
THE PUZZLE TROLLEY

A Trip Down Memory Lane

Eight Large-Print Word Searches to Spark Stories and Smiles

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Volume 1

A Note to You

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Welcome to your free sample pack from The Puzzle Trolley. These eight large-print word searches were made for group activity sessions: every puzzle celebrates a memory your residents will recognise — wash day, the seaside, the corner shop — and every grid hides a familiar saying for the table to discover together. Solve them one-to-one or as a group, and let the words do what they do best: start conversations. You are welcome to photocopy this pack for use within your home. If your residents enjoy it, a fresh themed pack arrives every month — visit puzzletrolley.co.uk, or simply reply to the email that brought you here, to start your free trial.

Every puzzle in this book hides a short themed message. After you circle all the listed words, the remaining letters — read left to right, top to bottom — spell out a phrase or memory tied to the puzzle's theme. There are 8 hidden messages waiting to be discovered.

Whether you are solving on a quiet morning, sharing with a friend, or curling up with a cup of coffee, we hope this book brings back a flood of memories and a few good smiles along the way.

May these pages bring back a thousand memories.

How to Play

- 1 Find the words.** Each puzzle has a grid of letters and a word list below it. Find and circle every word. Words in **bold** are more challenging.
- 2 Check every direction.** Words can run horizontally, vertically, or diagonally — and may be written forwards or backwards.
- 3 Hunt for bonus words.** Some puzzles hide extra themed words not on the printed list — the number is shown at the bottom of each puzzle page.
- 4 Decode the hidden message.** After circling all the listed words, the remaining unused letters spell a secret phrase — read them left to right, top to bottom.

Example:

H	C	A	T
D	I	O	G
F	O	X	!

After circling **CAT**, **DOG**, and **FOX**, the highlighted letters read:

H I ! "HI!"

- 5 Check the difficulty.** Each puzzle is rated from Easy to Expert. The rating appears below the puzzle title.
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- 6 Track your progress.** Use the Progress Tracker to tick off completed puzzles. Full solutions with circled answers are at the back of the book.
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A Trip Down Memory Lane

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Some memories never fade — they just wait for an invitation. The smell of a Sunday roast. The clatter of a mangle on wash day. A paper bag of humbugs weighed out on the corner-shop scales.

These eight puzzles are invitations. Each one takes a theme from the Britain of the 1940s, 50s and 60s, and fills the grid with the words of those days. Find the words together, and the stories will follow on their own.

In every puzzle, the letters you don't use spell out a familiar saying — read them in order, left to right, top to bottom, and see who at the table calls it out first. The full answer key is at the back of the pack.

Take your time. There are no rules here, no scores, and no hurry. The puzzle is just the kettle; the conversation is the tea.

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Wash Day Monday

Difficulty: Easy

Puzzle 1 of 8

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

Find all 18 words — **bold words** are harder

AIRER · BASKET · BLUEBAG · BOILER · **CLOTHESLINE** ·
IRONING · LAUNDRY · MANGLE · PEGS · PULLEY · RINSE ·
SCRUBBING · SOAPFLAKES · STARCH · SUDS · TWINTUB ·
WASHBOARD · WRINGER

Hidden message: 16 letters — read the unused letters left to right, top to bottom

BONUS: Find 3 hidden words not on the list!

A Day at the British Seaside

Difficulty: Easy

Puzzle 2 of 8

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

Find all 16 words — **bold words** are harder

ARCADE · BANDSTAND · BUCKET · CANDYFLOSS ·
DECKCHAIR · DONKEY · ICECREAM · PADDLING · PIER ·
POSTCARD · **PROMENADE** · ROCKPOOL · SANDCASTLE ·
SEAGULLS · SPADE · WINKLES

Hidden message: 16 letters — read the unused letters left to right, top to bottom

BONUS: Find 3 hidden words not on the list!

