

Need another word that means the same as “puzzle”? Find 64 synonyms and 30 related words for “puzzle” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Puzzle” are: amaze, baffle, beat, bewilder, dumbfound, flummox, get, gravel, mystify, nonplus, perplex, pose, stick, stupefy, vex, bewildering, mystifying, bemusing, think hard about, give much thought to, rack one's brains about, mull over, muse over, ponder, brood about, contemplate, meditate on, consider, reflect on, deliberate on, chew over, turn over in one's mind, cogitate on, wonder about, ask oneself about, work out, understand, comprehend, think out, think through, sort out, reason out, solve, make sense of, get to the bottom of, make head or tail of, unravel, untangle, decipher, decode, find the key to, piece together, mystifier, puzzler, teaser, enigma, mystery, paradox, conundrum, poser, riddle, question, question mark, problem**

## **Puzzle as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Puzzle" as a noun**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “puzzle” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A person or thing that is difficult to understand or explain; an enigma.*
- *A particularly baffling problem that is said to have a correct solution.*
- *A game, toy, or problem designed to test ingenuity or knowledge.*
- *A game that tests your ingenuity.*

- A jigsaw puzzle.



## Synonyms of "Puzzle" as a noun (12 Words)

- conundrum** A question asked for amusement, typically one with a pun in its answer; a riddle.  
*One of the most difficult **conundrums** for the experts.*
- enigma** A person or thing that is mysterious or difficult to understand.  
*Madeleine was still an **enigma** to him.*
- mystery** Something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain.  
*The **mystery** of Christ.*
- mystifier** A particularly baffling problem that is said to have a correct solution.
- paradox** A person or thing that combines contradictory features or qualities.  
*Parmenides was the original advocate of the philosophical power of **paradox**.*
- poser** A person who habitually pretends to be something he is not.

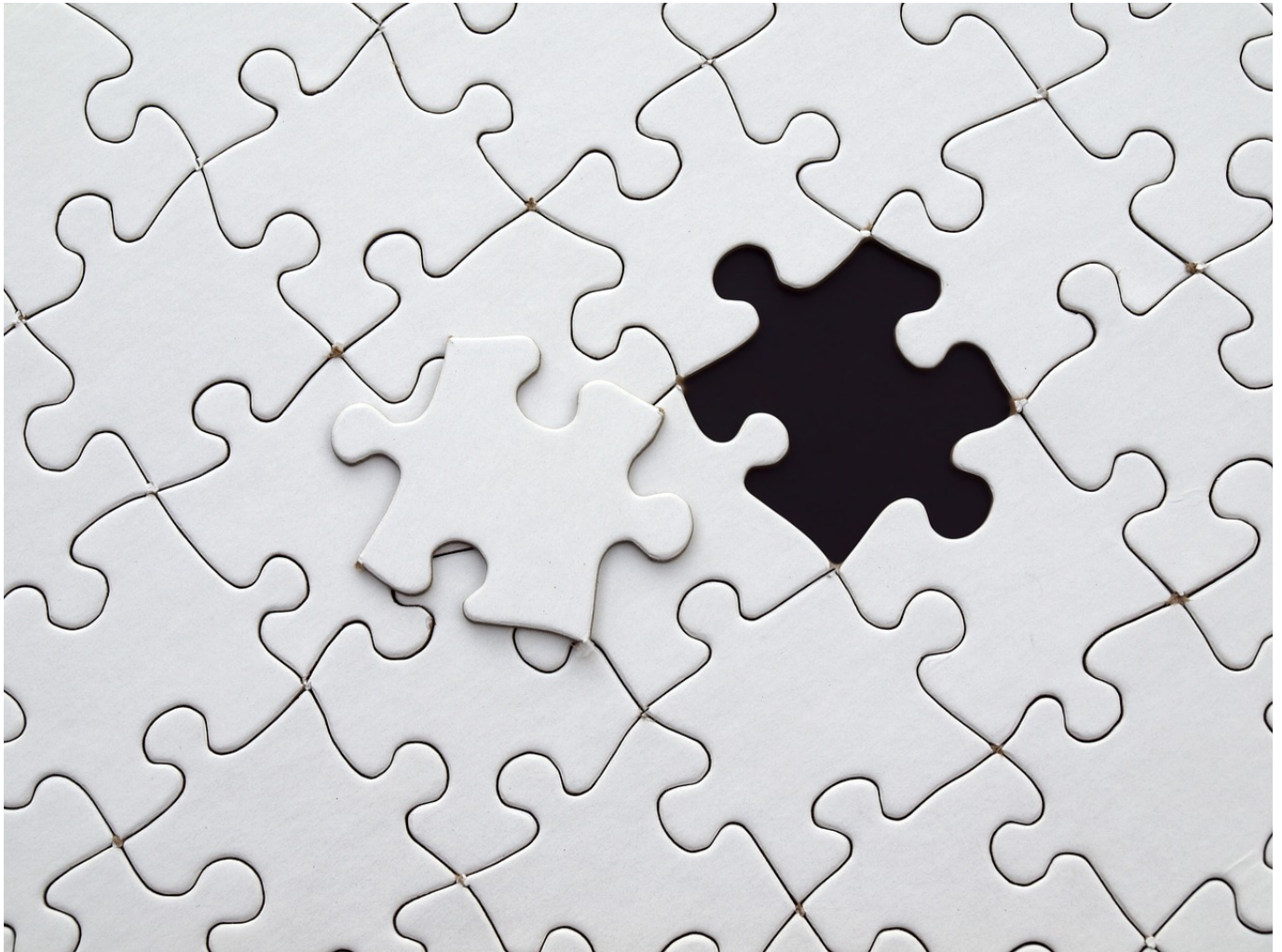
<b>problem</b>	(in chess) an arrangement of pieces in which the solver has to achieve a specified result. <i>A <b>problem</b> family.</i>
<b>puzzler</b>	A person who solves puzzles as a pastime. <i>That s a real <b>puzzler</b>.</i>
<b>question</b>	An instance of questioning. <i>Edward was the only one she obeyed without <b>question</b>.</i>
<b>question mark</b>	A sentence of inquiry that asks for a reply.
<b>riddle</b>	A coarse sieve (as for gravel). <i>The <b>riddle</b> of her death.</i>
<b>teaser</b>	A worker who teases wool. <i>Promotional <b>teasers</b> in every commercial break.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Puzzle" as a noun

