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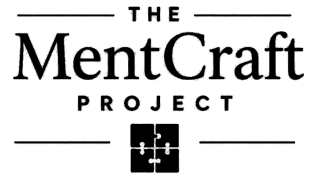


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For David

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. Word search puzzles train the mind in their own distinctive way — scanning a crowded grid, holding a target word in mind, and letting your eye catch the pattern hidden among the noise. It's a different kind of focus than reasoning through a clue: less about deduction, more about sustained visual attention.

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, a pattern you noticed, or anything worth remembering as you go.

Find each word from the list hidden in the grid — words may run horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, in any direction, forwards or backwards. Enjoy the journey!

Puzzle 1: American Football & Rugby

F	P	Z	J	H	F	A	L	Z	M	S	T	I
G	K	U	E	S	C	R	U	M	S	J	R	Y
U	O	Z	S	A	F	E	T	Y	V	X	Y	V
P	O	R	P	B	Q	F	U	M	B	L	E	F
Q	B	A	C	K	F	I	E	L	D	T	E	L
B	V	E	B	A	Q	J	M	R	F	H	G	A
D	R	O	P	K	I	C	K	I	I	S	Z	N
C	Q	U	A	R	T	E	R	B	A	C	K	K
J	A	Q	H	A	L	F	B	A	C	K	J	E
V	F	O	L	E	M	I	T	F	L	A	H	R
V	Y	R	O	S	T	E	R	B	L	I	T	Z
R	R	B	E	U	M	N	E	K	C	A	S	M
Y	T	I	P	L	A	C	E	K	I	C	K	Z

FIND THESE WORDS:

BACKFIELD

FLANKER

HALFTIME

QUARTERBACK

SAFETY

BLITZ

FUMBLE

PLACEKICK

ROSTER

SCRUM

DROPKICK

HALFBACK

PROP

SACK

TRY

My Notes:

Puzzle 2: American Football & Rugby

F	Q	D	O	W	N	I	K	S	G	I	P	X
F	P	L	G	N	I	D	L	O	H	E	U	X
D	R	F	K	P	H	V	R	D	S	G	S	H
M	P	E	F	L	C	N	J	Y	J	A	N	D
M	H	N	K	H	O	O	K	E	R	R	B	O
E	H	U	D	A	M	K	H	R	R	E	H	W
L	A	G	E	E	E	J	C	J	M	V	T	N
D	N	T	Q	R	U	R	H	U	K	O	E	S
D	D	O	C	C	Y	P	B	W	R	C	A	X
U	O	H	A	R	E	V	I	E	C	E	R	E
H	F	S	H	R	U	G	B	Y	N	M	H	W
L	F	G	R	I	D	I	R	O	N	I	Y	U
F	E	G	A	M	M	I	R	C	S	S	L	Q

FIND THESE WORDS:

- COVERAGE

GRIDIRON

HOOKER

PIGSKIN

RUGBY
- DOWN

HANDOFF

HUDDLE

RECEIVER

SCRIMMAGE
- DOWNS

HOLDING

LINEBREAKER

RUCK

SHOTGUN

My Notes:

BONUS PUZZLES

Our gift to you for choosing this book!

A few extra, slightly trickier puzzles to enjoy.

Puzzle 101: BONUS

K	E	Y	W	Y	T	R	Q	J	J	O	E	R	I	H	Q
J	L	R	L	I	C	E	B	O	A	T	I	N	G	M	Q
M	L	Y	F	O	F	B	D	I	P	N	T	F	T	A	N
S	A	M	U	A	D	G	L	N	S	O	I	R	B	D	O
J	B	U	M	S	E	X	W	T	Y	I	E	E	L	W	I
P	E	I	I	M	Z	X	T	E	C	T	B	K	M	B	T
A	L	R	D	C	I	B	R	R	H	N	R	L	A	Z	A
L	K	B	F	O	N	A	I	F	O	E	E	A	R	H	C
I	C	I	I	M	O	S	A	E	L	V	A	W	G	N	I
N	I	L	E	N	R	E	T	R	O	E	K	E	O	X	F
D	P	I	L	C	H	R	H	E	G	R	E	C	T	S	I
R	Z	U	D	V	C	U	L	N	Y	P	R	A	P	O	M
O	W	Q	E	T	N	N	E	C	M	W	M	R	Y	A	A
M	E	E	R	L	Y	N	T	E	E	G	D	C	R	K	G
E	T	T	M	N	S	E	E	Z	G	J	J	N	C	G	W
I	E	R	N	G	O	R	L	X	W	W	K	D	O	B	I

