



## Welcome to the Kids' Pack!

We know that crossword puzzles can be intimidating at first, but we're here to help! These six puzzles are geared toward young solvers between 6 and 14 years old. In this introduction we will offer some guidance on these puzzles and some general solving advice to help anyone conquer these grids!

## About These Puzzles

- **Coloring Puzzles** are aimed at 1st-2nd-grade vocabulary (ages 6–8). The coloring images can serve as a visual hint for some clues and a fun way for younger kids to engage with the puzzles, even if they don't write in the answers!
- **7x7 Themeless Puzzles** are aimed at 3rd–5th-grade vocabulary (ages 9–11).
- **9x9 Themeless Puzzles** are aimed at 6th–8th-grade vocabulary (ages 12–14).

## Advice for Caregivers

The most important thing a caregiver can do to help a young solver is to provide a supportive environment. Young solvers might require some gentle encouragement and assistance with these puzzles, and that is perfectly fine! However you decide to tackle these puzzles, we hope that they provide a fun and enriching experience for kids of all ages and solving abilities.

## Tips for Young Solvers

- **Read through the clues until you find an answer you know.** After you write the letters of your answer in the puzzle squares, those letters will help you with clues you're not sure about.
- **Keep looking at clues you don't know.** Sometimes reading something again will give you a new idea.
- **Ask a friend or family member for help.** Talking to someone else about a clue can help you think of new things. And it's fun to solve a puzzle with a partner!
- **Google it!** There's no such thing as cheating at a crossword. Looking up a clue can help you learn something new, and might help you remember it better the next time you see it in a puzzle.