- *A puzzle with 500 pieces.*
- *He loved to solve chessmate puzzles.*
- *Realization dawned as the pieces of the puzzle fell into place.*
- *A book with picture puzzles.*
- *Those who solve this puzzle in the shortest time are eligible for awards.*
- *That's a real puzzler.*

- *The meaning of the poem has always been a puzzle.*



## **Puzzle as a Verb**

### **Definitions of "Puzzle" as a verb**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "puzzle" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Solve or understand something by thinking hard.*
- *Be a mystery or bewildering to.*
- *Think hard about something because one cannot understand it.*
- *Cause (someone) to feel confused because they cannot understand something.*

- *Be uncertain about; think about without fully understanding or being able to decide.*



## Synonyms of "Puzzle" as a verb (52 Words)

<b><u>amaze</u></b>	Surprise (someone) greatly; fill with astonishment. <i>He has been <b>amazed</b> by the quality of the employees at the bank.</i>
<b>ask oneself about</b>	Direct or put; seek an answer to.
<b>baffle</b>	Restrain the emission of (sound, fluid, etc). <i>To <b>baffle</b> the noise further I pad the gunwales.</i>
<b>beat</b>	Shape by beating. <i>Her heart was <b>beating</b> fast.</i>
<b>bemusing</b>	Cause to be confused emotionally.
<b><u>bewilder</u></b>	Be a mystery or bewildering to. <i>His reaction had <b>bewildered</b> her.</i>
<b><u>bewildering</u></b>	Be a mystery or bewildering to.