The Corner Shop

Difficulty: Easy

Puzzle 3 of 8

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

Find all 16 words — **bold words** are harder

ANISEED • **BARLEYSUGAR** • BONBONS • COUNTER •
ERRANDS • GOBSTOPPER • GROCER • HUMBUGS • JARS •
LIQUORICE • PAPERBAG • PEARDROPS • RATIONBOOK •
SCALES • SHERBET • TOFFEE

Hidden message: 16 letters — read the unused letters left to right, top to bottom

BONUS: Find 3 hidden words not on the list!

Old Money

Difficulty: Medium
Puzzle 4 of 8

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

Find all 16 words — **bold words** are harder

CHANGE · COPPERS · FARTHING · FLORIN · GUINEA ·
HALFCROWN · HALFPENNY · PIGGYBANK · **POCKETMONEY** ·
POUNDNOTE · PURSE · QUID · SHILLING · SIXPENCE ·
TANNER · **THREEPENCE**

Hidden message: 19 letters — read the unused letters left to right, top to bottom

BONUS: Find 3 hidden words not on the list!

Listening to the Wireless

Difficulty: Easy

Puzzle 5 of 8

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

Find all 16 words — **bold words** are harder

AERIAL · ANNOUNCER · ARCHERS · BAKELITE · BULLETIN ·
 COMEDY · CRACKLE · DIAL · **DICKBARTON** · GOONSHOW ·
HOMESERVICE · SHIPPING · STATION · TUNING · VALVES ·
 WIRELESS

Hidden message: 16 letters — read the unused letters left to right, top to bottom

BONUS: Find 3 hidden words not on the list!

Coronation Day, 1953

Difficulty: Medium

Puzzle 6 of 8

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

Find all 17 words — **bold words** are harder

ABBEY · ANTHEM · BUNTING · CARRIAGE · COACH ·
CORONATION · CROWN · FLAGS · MAJESTY · NEIGHBOURS ·
PROCESSION · SCEPTRE · **STREETPARTY** · TELEVISION ·
THRONE · TRIFLE · **WESTMINSTER**

Hidden message: 15 letters — read the unused letters left to right, top to bottom

BONUS: Find 3 hidden words not on the list!

Sunday Dinner

Difficulty: Easy

Puzzle 7 of 8

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

Find all 17 words — **bold words** are harder

APRON • BESTCHINA • CARVING • CRACKLING • CRUMBLE •
CUSTARD • GRAVY • GREENS • MINTSAUCE • PARSNIPS •
POTATOES • RHUBARB • ROAST • SPROUTS • STUFFING •
TEAPOT • YORKSHIRE

Hidden message: 18 letters — read the unused letters left to right, top to bottom

BONUS: Find 3 hidden words not on the list!

School Days

Difficulty: Easy
Puzzle 8 of 8

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

Find all 17 words — **bold words** are harder

ASSEMBLY · BLACKBOARD · BLOTTER · CHALK · CONKERS ·
HOPSCOTCH · HYMNS · INKWELL · MARBLES ·
MILKMONITOR · PLAYGROUND · **PLIMSOLLS** · REGISTER ·
SATCHEL · SKIPPING · **TIMESTABLES** · TUCKSHOP

Hidden message: 18 letters — read the unused letters left to right, top to bottom

BONUS: Find 3 hidden words not on the list!

Did You Know? — A Trip Down Memory Lane

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1. Until 1971, twelve pennies made a shilling and twenty shillings made a pound. A sixpence was a 'tanner', a shilling was a 'bob' — and many shoppers could still tot up a grocery bill in old money decades later. Ask the table: what could a sixpence buy when you were ten?

2. Sweet rationing in Britain did not fully end until February 1953 — and when it did, children queued around the block with their pocket money. Which sweets did you save up for: humbugs, sherbet lemons, or a quarter of pear drops?

3. On Coronation Day in June 1953, more than twenty million people watched the ceremony on television — most of them crowded into the front room of the one neighbour in the street who owned a set. Where did you watch it, and what was served at your street party?

4. Monday was wash day in nearly every British household — a full day's work with the copper, the washboard, the mangle and the line, all before automatic washing machines arrived. What was wash day like in your house, and who turned the mangle?

5. 'Listen with Mother' began on the BBC in 1950 with the famous words 'Are you sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin' — and at its peak more than a million children sat down to it every afternoon. Which wireless programmes did your family never miss?