FIND THESE WORDS:

BASERUNNER
GAMIFICATION
MIDFIELDER
PREVENTION
SYNCHRONIZED

CRYPTOGRAM
ICEBOATING
PALINDROME
PSYCHOLOGY
TIEBREAKER

EQUILIBRIUM
INTERFERENCE
PICKLEBALL
RACEWALKER
TRIATHLETE

My Notes:

Solution #1

F	P	Z	J	H	F	A	L	Z	M	S	T	I
G	K	U	E	S	C	R	U	M	S	J	R	Y
U	O	Z	S	A	F	E	T	Y	V	X	Y	V
P	O	R	P	B	Q	F	U	M	B	L	E	F
Q	B	A	C	K	F	I	E	L	D	T	E	L
B	V	E	B	A	Q	J	M	R	F	H	G	A
D	R	O	P	K	I	C	K	I	I	S	Z	N
C	Q	U	A	R	T	E	R	B	A	C	K	K
J	A	Q	H	A	L	F	B	A	C	K	J	E
V	F	O	L	E	M	I	T	F	L	A	H	R
V	Y	R	O	S	T	E	R	B	L	I	T	Z
R	R	B	E	U	M	N	E	K	C	A	S	M
Y	T	I	P	L	A	C	E	K	I	C	K	Z

Solution #2

F	Q	D	O	W	N	I	K	S	G	I	P	X
F	P	L	G	N	I	D	L	O	H	E	U	X
D	R	F	K	P	H	V	R	D	S	G	S	H
M	P	E	F	L	C	N	J	Y	J	A	N	D
M	H	N	K	H	O	O	K	E	R	R	B	O
E	H	U	D	A	M	K	H	R	R	E	H	W
L	A	G	E	E	E	J	C	J	M	V	T	N
D	N	T	Q	R	U	R	H	U	K	O	E	S
D	D	O	C	C	Y	P	B	W	R	C	A	X
U	O	H	A	R	E	V	I	E	C	E	R	E
H	F	S	H	R	U	G	B	Y	N	M	H	W
L	F	G	R	I	D	I	R	O	N	I	Y	U
F	E	G	A	M	M	I	R	C	S	S	L	Q

Solution #3

E	B	L	I	T	Z	I	N	G	R	N	N	Q	M
N	V	E	L	R	Z	L	X	N	E	Z	W	S	R
U	K	K	H	C	W	I	T	O	G	O	O	Z	W
W	S	C	C	I	Q	N	I	I	A	A	D	N	N
A	P	A	A	S	P	E	P	T	D	L	H	O	I
R	F	B	N	C	O	B	P	P	R	I	C	I	G
P	T	H	A	R	L	A	E	E	A	N	U	S	F
L	A	C	U	U	B	C	D	C	Y	E	O	R	N
A	I	U	Q	M	S	K	V	R	W	O	T	E	J
Y	L	O	M	M	N	E	M	E	J	U	J	V	Z
B	G	T	W	A	V	R	E	T	T	T	Q	N	O
O	A	A	Z	G	U	B	W	N	N	S	A	O	A
O	T	Y	B	E	G	L	S	I	U	R	O	C	D
K	E	N	B	R	E	T	N	U	P	Q	U	T	P

Solution #4

X	U	W	G	N	I	L	E	K	R	O	N	S	C
G	G	E	K	O	R	T	S	T	S	A	E	R	B
N	B	N	F	Q	L	H	W	R	D	O	K	W	D
I	W	O	I	H	O	U	S	K	C	L	X	M	E
E	I	H	E	D	D	A	L	A	C	L	C	R	Z
O	N	O	V	U	R	M	E	S	L	U	D	O	I
N	D	A	A	T	A	A	F	Q	F	P	T	F	N
A	S	A	W	I	O	P	O	T	E	X	S	T	O
C	U	G	O	M	B	T	A	B	K	N	Q	A	R
I	R	V	R	Z	K	W	E	K	E	T	H	L	H
I	F	A	X	F	C	G	O	V	A	K	S	P	C
M	I	I	D	S	I	C	N	L	P	Y	A	Q	N
D	N	G	N	E	K	N	A	L	X	G	A	W	Y
L	G	N	Z	Z	M	P	C	P	S	S	E	K	S

Glossary

ABSEIL: To descend a rope from a high point, as in rock climbing.

