



Crossword Puzzles

Volume 8

Holidays & Celebrations

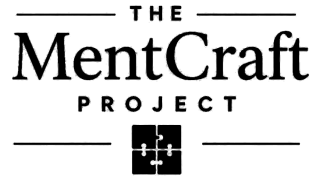


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For David

My son, you have a wonderful mind.

Always remain curious and never assume you know everything.

How to Get the Most Out of This Book

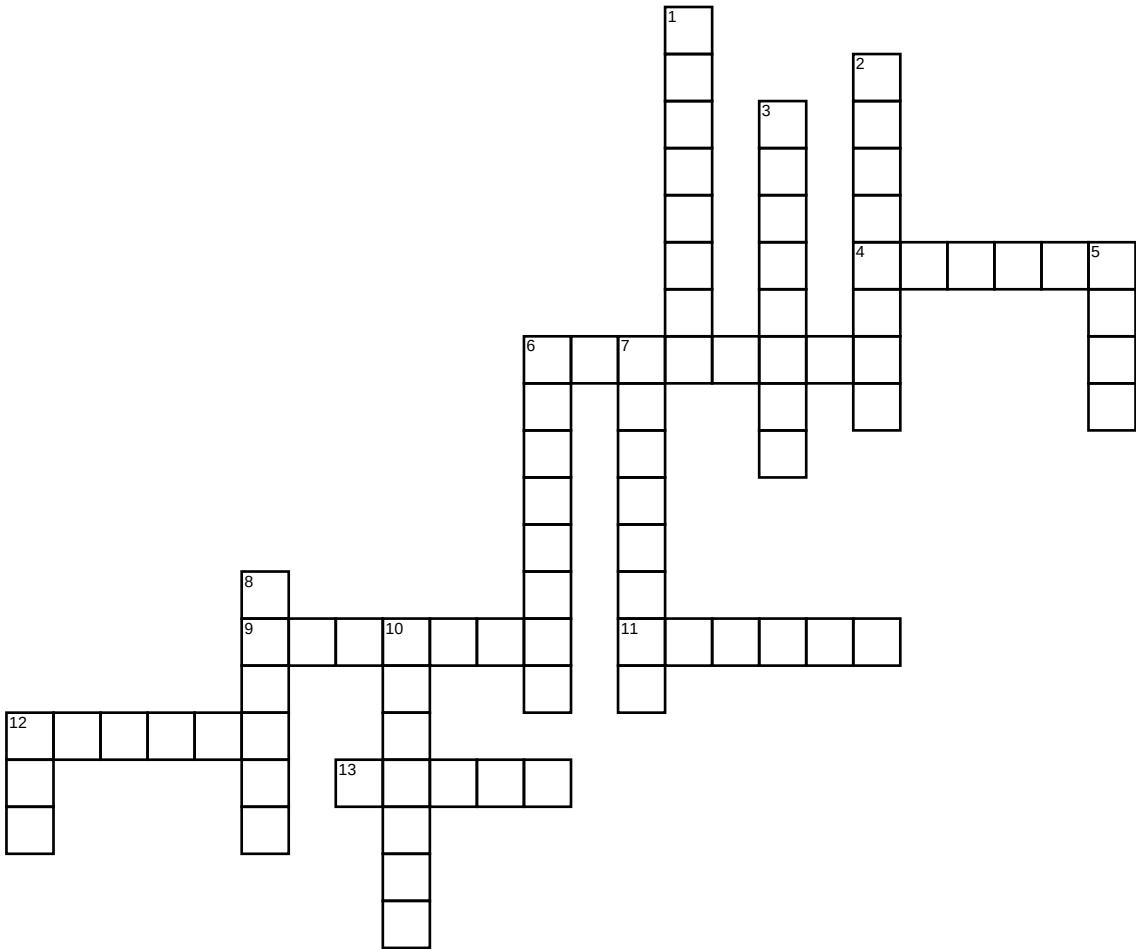
Every MentCraft collection is built on a simple belief: a mind that's regularly challenged stays sharper, more curious, and more capable. Crossword puzzles do this in a distinctive way — you're not simply recalling a word, you're reasoning your way to it sideways, through wordplay and the partial evidence of crossing letters.

