



Linguistics

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Welcome to Solve@NUS!

This is **not** a competitive event. Feel free to approach us for hints as often as desired. The aim is for you to have fun, not frustration!

Each puzzle will give you a word or short phrase as the answer. How? That's for you to discover!

Need a code sheet or solving resources? Ask us or check out these online pages:

<https://puzzle.tools/>

<https://puzzles.mit.edu/resources.html>

You can use anything to aid in solving. Using your phone, computer or Internet is completely okay!

When discussing answers, please be mindful of other teams around you to avoid revealing spoilers.

Have fun!

Team Name

Start time

Team Size

End time

Puzzle Answers	
A Scrabble Board Dropped On The Road	
Mix And Match	
LAC1201 Homework?	
WHO ARE YOU?	
Verify your answers to receive the metapuzzle and bonus puzzle!	
Meta-phor	
w3d s3tf	

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A Scrabble Board Dropped On The Road

Difficulty: 2/5

By: Ryan

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- The study of how context contributes to meaning (10)
 - The study of vocabulary (10)
 - The study of linguistic meaning (9)
 - The study of the structure of a sentence (6)
- The study of the relationship between language and society (16)
 - The study of the origin and history of words (9)
- A comparison between two things on the basis of a third shared trait (7)
 - Highness or lowness of voice (5)
 - The receiver of an action in a sentence (6)
 - A structured system of communication (8)
 - To omit sounds in speech (5)
- Rules that dictate the structure of a language (7)
 - The doer of the action in a sentence (7)
 - The study of sounds (9)
 - The study of symbolic communication (9)



Mix And Match

By: Valerie

Difficulty: 3/5

Someone keeps getting their binomials the wrong way round.

Looks like they went overboard with their thesaurus too...

DARLING (5) •

PINCH (4) •

SUGARY (5) •

HEALTHY (4) •

SHRIEKING (9) •

OVERCOME (7) •

BLURRY (5) •

PERCEIVE (3) •

SCALD (4) •

BORING (3) •

LIVING (5)

SMASH (5)

EAT (4)

SEGREGATE (6)

LOFTY (4)

PUNTING (7)

EXPLOIT (4)

STUBBY (5)

LINGER (4)

TEPID (4)

$$(4, 6) \rightarrow ?$$



LAC1201 Homework?

By: CY
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Difficulty: 3/5

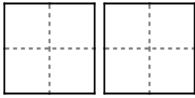
漢字を英語に翻訳して、____に正しい漢字を書いてください。



三、wrist  (3)



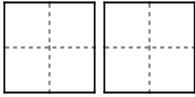
二、shush  (3)



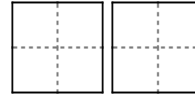
五、ginseng  (6)



五、smell  (6)



一、pitiful  (4)



六、constraint  (7)



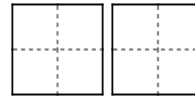
三、machine  (4)



二、walk  (3)



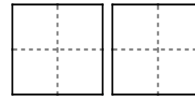
二、bed  (5)




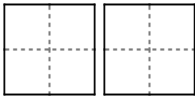
一、reluctantly  (5)




四、soup  (3、5)



七、sir  (7)



四、everyone  (8)



LAC1201 Homework?

By: CY

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Difficulty: 3/5

一、おAを飲んで、Bを食べます。

二、学校でAと話した後で、マンションでBに会いました。

三、Aに横たわり、変な音をBきます。

四、Aで手紙を読んだ後で、教科書を使ってBしました。

五、Aが折れたけど、足はまだ大丈夫なので、Bれますよ。

六、主人にAをしたけど、彼がBをついたから、離婚しました。

七、田中さんの娘はとてもAですね。



WHO ARE YOU?

By: Valerie

Difficulty: 3/5

Having a black sheep in the family is a tradition that may loop back to ancient civilisations.

GON	HUR	KAN	TAM	(5/9, 5/10)
DAN	ELL	SEZ	SPA	(6/12, 1/8)
ACR	CAC	COR	HUS	(1/5, 2/7)
COO	COW	LIL	USP	(8/8, 2/8)
CHM	LAY	MYA	PDU	(8/11, 2/4)
EST	FIN	HUN	TEL	(6/6, 1/6)



Meta-phor

By: Valerie



Difficulty: 3/5

*Initially, we are linguistics students! What a lovely subject!
But after navigating this puzzling database and its features, we can each call ourselves a...*

- (1) A Scrabble Board Dropped On The Road: _ _ _ _ _
(2) Mix And Match: _ _ _ _ _
(3) LAC1201 Homework?: _ _ _ _ _
(4) WHO ARE YOU?: _ _ _ _ _
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$$\begin{aligned} & (3)^{\text{dfy}(/x\text{d})x=\text{fx}(x)} - (2) \\ & (2)^{100\%} - (1) - (1)^{(n-2)\text{th}} \\ & (1) / ((1)^{3\text{rd}} + (1)^{3\text{rd}}) \\ & (3)^{\text{f}(x) = x} - (2)^{\circ} \\ & (1)^{(n-1)\text{th}} - (1)^{1\text{st}} \\ & (2)^{\circ} / ((1)^{(n-2)\text{th}} - (1)^{3\text{rd}}) \\ & (2) - (1)^{(n-2)\text{th}} \\ & (1)^{(n-2)\text{th}} / ((1)^{3\text{rd}} + (1)^{3\text{rd}}) \\ & (2)^{100\%} - (1)^{2\text{nd}} \\ & (1)^{2\text{nd}} \\ & (4) - (1)^{(n-1)\text{th}} - (2) \\ & (3) - (4) \text{ 🧠} \\ & (3)^{\text{dy/dx}} / (4) \text{ ❤️} \\ & (3)^{\text{dfy}(/x\text{d})x=\text{fx}(x)} - (4)^{\circ} \end{aligned}$$



w3d s3tʃ

By: Valerie
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Difficulty: 2.5/5

Singapore may have inherited many things from the British, but English pronunciation wasn't one of them.

æ	ɛ	h	k	ə	t	n	ə	m	l	a	s
b	ɹ	g	ə	e	f	ɹ	ɪ	s	p	t	ð
ə	d	ʌ	l	t	l	t	i	ɪ	u	j	k
l	i	ɑ	i	n	ə	j	s	g	l	u	ɒ
ə	f	t	g	æ	m	u	ə	ə	i	ɪ	l
ʊ	l	n	ɪ	d	b	ʃ	z	ɹ	s	ʃ	i
n	a	ɛ	m	ʌ	ɪ	ə	k	ə	s	ə	g
g	ʊ	m	t	l	ɹ	n	l	t	ɔ	n	d
ɪ	ə	i	f	t	ɪ	ɪ	p	ə	l	i	s
e	n	s	ə	l	ɹ	f	i	d	ʊ	ɪ	v
s	æ	m	ə	n	ɑ	s	ə	m	ɛ	n	t
ɔ	t	e	ɹ	ə	g	ɪ	s	s	θ	ɹ	i



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BONUS

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