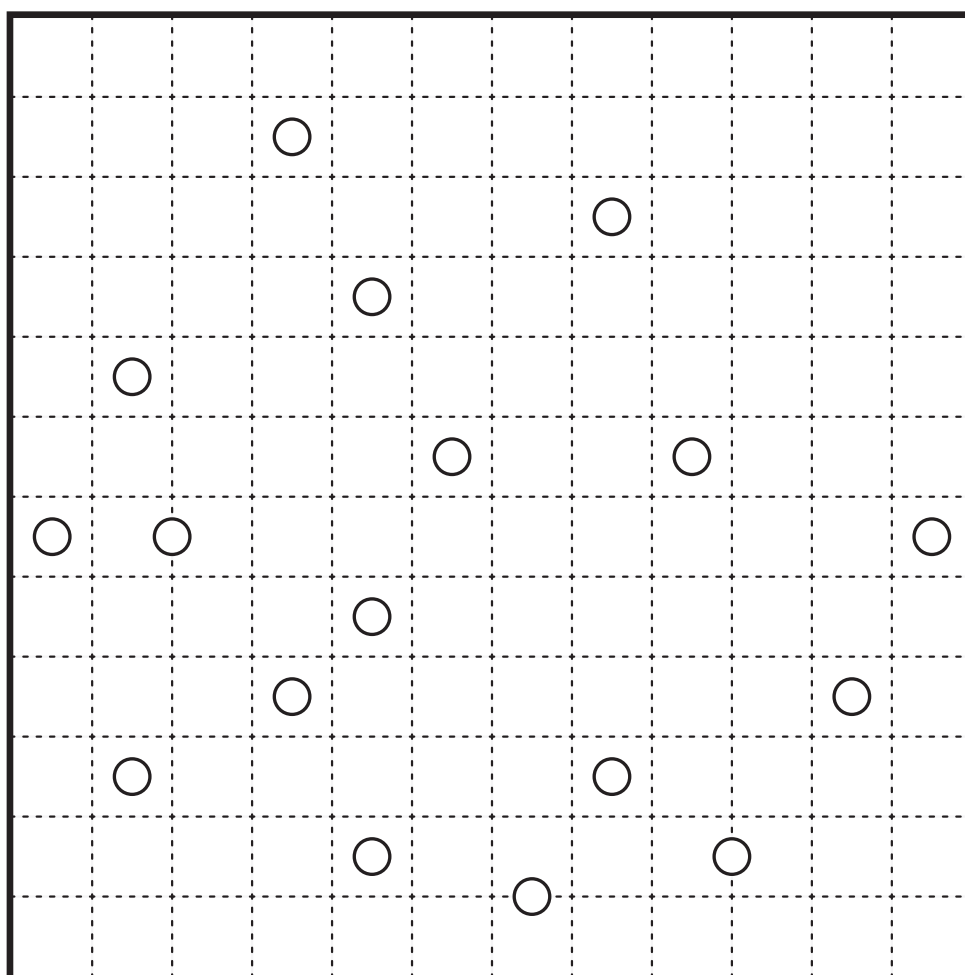
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Pentominous (Spiral Galaxies) by Serkan Yürekli

Rules: Standard Pentominous rules. Also, some circle clues are given in the grid which must be at the center of symmetry for a rotationally-symmetric pentomino shape.

