

March 2021 **Answer Sheet** Welcome to Puzzled Pint!

Tonight

- We're here to help! This is not a competitive event. Ask the Game Control volunteers (GC) for hints as often as you'd like. The goal is to have fun, not to be frustrated!
- If your location is running virtual, go to the location page and find out how to contact your local GC. It's located at: http://puzzledpint.com/march-2021/life-in-2020/lockdownrelief/
- This month has a special on-line set done in Jamboard that we highly recommend using if you have internet access! It's at: https://jamboard.google.com/d/1Upr0HW-PY1HW3ARs3WenvMw31LJZxXQsiod1IQB8Dw/viewer and you just make a copy for your team to use.

The Puzzles

- Each puzzle will solve to a short word or phrase. How? That's for you to discover!
- Need a code sheet or solving resources? Check out the Resources page on Puzzled Pint's webpage: http://www.puzzledpint.com/resources/
- You can use anything to help solve: Use your phone; the internet is fair game! Think your brother might have an insight? Give him a call!
- While each month has a theme, you need no special knowledge of the theme to solve.

About Puzzled Pint

- How did tonight go? Email us at Feedback@puzzledpint.com
- We're an all-volunteer organization.
 - Help us run locally: Talk with Game Control about how you can volunteer.
 - Help us run globally: <u>https://www.patreon.com/PuzzledPint</u>.

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A Re-Reunion Guaranteed to Please

March 2021 After New York City started showing signs that safe and cautious reopening of businesses might be possible, the legendary CBGB night club decided to reopen its doors with a throw-back, feelgood band that was guaranteed to please. This group had disbanded long ago, then reunited, then disbanded again - this time for good! But hey, don't believe everything you read.

To encourage the fans to continue safe social-distancing while they waited in line to buy tickets, the promoters roped off a row of twenty parking spaces, added dashed stripes between the solid yellow ones and instructed the small groups (mostly pairs and individuals) to use these half-spaces to help separate the groups from one another. The organizers pleaded with the fans to keep as much distance as they could between individuals in adjacent groups, but those pleas went mostly ignored. With law enforcement on hand just in case, several dozen cautiously enthusiastic fans queued up. The positions of four of those fans are shown below. Based on the following information, you should be able to fill in the positions of the other fans.

- Shown beside each stripe are how many Small, Medium & Large distances were maintained • between each pair of fans on opposite sides of that stripe. See the two examples at right for clarification.
- With the fans all facing the ticket window, nobody in the righthand row (row C in the grid below) • had anyone directly in front of them - which was definitely not the case for rows A and B.
- A couple of the half-spaces (columns in the grid) were inadvertently left unoccupied.
- Row (A) had precisely twenty-six fans in it.

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So, what famous band was re-reuniting for this special occasion?



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Puzzka Pint Adhering to the Guidelines (1/2) 88800

The visitors* to the park that day (all pictured on the next page) *each had a number* of issues they wanted to talk about, safely of course. Then all of a sudden, a strong gust blew all their protective face coverings off their faces and onto the bottom of this page! As they scrambled to find them and put them back on, one person was overheard to say: "They can put a man on the moon; why can't they invent an adhesive to hold these darn things in place!?"

*Please note: these visitors are purely fictional: any resemblance of these characters to actual people, living or dead, is purely coincidental and has nothing to do with the solving of this puzzle!







Puzzka Twisted Logic

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So many crazy twists and turns these past several months: it can really make your head spin. Up, down, left, right, even diagonally... Construct the grid described

below; then find these twelve words, focusing *first* on the twelve dark gray letters. Impossible? Did I mention the four squares each rotate? To sum up the situation, 2020 could certainly be consider proof we live in these!