Progress Tracker

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Check off each puzzle as you complete it!





Certificate of Completion

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This certifies that

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has successfully completed all puzzles in

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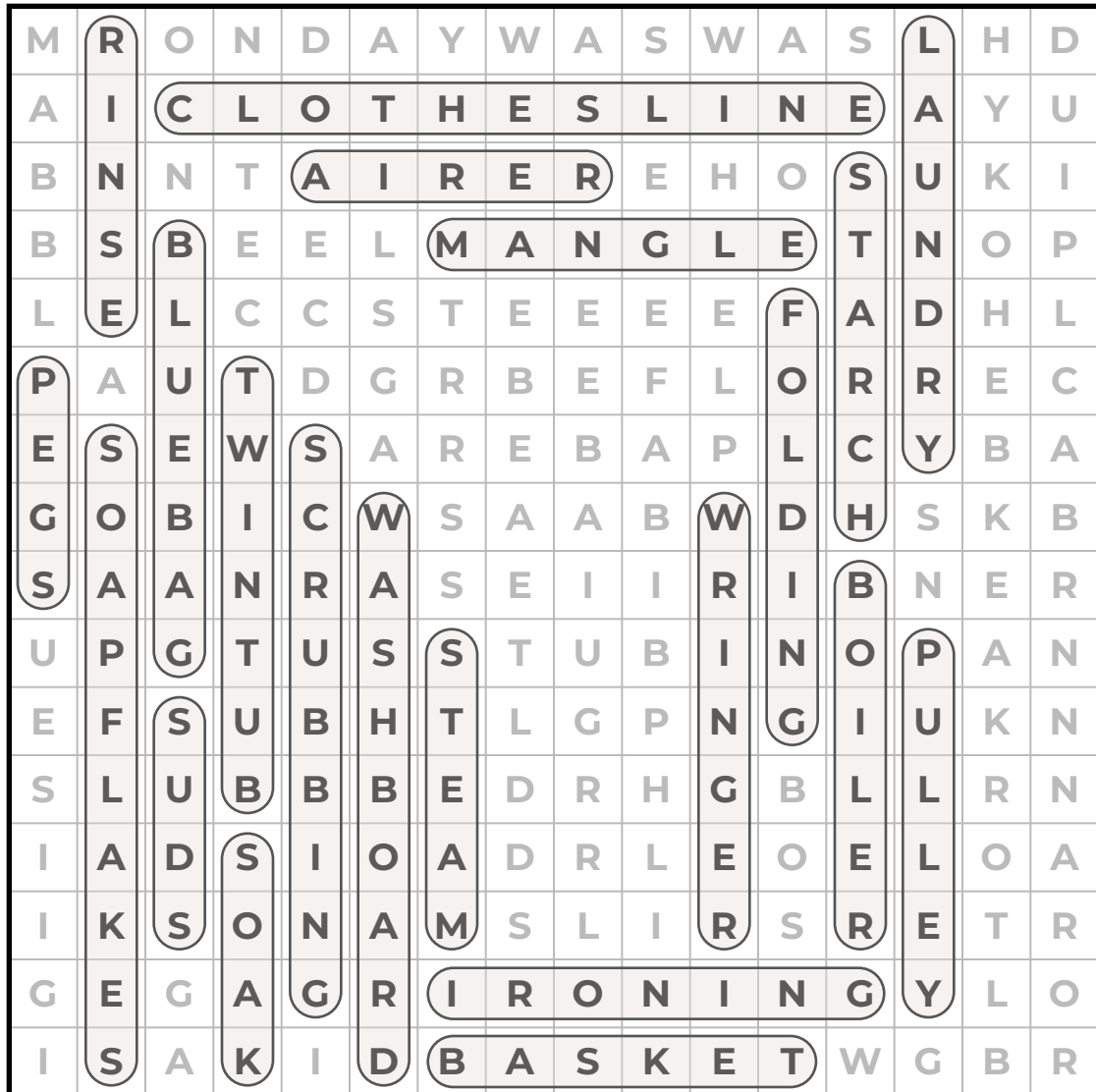
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Answer Key