Each puzzle's header shows its subtheme, its number, and a difficulty rating, so you can track your progress or choose where to start. All solutions are grouped together near the end of the book, in numerical order, ready whenever you need to check your work.

If you're the kind of solver who likes to dig a little deeper, this book includes a complete Glossary at the very end — every word, defined and alphabetized, so an unfamiliar term never has to stay a mystery. And at the bottom of every puzzle page, you'll find a My Notes space: room to jot down a new word you've learned, an alternate answer you considered, or anything worth remembering as you go.

Fill in each answer based on its clue. Answers cross over one another at shared letters, just like a standard crossword. Enjoy the journey!

Puzzle 1: Baby Showers & New Arrivals



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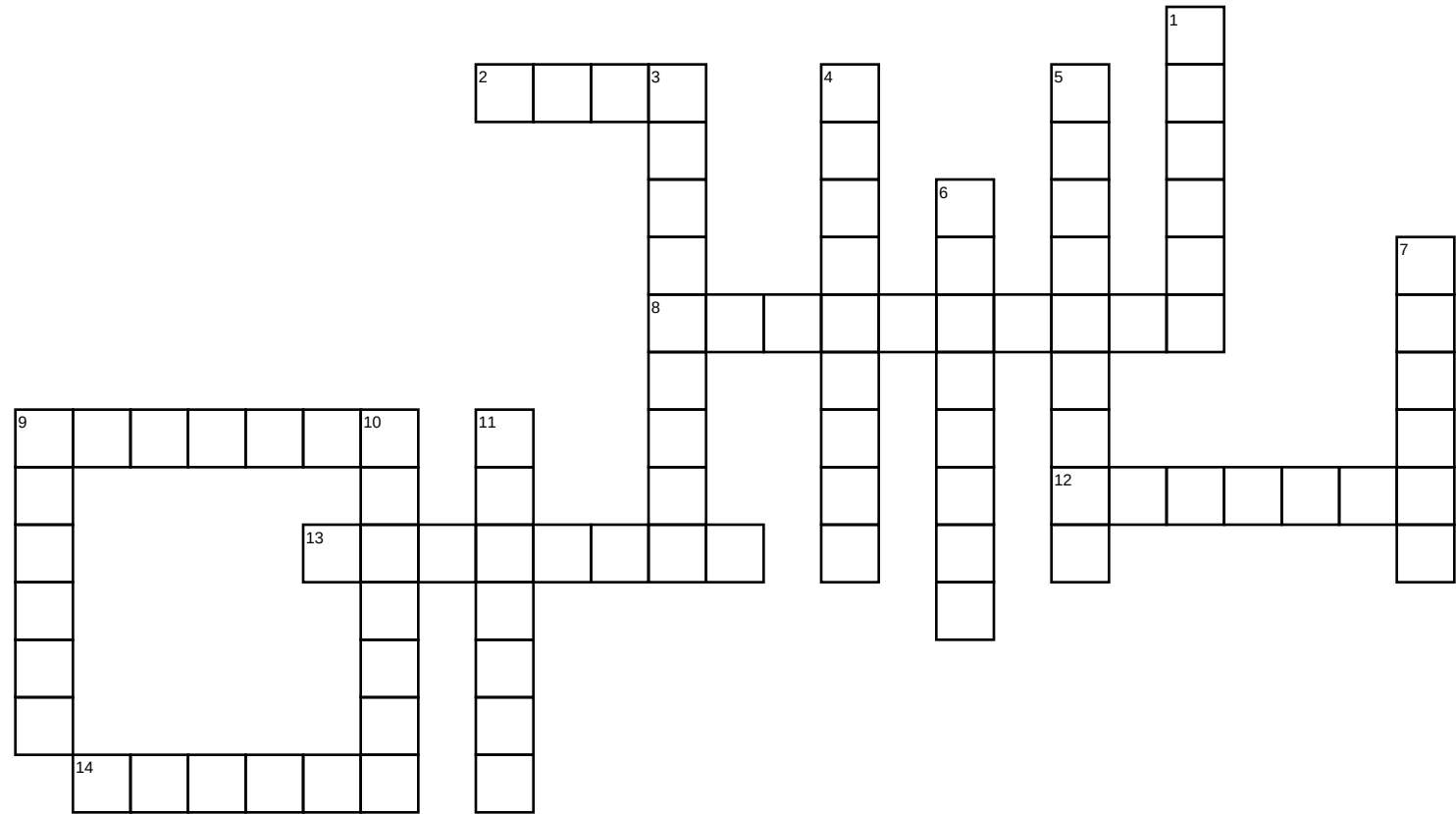
- 4. Very young child
- 6. Embracing a newborn
- 9. Recently delivered baby
- 11. One-piece garment for a baby
- 12. Very young children
- 13. Bird said to deliver babes