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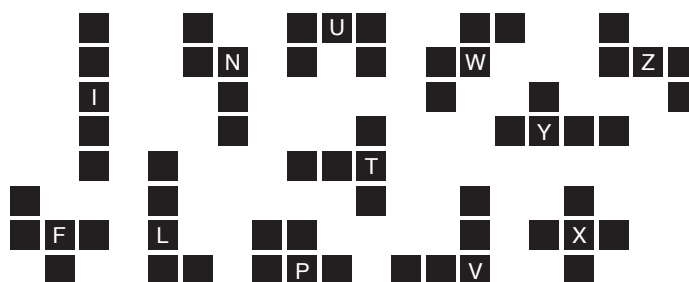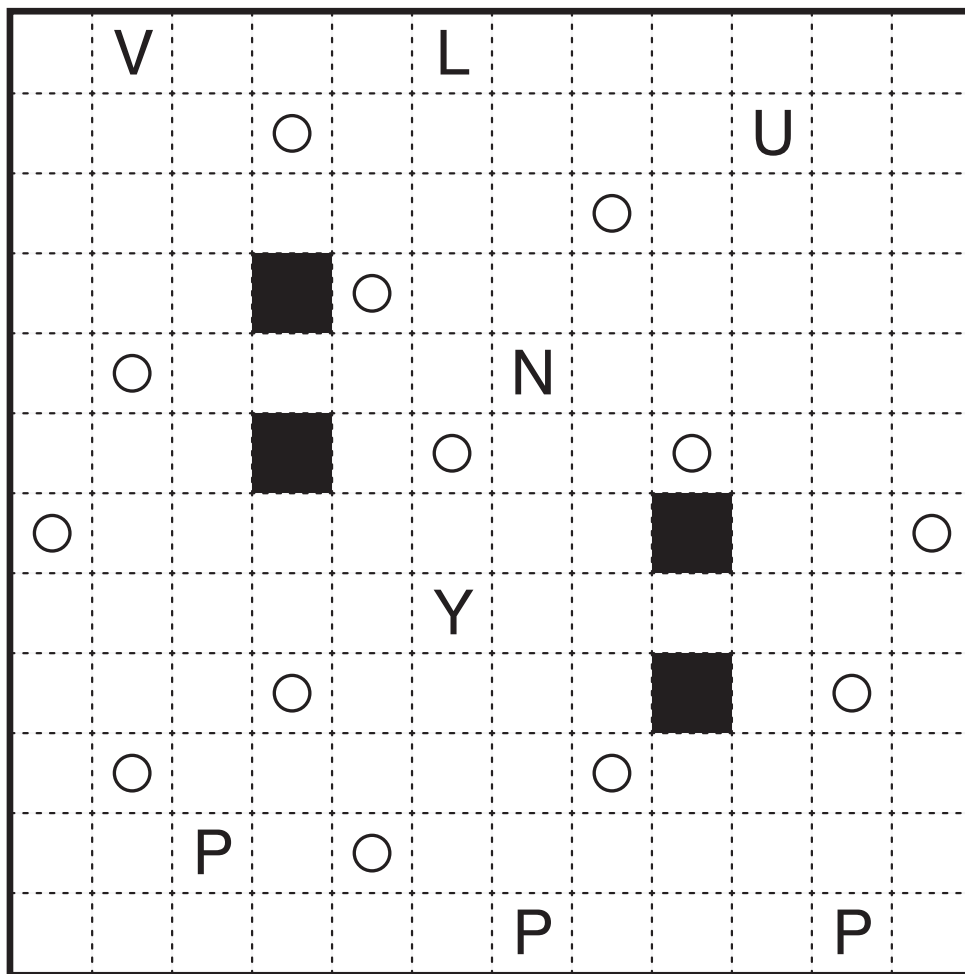
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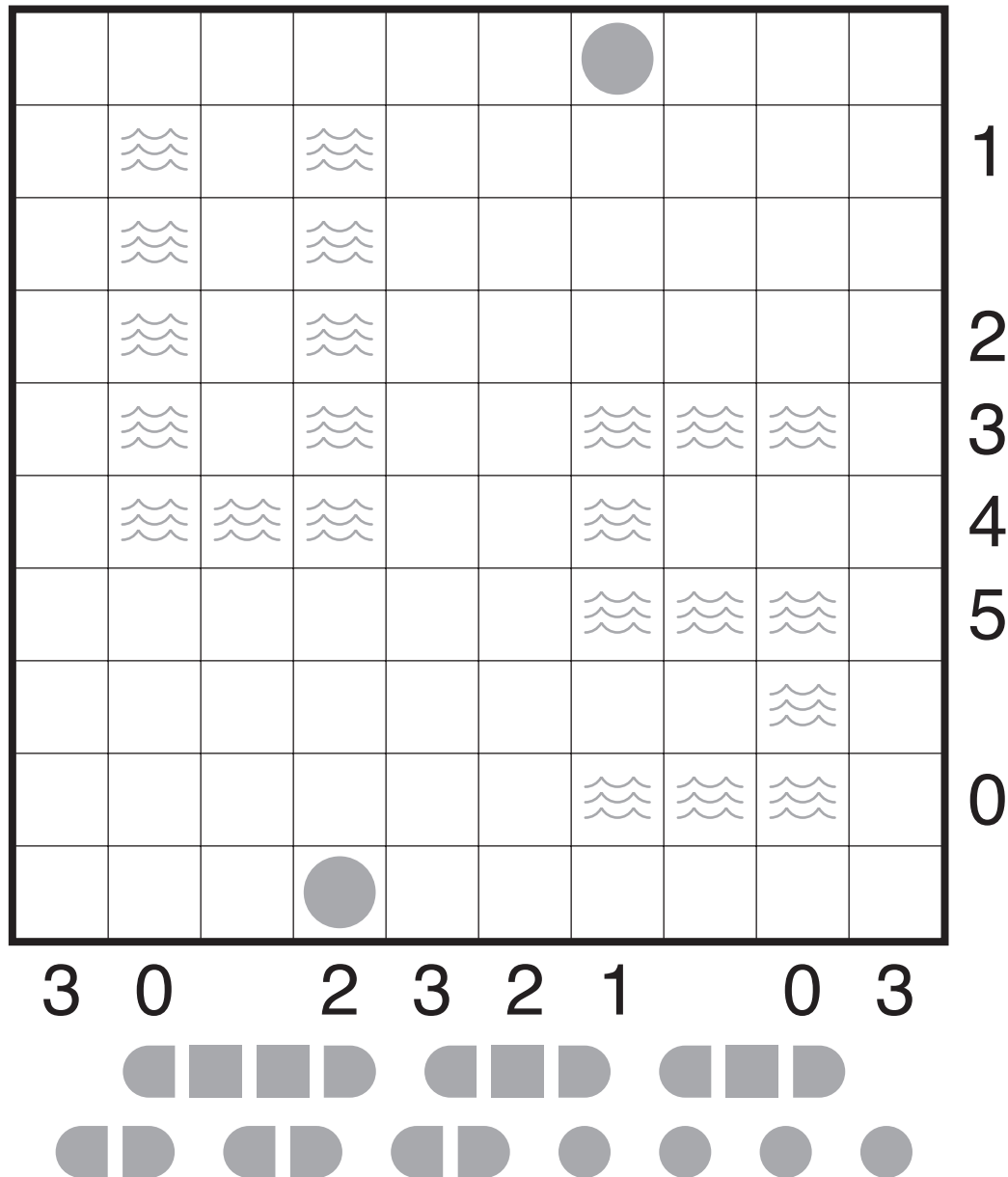
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Star Battle by Thomas Snyder