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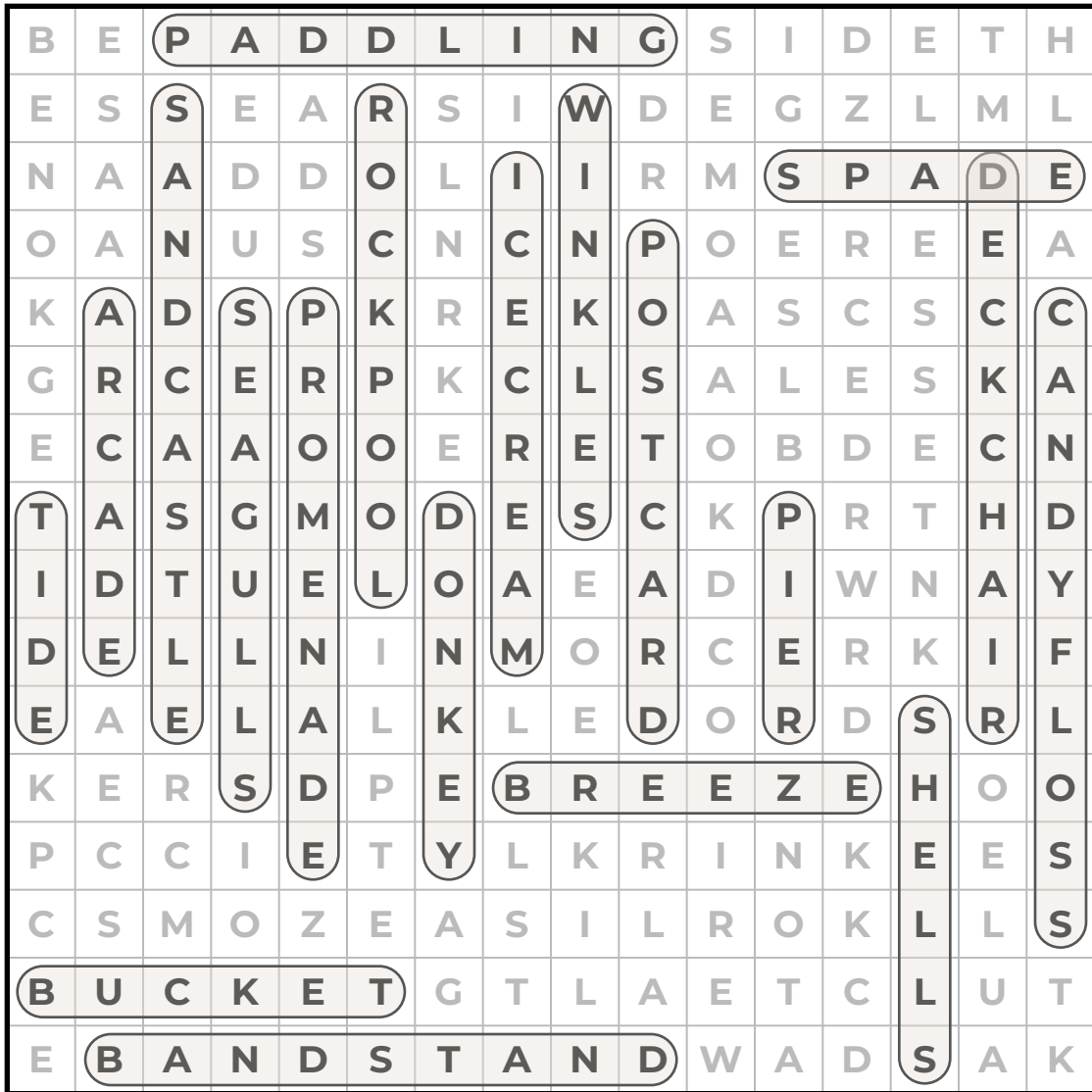
Wash Day Monday — Answers



Hidden message: MONDAY WAS WASH DAY

Well done! You discovered the hidden message.