DOWN

- 1. Child under a spiritual guardian
- 2. Infant's wheeled transport
- 3. Putting a nappy on
- 5. Baby's playthings
- 6. First mode of baby travel
- 7. Moment of arrival
- 8. One-piece infant outfit
- 10. Christian initiation ritual
- 12. Feeding cloth worn around the neck

My Notes:

Puzzle 2: Baby Showers & New Arrivals



ACROSS

- 2. Infant's bed
- 8. Clothing for infants
- 9. Tiny soft footwear
- 12. Newly born baby
- 13. Lightweight gown
- 14. Rocking infant bed

DOWN

- 1. Infant's absorbent garment
- 3. Related to Christian initiation
- 4. Religious sponsor for a child
- 5. Changing an infant garment
- 6. Of the mother's side
- 7. Crib safety rail
- 9. Position for some births
- 10. Wrap a baby tightly
- 11. Newborn clothing and supply set

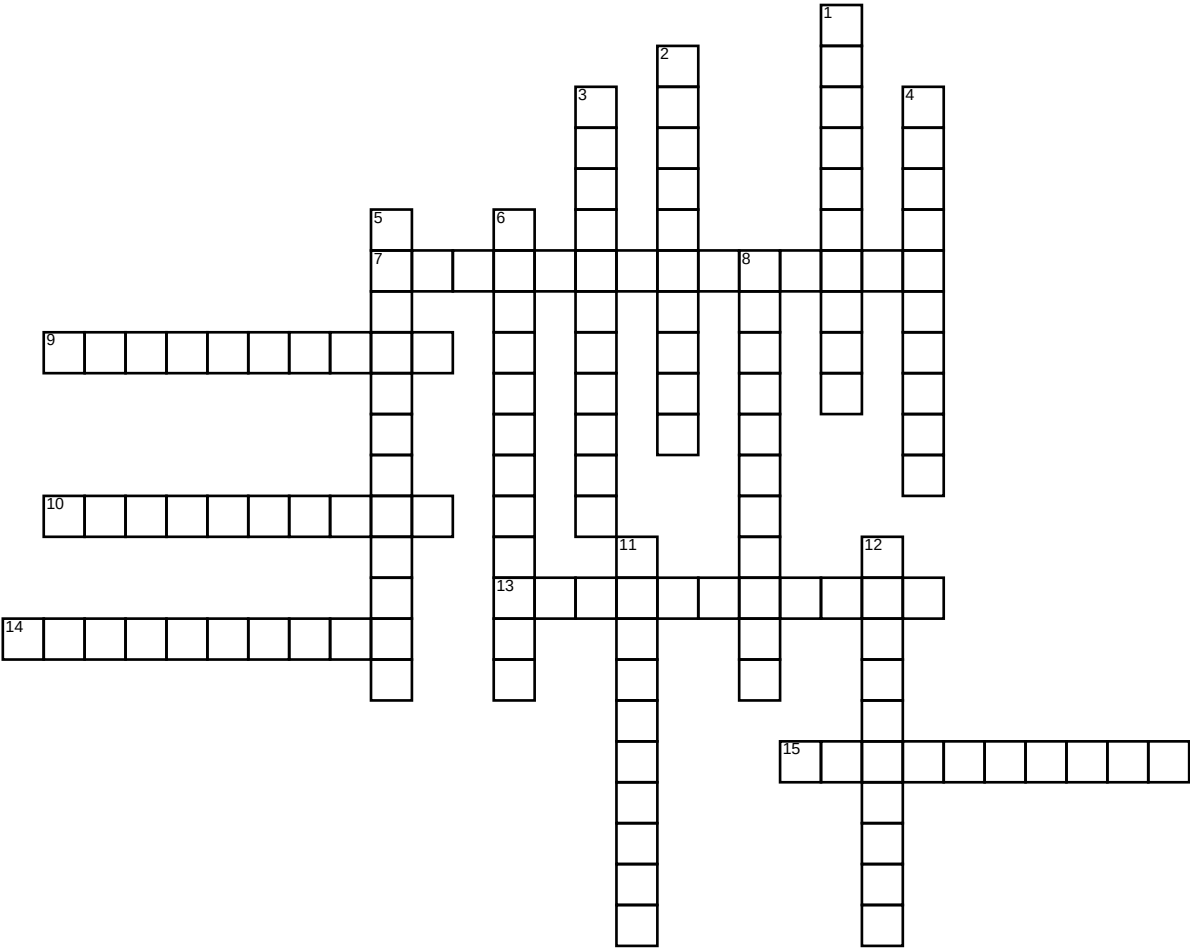
My Notes:

