



Kepler

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Answer: FIGHT

Six puzzle types can be uniquely assigned to the grids and solved as shown below:

Nurikabe

	4				2			6
2			3					
				4				
2								1
		3						
				2				1
2		2					5	

Kurotto

2		2						
					6		7	
1		1						3
2					2		2	
				4				
	1		2					7
4						5		6
	4		6					
						6		1

Kuromasu

		2			5			
	6			2				3
7				6			4	
	9		9					
		2			5			
				3		3		
	3			5				5
2			2					5
		5			6			

Cave

4			3					
4				3			2	
					5			6
		7						
	2		2		3		4	
						3		
7			7					
	4			4				3
					2			4

Fillomino

6	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	5
6	6	6	7	7	7	7	6	5
6	5	5	5	7	6	5	6	5
6	5	5	7	7	6	5	6	5
7	7	7	5	6	6	5	6	5
6	6	7	5	6	6	5	5	7
6	6	7	5	5	5	7	7	7
6	6	7	7	6	6	7	6	7
5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	7

Shikaku

8								
				2				6
		6		6			6	
			3		3			
	8						2	
				2		2		
	3			4		6		
3			3					
								8

The ? values can then be added to a new nine by nine grid and solved as the last puzzle type, Minesweeper, to reveal the solution word in the marked cells.