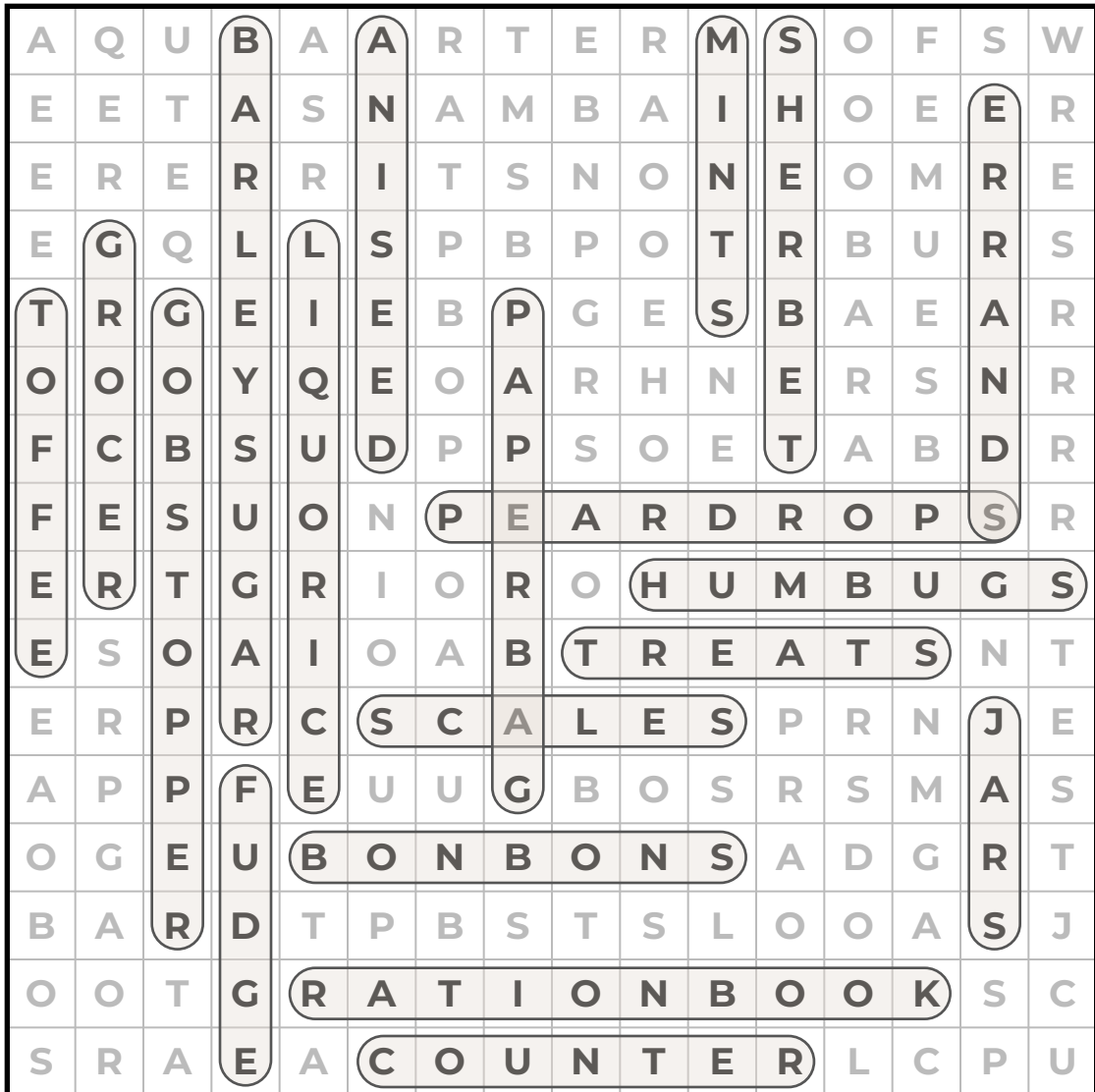
A Day at the British Seaside — Answers



Hidden message: **BESIDE THE SEASIDE**

Well done! You discovered the hidden message.