BONUS PUZZLES

Our gift to you for choosing this book!

A few extra, slightly trickier puzzles to enjoy.

Puzzle 61: BONUS



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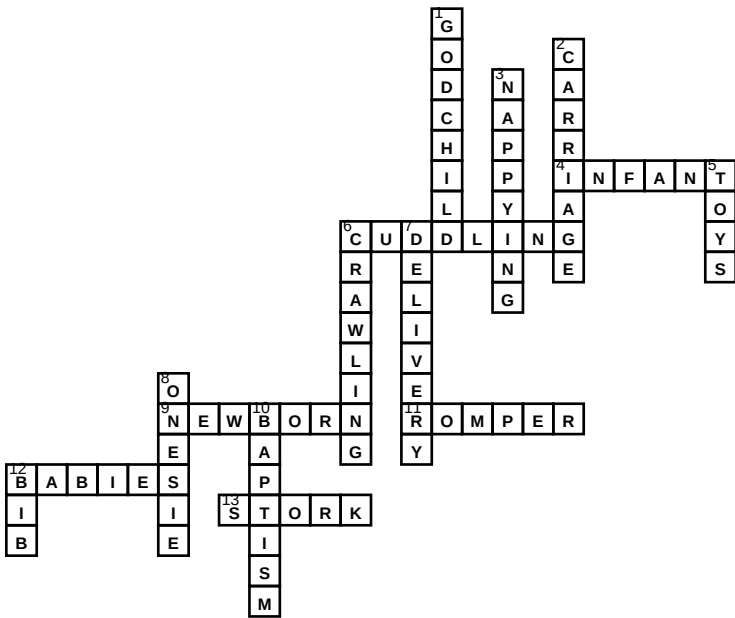
- 7. Added decorative details
- 9. Dining decor
- 10. Act of marking a special occasion
- 13. Short-lived passion
- 14. A masked ball
- 15. Outburst of happiness in festivities

DOWN

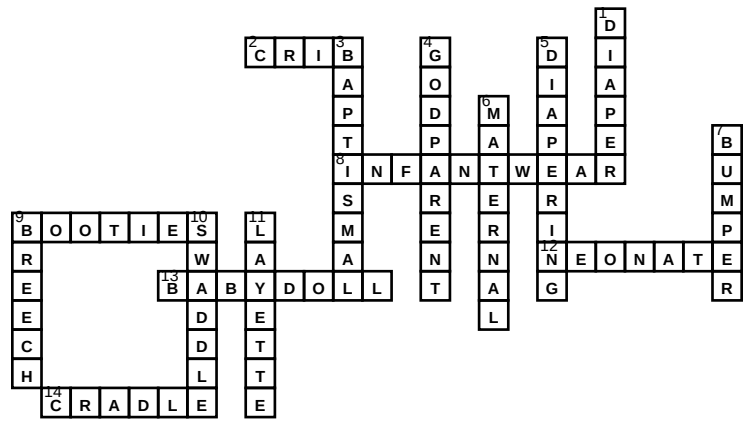
- 1. Part of a formal rite
- 2. The act of gathering crops
- 3. Holder for one candle
- 4. Pastry shop
- 5. Documents confirming achievement or completion
- 6. Event greeter
- 8. Square cap worn at graduations
- 11. Seasonal singing and good wishes
- 12. Red berry on festive plant