ACCELERATE: To increase the speed of a vehicle or process.

ACCURACY: The quality of hitting a target precisely.

ACE: A service in tennis that cannot be returned.

ACES: Serves in tennis that are not touched by the opponent.

ACROBAT: A person who performs feats of balance and agility.

ACROBATICS: Elements of performance involving feats of balance and agility.

ACROSTIC: A word puzzle in which selected letters from lines form another word or message.

ADVENTURE: A type of video game focused on exploration and narrative.

AEROBIC: Relating to exercise that improves cardiovascular fitness.

AGILITY: The ability to move quickly and easily.

AIKIDO: A Japanese martial art emphasizing redirection of force.

AIM: The act of pointing at a target.

AIRBORNE: Being in the air during a jump or flip.

AIRTIME: The duration spent in the air during a jump or flip.

ALBATROSS: A score of three strokes under par on a single hole in golf.

ALLEY: The area between the singles and doubles sidelines on a tennis court.

ALPINISM: The sport and practice of mountain climbing.

AMATEUR: A person who participates in sports for pleasure rather than financial gain.

AMPLITUDE: The height or extent of a jump.

ANAEROBIC: Exercise performed without the use of oxygen.

ANCHOR: A secure point of attachment for a climbing rope.

ANTE: A small bet required to join a game or round.

APPAREL: Clothing designed specifically for sports.

APPROACH: The path taken by a bowler towards the foul line.

AQUATIC: Relating to or living in water.

ARBITRATOR: An official appointed to settle a dispute or make a decision in a game.

ARC: A curved path or shape.

ARCADE: A place where coin-operated amusement devices are located.

ARCH: A backward bend of the body, often used as a transition in tumbling.

ARCHER: A person skilled in using a bow and arrow.

ARCHERY: The practice or skill of using a bow to shoot arrows.

ARENA: A large enclosed area used for sports competitions.

ARMBAR: A submission technique that hyperextends the elbow joint.

ARROW: A shaft with a sharp point and feathers, shot from a bow.

ARROWHEAD: The pointed tip of an arrow.

ARROWS: Projectiles shot from bows toward targets.

ASCENDER: A device used in climbing to grip and ascend a rope or other cord.

ASSIST: A pass that leads directly to a score.

ASSISTS: Credits awarded to players who help create a teammate's scoring play.

ATHLETE: A person who is proficient in sports and other forms of physical exercise.

ATHLETICISM: The quality of being able to perform well in sports and physical activities.

ATTACK: The attempt of players to score goals against the opposition.

AVALANCHE: A large mass of snow falling rapidly down a mountainside.

AVATAR: A player's representation or character within a video game.

BACCARAT: A casino card game where players bet on whether a 'player' or 'banker' hand will win.

BACKBOARD: The rectangular board behind a basketball hoop that the ball can rebound off of.

BACKCOUNTRY: Remote, unpatrolled snow areas.

BACKCOURT: The area of a court near the baseline or hoop.

BACKFIELD: The area of the field behind the line of scrimmage in American football.

BACKFLIP: An acrobatic move involving a backward rotation.

BACKGAMMON: An ancient race game played with dice and checkers-like pieces.

BACKGAMMONER: A person who plays backgammon.

BACKHANDS: Shots hit with the back of the hand facing forward.

BACKSPIN: A type of spin applied to a ball.

BACKSTROKE: A swimming stroke performed on one's back.

BACKSWING: The backward movement of a racket or club before a strike.

BADMINTON: A racket sport played with a shuttlecock and rackets.

BALANCE: The ability to maintain stability or equilibrium.

BALL: A round object used in various games and sports.

BALLS: Plural of the objects hit in racket sports.

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.

Word search puzzles train the mind in their own distinctive way: rather than reasoning through wordplay, you're scanning a crowded field of letters, holding a target word in mind, and training your eye to catch a pattern hidden among the noise. Every word found sharpens visual attention and sustained focus — the quiet discipline of not looking away until the pattern reveals itself.

Unleash your curiosity as you navigate through a vibrant tapestry of sports and games in this word search puzzle book. From the gridiron battlegrounds of American Football to the strategic mind games of Chess, each puzzle is designed to expand your horizons. Whether you're diving into the intricacies of Basketball or unraveling the mysteries of Darts, every term has a story waiting to be discovered. As you hunt for hidden words in the grid, you'll find yourself expanding your knowledge, encountering terms related to court sports and board games alike. Enjoy the journey through this colorful world of play and competition!