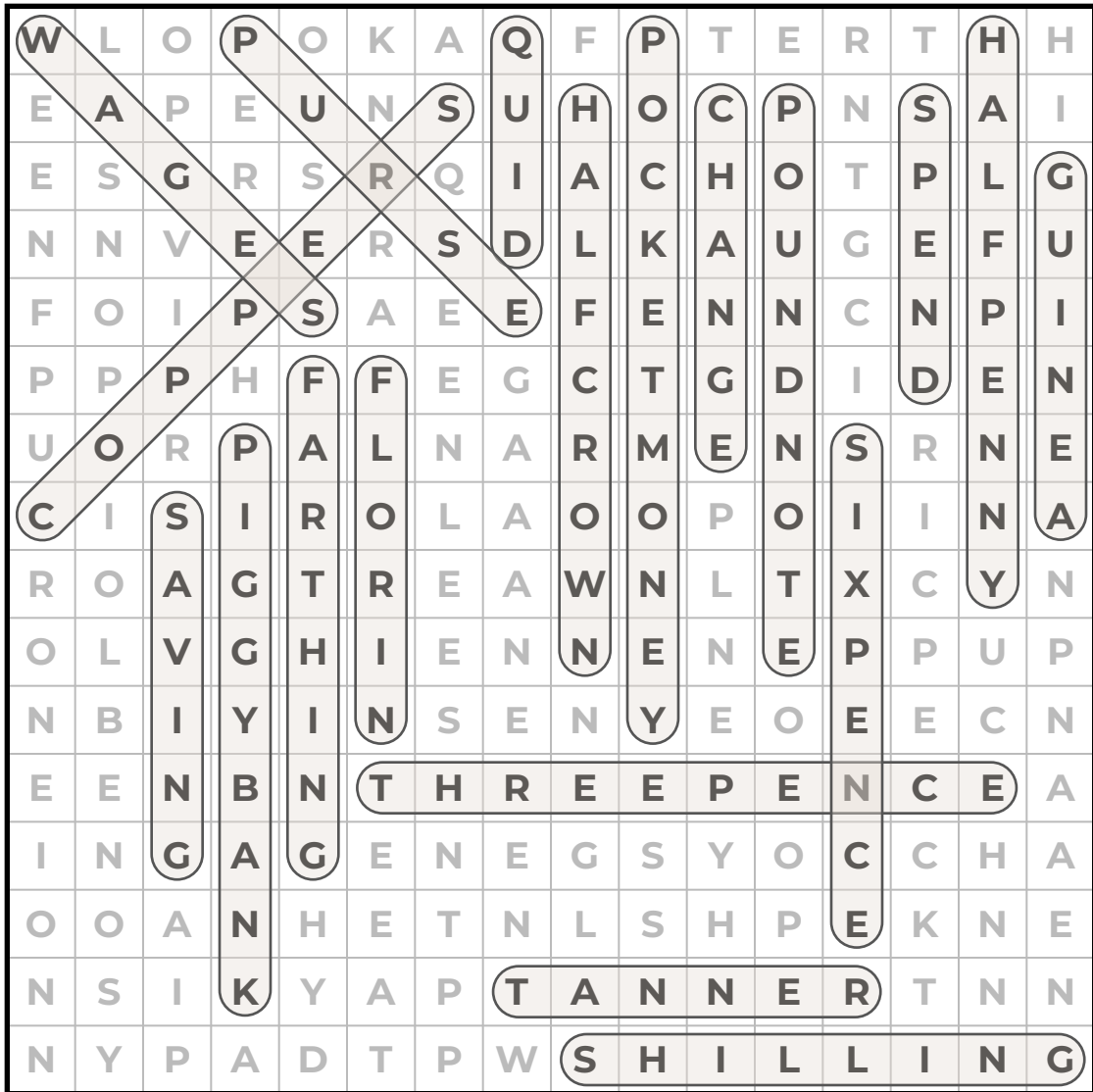
The Corner Shop — Answers



Hidden message: A QUARTER OF SWEETS

Well done! You discovered the hidden message.

Old Money — Answers



Hidden message: LOOK AFTER THE PENNIES

Well done! You discovered the hidden message.