My Notes:

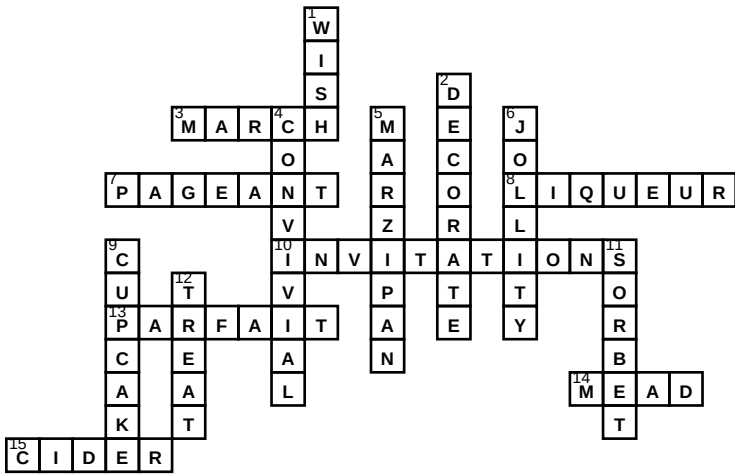
Solution #1



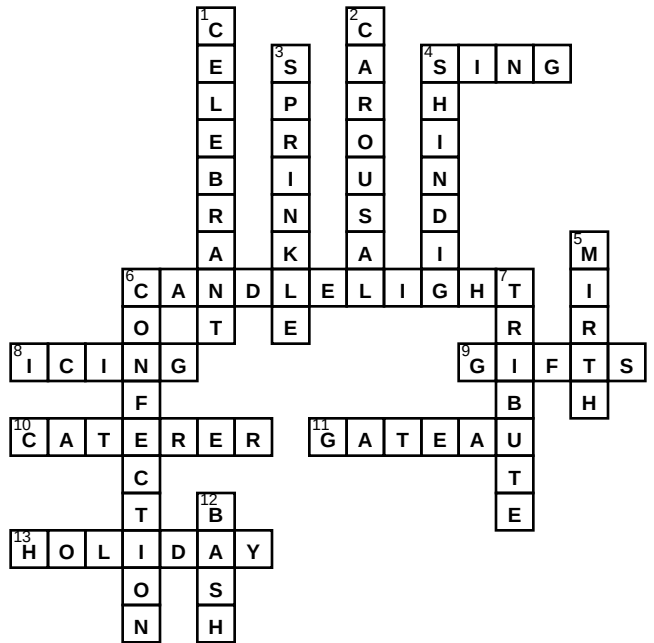
Solution #2



Solution #3



Solution #4



Glossary

ABBOT: The head of a monastery.

ABSOLUTION: Forgiveness for sins, typically granted by a priest during confession.

ABUNDANCE: A very large quantity of something.

ACADEMIC: Relating to education, scholarship, or institutions of learning.

ACCEPTANCE: A positive response agreeing to an invitation or offer.

ACCEPTANCES: Positive responses agreeing to invitations or offers.

ACCLAIM: Enthusiastic and public praise.

ACCORDION: A portable bellows-driven keyboard instrument.

ACHIEVEMENT: A thing done successfully, typically by effort, skill, or courage.

ADAGIO: A musical term meaning 'slowly'.

ADDRESSEES: People to whom letters or invitations are addressed.