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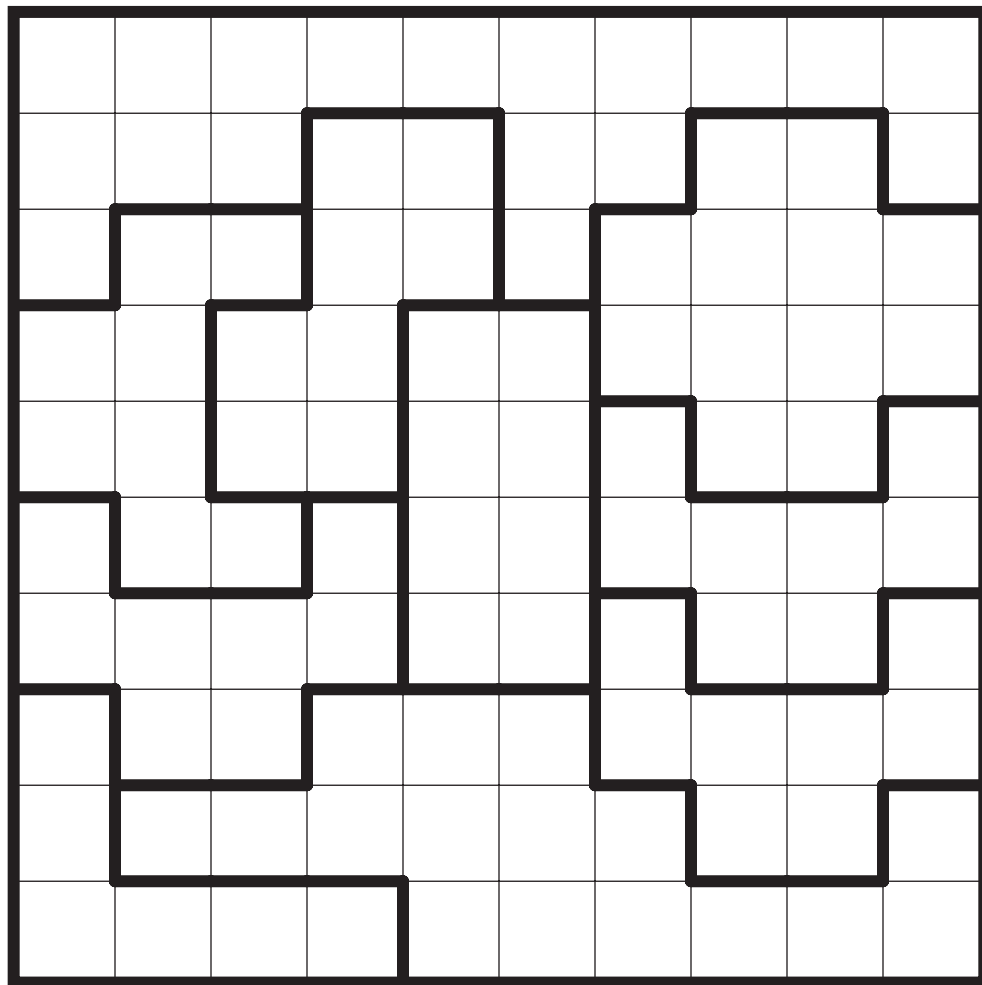
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Star Battleships by Thomas Snyder

Rules: Variation of standard Battleships rules; only two ship segments can belong in each marked region.