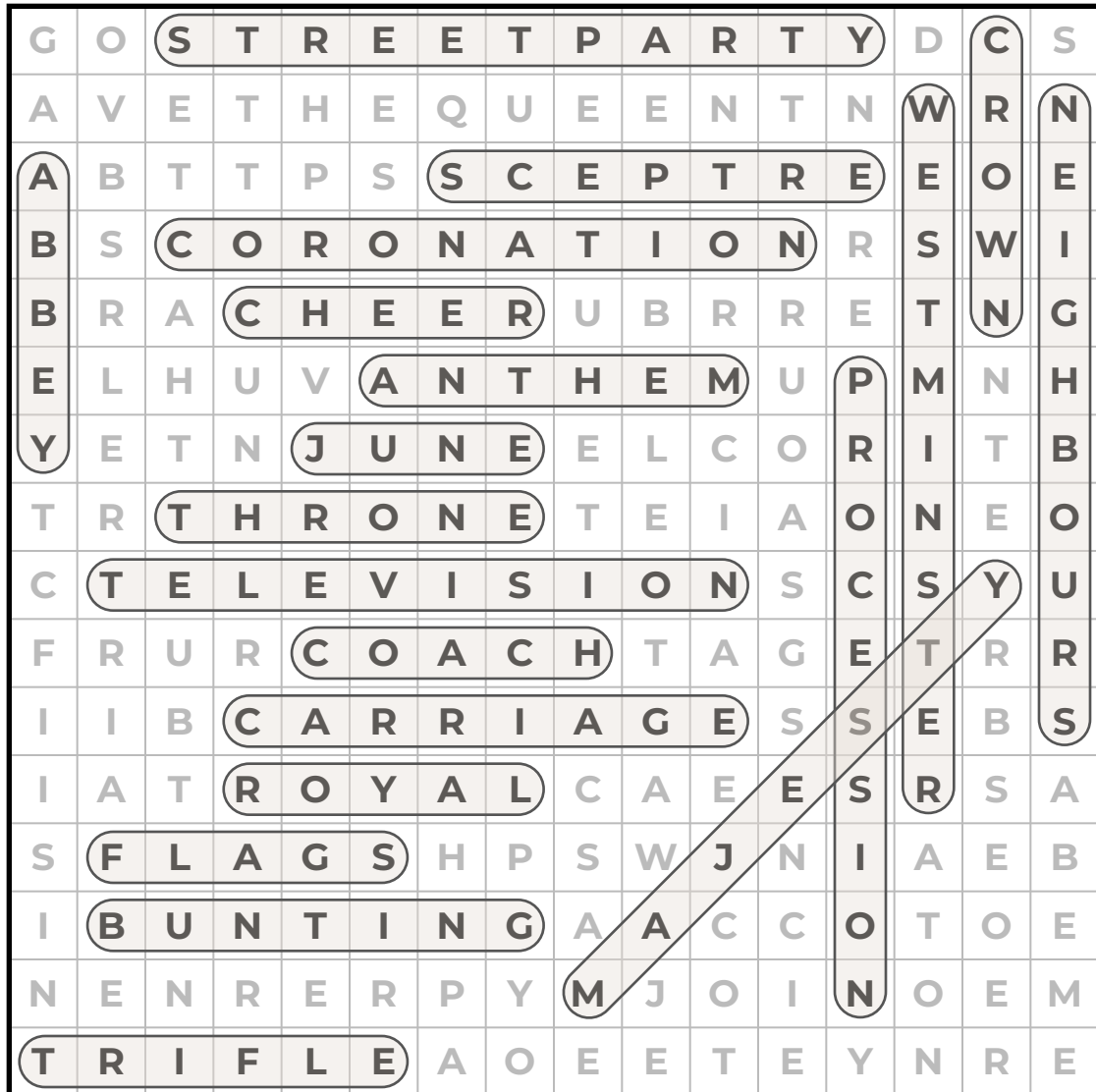
Listening to the Wireless — Answers

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

Hidden message: LISTEN WITH MOTHER

Well done! You discovered the hidden message.

Coronation Day, 1953 — Answers



Hidden message: GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Well done! You discovered the hidden message.