<b>brood about</b>	Be in a huff and display one's displeasure.
<b>chew over</b>	Chew (food); to bite and grind with the teeth.
<b>cogitate on</b>	Use or exercise the mind or one's power of reason in order to make inferences, decisions, or arrive at a solution or judgments.
<b>comprehend</b>	Include, comprise, or encompass. <i>I simply couldn't <b>comprehend</b> what had happened.</i>
<b>consider</b>	Show consideration for take into account. <i>They <b>considered</b> the possibility of a strike.</i>
<b>contemplate</b>	Think intently and at length, as for spiritual purposes. <i>I <b>contemplated</b> leaving school and taking a full time job.</i>
<b><u>decipher</u></b>	Convert (a text written in code, or a coded signal) into normal language. <i>Can you <b>decipher</b> this letter.</i>
<b><u>decode</u></b>	Convert code into ordinary language. <i>A handbook to help parents <b>decode</b> street language.</i>
<b>deliberate on</b>	Discuss the pros and cons of an issue.
<b>dumbfound</b>	Be a mystery or bewildering to. <i>She was <b>dumbfounded</b> at the sight that met her eyes.</i>
<b>find the key to</b>	Accept and make use of one's personality, abilities, and situation.
<b>flummox</b>	Perplex (someone) greatly; bewilder. <i>I was completely <b>flummoxed</b> by the whole thing.</i>
<b>get</b>	Take vengeance on or get even. <i>Where did she <b>get</b> these news.</i>
<b>get to the bottom of</b>	Be a mystery or bewildering to.
<b>give much thought to</b>	Manifest or show.
<b>gravel</b>	Cover with gravel. <i>They <b>gravelled</b> the road.</i>
<b>make head or tail of</b>	Behave in a certain way.
<b>make sense of</b>	Give certain properties to something.
<b>meditate on</b>	Reflect deeply on a subject.
<b>mull over</b>	Reflect deeply on a subject.
<b>muse over</b>	Reflect deeply on a subject.
<b>mystify</b>	Make mysterious. <i><b>Mystify</b> the story.</i>
<b>mystifying</b>	Make mysterious.

<b>nonplus</b>	Be a mystery or bewildering to. <i>Diane was <b>nonplussed</b> by such an odd question.</i>
<b>perplex</b>	Make more complicated. <i>They were <b>perplexing</b> a subject plain in itself.</i>
<b>piece together</b>	Repair by adding pieces.
<b>ponder</b>	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>I <b>pondered</b> the question of what clothes to wear for the occasion.</i>
<b>pose</b>	Assume a posture as for artistic purposes. <i>We don't know the woman who <b>posed</b> for Leonardo so often.</i>
<b>rack one's brains about</b>	Stretch to the limits.
<b>reason out</b>	Decide by reasoning; draw or come to a conclusion.
<b>reflect on</b>	Be bright by reflecting or casting light.
<b>solve</b>	Find the solution. <i><b>Solve</b> an equation.</i>
<b>sort out</b>	Arrange or order by classes or categories.
<b>stick</b>	Come or be in close contact with stick or hold together and resist separation. <i>She <b>sticks</b> to her principles.</i>
<b>stupefy</b>	Make dull or stupid or muddle with drunkenness or infatuation. <i>The amount they spend on clothes would appal their parents and <b>stupefy</b> their grandparents.</i>
<b>think hard about</b>	Judge or regard; look upon; judge.
<b>think out</b>	Bring into a given condition by mental preoccupation.
<b>think through</b>	Have or formulate in the mind.
<b>turn over in one's mind</b>	Pass to the other side of.
<b>understand</b>	Be understanding of. <i>You don't need to explain I <b>understand</b>.</i>
<b>unravel</b>	Undo (twisted, knitted, or woven threads). <i>The sweater <b>unraveled</b>.</i>
<b>untangle</b>	Free from a tangled or twisted state. <i>He knew he'd have to <b>untangle</b> a financial mess and somehow restore investor confidence.</i>
<b>vex</b>	Be a mystery or bewildering to. <i>Thou shalt not <b>vex</b> a stranger.</i>
<b>wonder about</b>	Have a wish or desire to know something.

**work out**

Find the solution to (a problem or question) or understand the meaning of.