Good for treating stains, but definitely <u>not</u> intended for treating strains. (6)

The bell shape that we all did our best to flatten. (5)

Many people opted to shelter with these furry friends – since they know how ruff life can be in a shelter. (4)

So maybe the economy didn't grow much, but this sure did: now hand me those scissors! (4)

The only safe place for shopping, schooling, meeting and dating... (6)

Whether you're binging on Netflix or meeting with the board of directors, these are now considered optional apparel. (5)

New concert venue and drop-off locale for many of our purchases. (5)

When the dumpster pickings grow slim, these city-dwellers turn bold and ravenous. (4)

Nicknamed white gold, supplies of this type of paper were wiped out everywhere. (6)

College students partying as usual over spring break – the uploaded videos went (appropriately) _____. (5)

Like the "freshman-15," lock-downs with fewer opportunities to exercise had some convinced that "covid-19" referred to a gain in this. (6)

Percentage of the world's population not somehow affected by the pandemic. (4)







March 2021 Jimmy was doing his best to pay attention to his kindergarten teachers, Ms. Rory and Ms. Dede during his on-line class. It was only the first week of virtual school, and the teachers had already had the students write two letters to the principal about the importance of hand-washing and social distancing, and now they were assigning them to write a *third letter*! Jimmy was getting a little bored, so he started playing with the proportions of the window on his laptop screen. Ms. Rory's and Ms. Dede's images were always at the very bottom of the window in that order, and the twelve images of Jimmy and his eleven classmates were in a 2-row by 6-column grid at the top. When Jimmy made the window skinnier, the student grid would change to a 3 x 4 grid, and then to a 4 x 3 grid, and when he made it skinny enough, it would change to a 6 x 2 grid. Jimmy noticed, however, that the students were always in the same order first to last, and it wasn't necessarily alphabetical.







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Ms. Rory & Ms. Dede

As he played with these four different arrangements, Jimmy made the following observations about his classmates:

Edana was always immediately to the right of Gabrielle in every arrangement.

Crosby and Liza were always in opposite corners in every arrangement.

Brooke and Hayden were never in the same row or the same column in any of the arrangements, and the same was true for Liza and Frank.

Brooke was in the top row in all but one of four arrangements.

Hayden was in the bottom row in all but one of four arrangements.

In one arrangement, Alonzo, Crosby and Keyshia were all in the same diagonal.

And in another arrangement, Hayden, Dominic and Alonzo were all one knight's move away from Jimmy's position.

He was sending all this information in a chat message to his classmate, Isla, just as Ms. Rory started wrapping things up: "OK, my little virtual friends," Ms. Rory smiled, "Sing along with me…" And we all know what song they sang!



knight moves!



Puzzka Pint Bonus: Making Your Connection (1/2)

March 2021 With fewer customers willing to be crowded together in a small space for several hours at a time, air travel has taken a real hit, and companies have had to cut way back on the cities they service. This often makes for some rather questionable connecting routes. Even if you were a wanted criminal contemplating making a run for it, you might stop and consider whether taking off on foot (or *flagging* down an Uber) would indeed be less stressful than taking to the friendly skies.

*To fly from Los Angeles, CA, to Missoula, MT, you'd have to go through Portland, OR.

*A Nashville, TN, to Burlington, VT, requires a stopover in Pittsburgh, PA.

*Stockholm, Sweden, to Prague, Czechia, by way of Riga, Latvia.

*When flying from Washington, DC, to Boston, MA, Ottawa, ON, is your connecting airport

*Manchester, England \rightarrow Zurich, Switzerland, by way of Tricity, Poland.

*Going from Tromsø, Norway, to Edinburgh, Scotland, requires a connection in Bratislava, Slovakia.

*When traveling from Capetown, South Africa, to Wellington, New Zealand, you will change planes in Melbourne, Australia.

*If you're going from Phoenix, AZ, to Victoria, BC, plan on a lay-over in Denver, CO.

*If flying from Navi Mumbai, India, to Christchurch, New Zealand, Taipei, Taiwan, will be where you change planes

*Madison, WI, to Austin, TX, is only doable if you pass through Saint Louis, MO.

Bonus Bonus: All of the cities mentioned in this puzzle have something in common – except one. What do they have in common, and which city is the outlier?





PUZZER META: A Visionary Use of Technology

It is as important as ever to keep our eyes open and be vigilant. Even still, with such a microscopic adversary, we need to invent new means to protect ourselves. Keeping track of who goes where when and focusing on all those coincidental encounters can indeed help us win this battle. Consider the four solutions. Each is followed by two other words that just happened to be out at the same time and in the same general vicinity as that solution. Using GPS (and other letters) it was determined that each word crossed paths with that solution just once. Determine these precise ordinal intersections and plot them on the grid. This should help you draw a conclusion that lends itself to a clear solution to this problem.



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