ADORABLE: Extremely attractive and lovable.

ADORABLY: In a charming, lovable, or endearing manner.

ADORATION: Deep love, devotion, or worship.

ADORNMENTS: Objects or details added for decoration.

ADVENT: The period of preparation leading up to Christmas.

AFFECTION: A gentle feeling of fondness or sympathy.

ALBUM: A book containing photographs or other items to preserve memories.

ALLELUIA: A joyful exclamation used in Christian liturgy, especially during Easter.

ALMANACS: Yearly publications containing calendars, dates, and seasonal information.

ALMS: Money or food given as charity to the needy.

ALTAR: A sacred table or block used for ritual offerings.

ALUMNA: A female former student or graduate of a school or university.

ALUMNI: Former students or graduates of a school or university.

ALUMNUS: A male former student or graduate of a school or university.

AMULET: An ornament thought to protect the wearer from evil.

AMUSEMENT: An activity or attraction intended to entertain.

ANCESTRY: One's origin or ethnic descent.

ANDANTE: A musical term meaning at a walking pace.

ANGEL: A celestial being, often depicted in nativity scenes.

ANGELIC: Resembling or relating to an angel.

ANISE: A spice with a licorice-like flavor.

ANNIVERSARY: The yearly recurrence of a date marking a notable event.

ANNOUNCEMENT: A formal statement about a fact or event.

ANNUAL: Occurring once every year.

ANTHEM: A rousing or uplifting song identified with a group.

APPLE: A round fruit commonly harvested in the fall.

APPRECIATE: To recognize the full worth of; to be grateful for.

APPRECIATION: Recognition and enjoyment of the good qualities of someone or something.

ARDOR: Great passion or enthusiasm.

ARENA: A level area surrounded by seats for public viewing.

ARTIFACT: An object made by human craft, typically one of cultural or historical interest.

ATONEMENT: Satisfaction or reparation made for a wrong or injury.

ATRIUM: An open-roofed or skylit central court in a building.

ATTENDEE: A person who is present at an event.

ATTIRE: Clothing, especially of a formal or festive nature.

AUNTIE: An affectionate term for an aunt.

AUTUMNAL: Relating to or characteristic of the fall season.

AWARDS: Prizes or honors given in recognition of achievement.

BABIES: Very young children, especially those not yet walking.

BABYDOLL: A lightweight, loose-fitting dress.

BACCALAUREATE: An undergraduate academic degree awarded by a college or university.

BACKDROPS: Decorative backgrounds placed behind displays, stages, or photo areas.

BACON: A type of meat made from cured pork belly.

BAG: A flexible container used to hold and carry items like gifts.

BALL: A large, formal party or social gathering with dancing.

BALLAD: A simple song or poem, often about love.

BALLERINA: A female ballet dancer.

BALLOONS: Inflatable objects made from rubber or latex used for decoration.

BAND: A group of musicians performing at a wedding reception.

BANNERS: Long strips of cloth bearing a slogan or design, often hung for decoration.

The MentCraft Project starts from a simple idea: a mind that's exercised regularly stays sharper, more curious, and more capable — but not every mind sharpens the same way. Some people think best in words, others in numbers, others in shapes and spatial patterns, others in sequences of logical steps. That's why MentCraft builds puzzle collections across many different formats, each one training a different kind of mental muscle.

Crossword puzzles train the mind in a very particular way: you're not just recalling a word, you're reasoning your way to it sideways — through wordplay, association, and partial evidence from intersecting letters. Every solved clue reinforces vocabulary you already half-knew, while the crossing pattern quietly builds the discipline of holding several possibilities in mind until only one fits.

Solve your way through puzzles that span the rich tapestry of "Holidays & Celebrations," and you'll find yourself navigating a fascinating journey. From the delicate artistry of Easter decorations to the joyous energy of New Year's parades, each clue opens a door to new insights about the vibrant traditions that enrich our lives. Whether you're pondering the symbolic meaning behind a winter solstice wreath or trying to recall the best way to host a festive celebration venue, every word and term offers an opportunity to deepen your understanding and appreciation of these cherished occasions.