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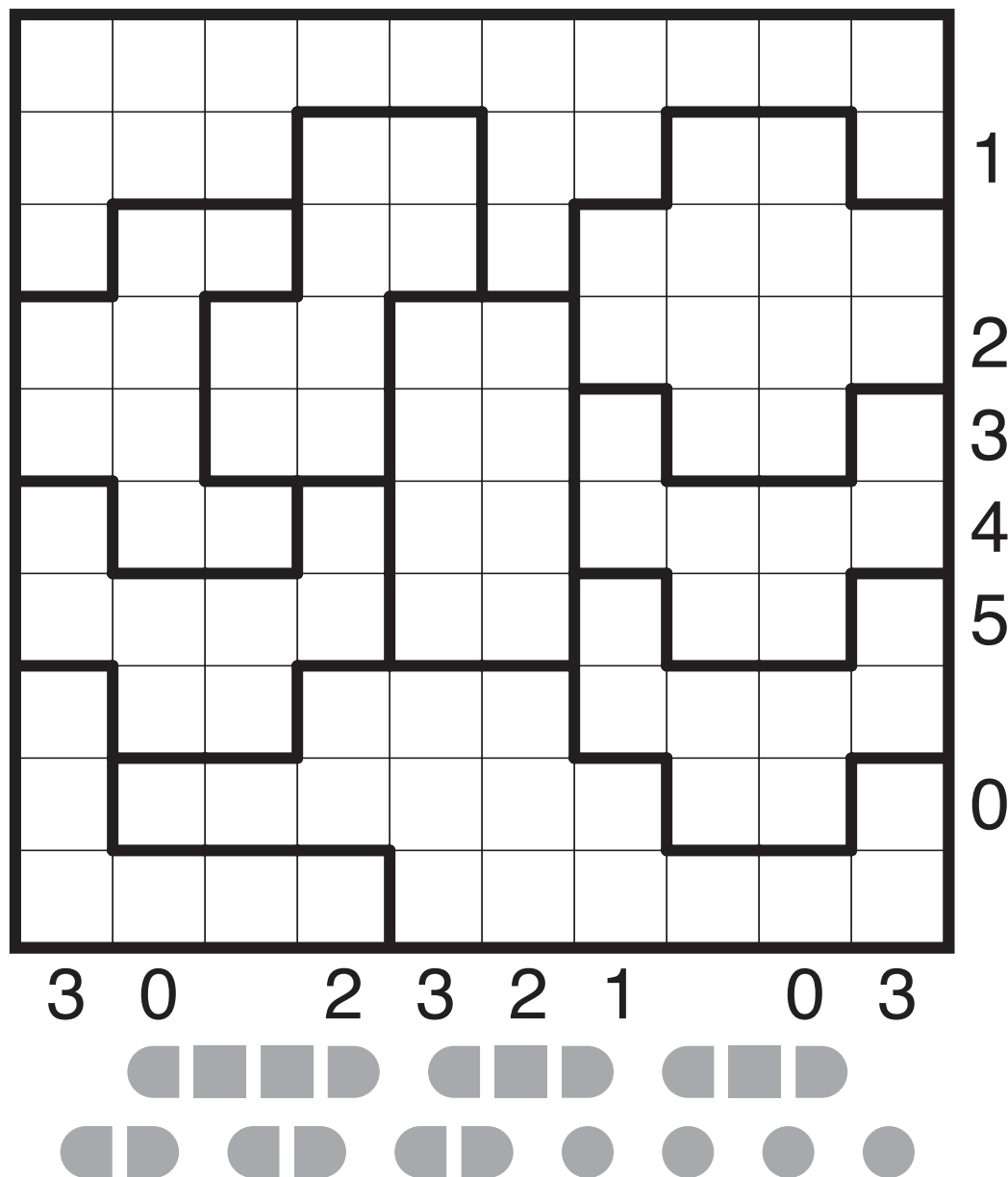
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Skyscrapers by Thomas Snyder

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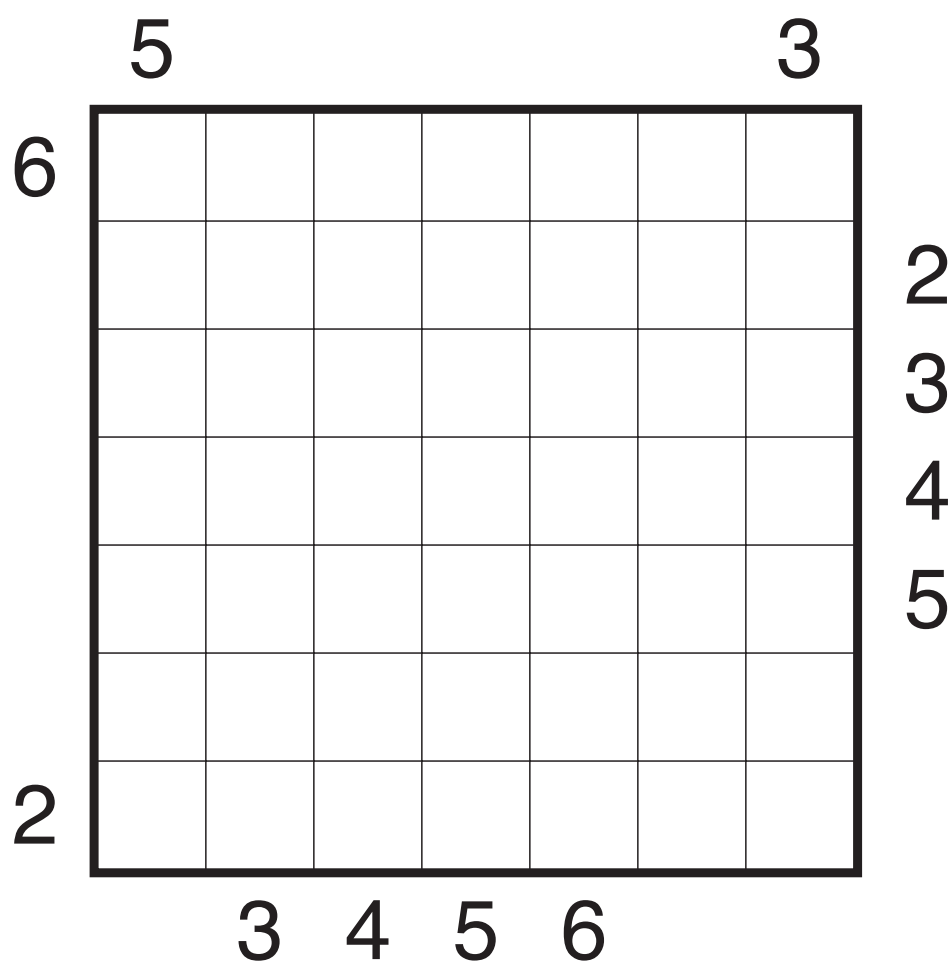
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TomTom by Thomas Snyder

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SkyTomTom by Thomas Snyder

Rules: Standard Skyscrapers rules; also, standard TomTom rules.