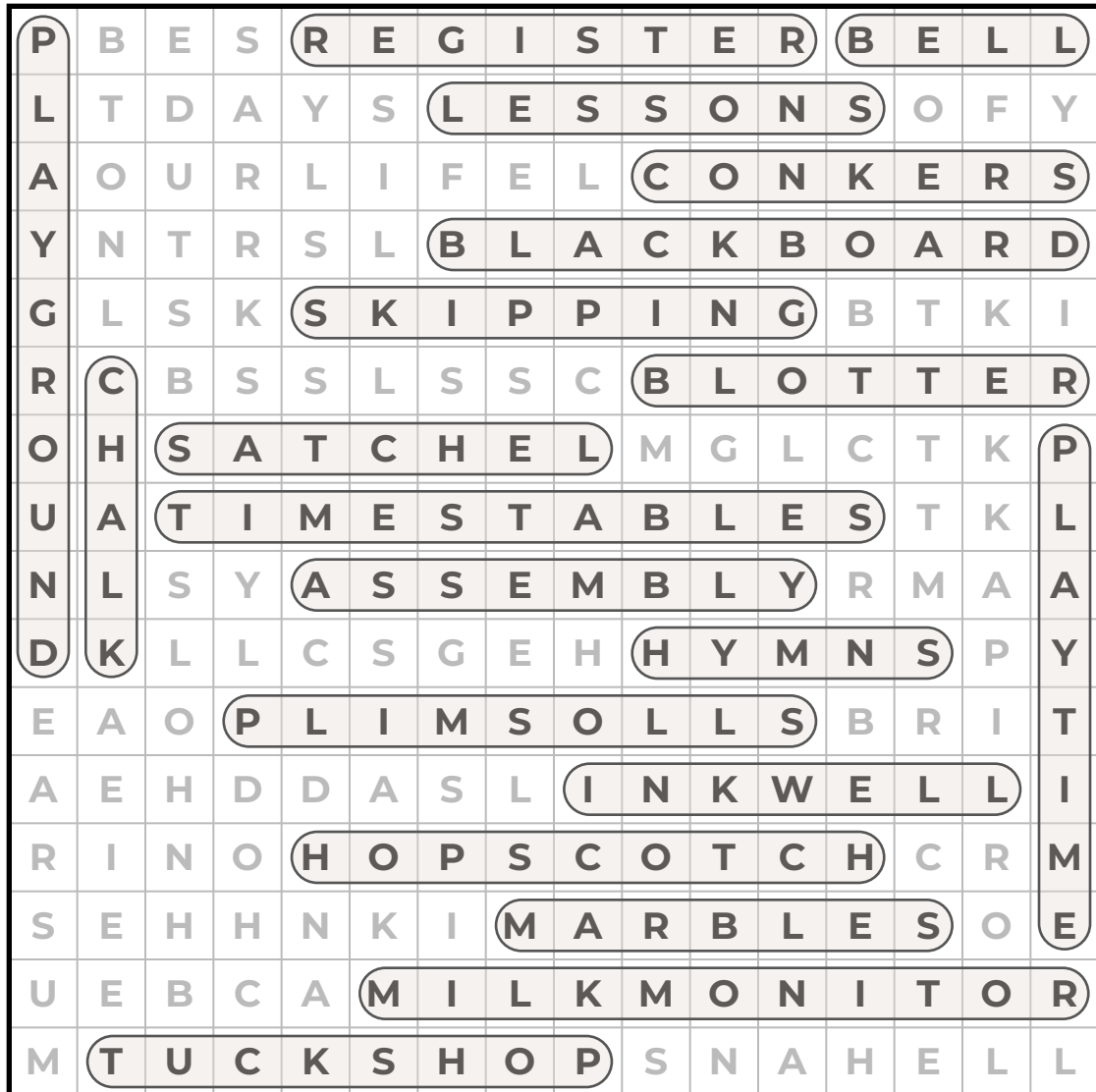
Sunday Dinner — Answers

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

Hidden message: PASS THE GRAVY PLEASE

Well done! You discovered the hidden message.

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Hidden message: BEST DAYS OF YOUR LIFE

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