**Usage Examples of "Puzzle" as a verb**

- *We puzzled over her sudden departure.*
- *She was puzzled by the doctor's manner.*
- *She was still puzzling over this problem when she reached the office.*
- *She was trying to puzzle out who the speakers were.*





## Associations of "Puzzle" (30 Words)

<b>abstruse</b>	Difficult to understand; obscure. <i>The professor's lectures were so <b>abstruse</b> that students tended to avoid them.</i>
<b>arcane</b>	Understood by few; mysterious or secret. <i>The <b>arcane</b> science of dowsing.</i>
<b>baffle</b>	Be a mystery or bewildering to. <i>A <b>baffle</b> plate.</i>
<b>confound</b>	Mistake one thing for another. <i>The inflation figure <b>confounded</b> economic analysts.</i>
<b>conundrum</b>	A question asked for amusement, typically one with a pun in its answer; a riddle. <i>One of the most difficult <b>conundrums</b> for the experts.</i>
<b>convoluted</b>	Highly complex or intricate and occasionally devious. <i><b>Convoluted</b> legal language.</i>
<b>crossword</b>	A puzzle in which words corresponding to numbered clues are to be found and written in to squares in the puzzle. <i>She settled down to do the <b>crossword</b>.</i>

<b><u>cryptic</u></b>	Having a secret or hidden meaning- John Gunther. <i><b>Cryptic</b> plumage is thought to minimize predation.</i>
<b>cryptogram</b>	A piece of writing in code or cipher.
<b><u>enigma</u></b>	A difficult problem. <i>Madeleine was still an <b>enigma</b> to him.</i>
<b>enigmatic</b>	Difficult to interpret or understand; mysterious. <i>Prophetic texts so <b>enigmatic</b> that their meaning has been disputed for centuries.</i>
<b>esoteric</b>	Confined to and understandable by only an enlightened inner circle. <i>A compilation of <b>esoteric</b> philosophical theories.</i>
<b>esoterica</b>	Secrets known only to an initiated minority. <i>A professor of such <b>esoterica</b> as angelology and comparative shamanism.</i>
<b><u>inexplicable</u></b>	Incapable of being explained or accounted for. <i><b>Inexplicable</b> errors.</i>
<b>jigsaw</b>	A portable power saw with a reciprocating blade; can be used with a variety of blades depending on the application and kind of cut; generally have a plate that rides on the surface that is being cut. <i>Help the police put all the pieces of the <b>jigsaw</b> together.</i>
<b><u>labyrinthine</u></b>	Resembling a labyrinth in form or complexity. <i>A <b>labyrinthine</b> network of tortuous footpaths.</i>
<b><u>maze</u></b>	Be dazed and confused. <i>They were trapped in a menacing <b>maze</b> of corridors.</i>
<b>memento</b>	A reminder of past events. <i>You can purchase a <b>memento</b> of your visit.</i>
<b>mysterious</b>	Having an import not apparent to the senses nor obvious to the intelligence; beyond ordinary understanding. <i>The new insurance policy is written without cryptic or <b>mysterious</b> terms.</i>
<b><u>mystery</u></b>	A religious belief based on divine revelation, especially one regarded as beyond human understanding. <i>A <b>mystery</b> quest.</i>
<b><u>puzzling</u></b>	Causing one to be puzzled; perplexing. <i>A <b>puzzling</b> statement.</i>
<b>rebus</b>	A puzzle in which words are represented by combinations of pictures and individual letters; for instance, apex might be represented by a picture of an ape followed by a letter X.
<b>recondite</b>	Difficult to penetrate; incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or knowledge. <i>Some <b>recondite</b> problem in historiography.</i>

- riddle** Set a difficult problem or riddle.  
*They started asking **riddles** and telling jokes.*
- secret** Given in confidence or in secret.  
*A **secret** bride.*
- sibylline** Having a secret or hidden meaning.  
*Thoroughly **sibylline** in most of his pronouncements.*
- solve** Find the solution to (a problem or question) or understand the meaning of.  
***Solve** for  $x$ .*
- trivia** Details, considerations, or pieces of information of little importance or value.  
*We fill our days with meaningless **trivia**.*
- unfathomable** (of water or a natural feature) impossible to measure the extent of.  
*Mountains of **unfathomable** scale.*
- unsolved** Not solved.  
*An **unsolved** mystery.*