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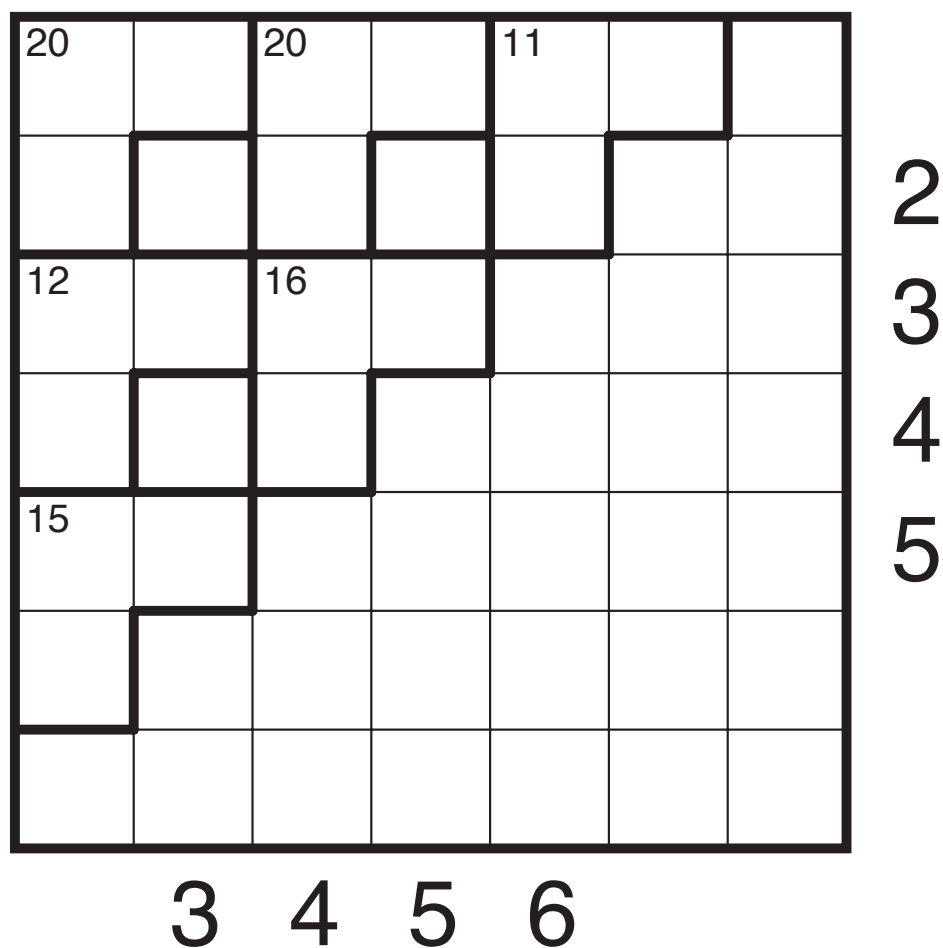
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Word Search by Serkan Yürekli

Locate the bold words in the given list in the grid, running in one of eight possible directions horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. Some letters in the middle of the grid are missing and must be discovered while solving.
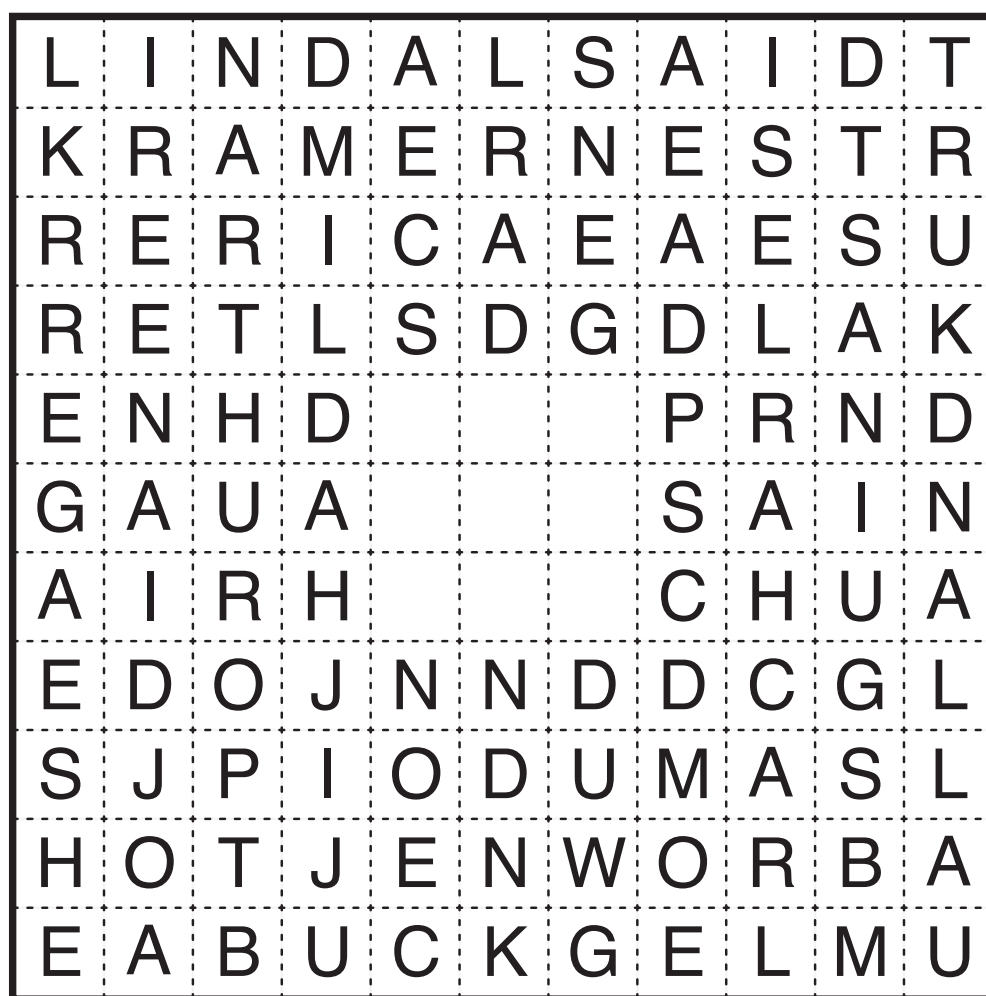
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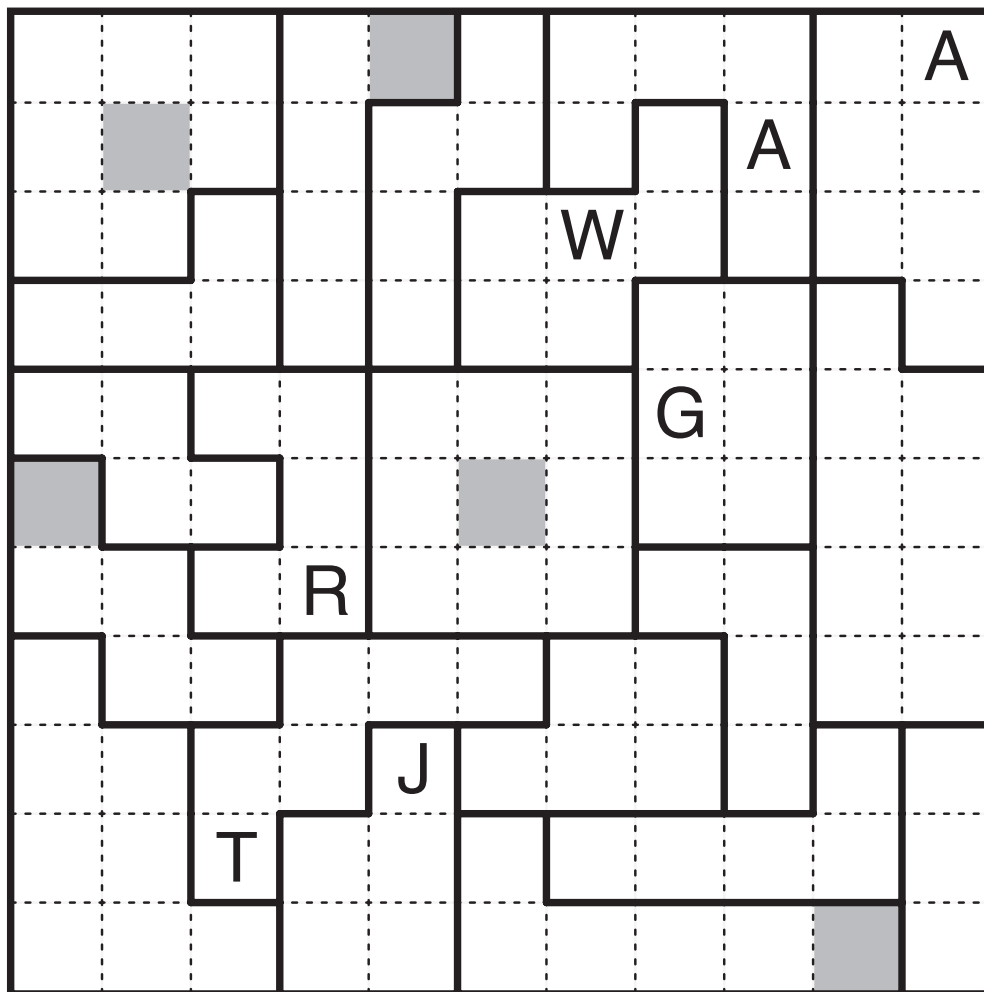
Meandering Words by Serkan Yürekli

Place a letter into each empty cell so that each outlined area has exactly one bold word from the given list. Cells that contain the same letter cannot be placed in adjacent cells that share an edge or corner. Each outlined area must contain the word from the first letter to the last letter such that consecutive letters within an outlined area are orthogonally adjacent. (In other words, for each region it must be possible to draw a path that starts at the first letter and ends at the last letter, going through each other cell exactly once.) Gray cells indicate the position of the first letter in that region.

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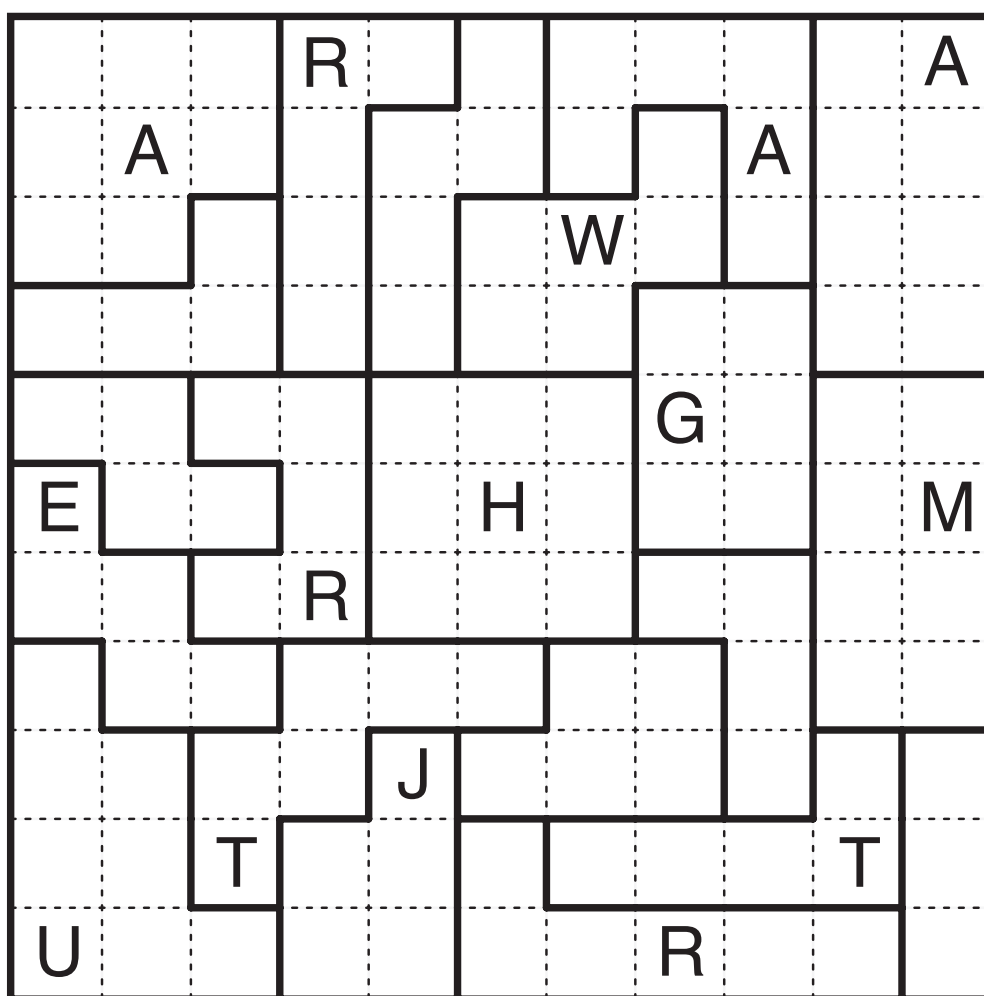|		
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Meandering Word Search by Serkan Yürekli

Standard Word Search and Meandering Words rules (see prior posts). Each bold word in the given list should be either located as in a Word Search (possibly filling in missing letters in the grid) or should be placed in an outlined area as in a Meandering Words puzzle.

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