# BRAIN POWER PUZZLES, RIDDLES AND MIND BENDERS 



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## BRAIN POWER STROKE AWARENESS

Knowledge is POWER. Use this Brain Power guide to boost your awareness about stroke while keeping your mind sharp with puzzles, riddles and mind benders brought to you by the Neurosciences Institute, the brain experts at Carolinas HealthCare System.

## STROKE IS AN EMERGENCY

Call 911 right away if you or someone you're with exhibits any of these symptoms.

- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden severe headaches with no known cause and vomiting (these symptoms are more common in bleeding strokes)


## ACT FAST

FACE - Can they smile? Does the face look uneven?

ARMS - Can they raise both arms?
SPEECH - Are they having trouble talking?
TIME - Call 911 immediately.



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## KNOW THE FACTS

- All strokes require urgent medical attention.
- An ischemic (blockage) stroke, the most common type of stroke, happens when blood flow to a part of the brain is blocked. If this blockage is temporary it causes a TIA (transient ischemic attack) with symptoms lasting less than 15 minutes. If the blockage is permanent, it causes a stroke.
- A hemorrhagic (bleeding) stroke happens when a blood vessel breaks in the brain. Bleeding strokes are less common, but have a much higher death rate than strokes caused by a blockage.
- High blood pressure is a common cause of both types of stroke.
- Symptoms of stroke vary depending on where in the brain the stroke happens and how much of the brain is affected. There are certain things that can be done to help lower your chance of having a stroke. It is important to know your risk factors. You can control some of these risk factors, but others you cannot.


## CHECK YOUR RISK

Place a check in the box beside any risk factors that may apply to you. Talk to your doctor about how to control these risks.

## Risk factors you can control:

High blood pressureTobacco useIllegal drug useUse of anticlotting medicineDiabetesObesityAlcohol usePoor diet
## Risk factors that can't be controlled:

A primary care physician can help you manage your risk factors and reduce your risk of stroke. To find a primary care doctor, call 704-355-7500 or 800-821-1535

## SCRAMBLERS

Directions:
Spell 4-letter words that use 1 letter from each row. You may use the letters in any order. Score 1 point for each 4-letter word you form.

Spell one 10-letter word that begins with the top letter in the triangle and uses every letter in the triangle. Score 5 points for this word.


Puzzle Point Total: 21 points


Puzzle Point Total: 25 points


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## NUMBER LOGIC

Sally is 54 years old and her mother is 80 . How many years ago was Sally's mother three times Sally's age?

There is a three digit number. The second digit is four times as big as the third digit, while the first digit is three less than the second digit. What is the number?

## ANSWER 2:

## $?$

Using only addition, how can you combine eight " $8 s^{\prime}$ " to get a total of 1,000 ? (e.g., $8+88+88+888=1072$ )

## ANSWER 4:

## SUDOKU

Directions:
The objective of Sudoku is to enter a digit from 1 through 9 in each cell, in such a way that:

- Each horizontal row contains each digit exactly once
- Each vertical column contains each digit exactly once
- Each subgrid or square region contains each digit exactly once

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|  |  | 8 |  |  | 6 |  | 7 |  |
| 4 | 2 | 6 | 5 |  |  |  | 9 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  | 9 |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | 9 |  |  |  | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 |
|  | 4 |  | 7 |  |  | 1 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 1 | 9 |  | 5 |  |
| 1 |  |  |  |  | 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 |

## ANAGRAMS

## Directions:

Rearrange the following words and phrases to create a new word or phrase within the same theme. Word lengths are shown in brackets.

## Example:

Schoolmaster $(3,9)=$ The classroom

A gentleman $(7,3)=$ $\qquad$

Debit card $(3,6)=$ $\qquad$
$\qquad$

Eleven plus two $(6,4,3)=$ $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Hot water $(5,3)=$ $\qquad$
$\qquad$

Vacation time $(1,2,3,6)=$ $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Conversation $(6,4,2)=$ $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

The detectives $(6,7)=$ $\qquad$ $\underline{\square}$

Dormitory $(5,4)=$ $\qquad$
$\qquad$

Clint Eastwood $(3,4,6)=$ $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

## CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

1. Porous gem
2. Church platform
3. Land measure
4. Lacking color
5. Nary a soul
6. Spill the beans
7. Stepped heavily
8. Sharp tastes
9. Slugger Sammy
10. One-person-wide line
11. James Bond, for one
12. Greet at the door
13. Come next
14. Football positions
15. Soup container
16. Spider creations
17. Detroit product
18. Frighten
19. Wheel connector
20. Cry audibly
21. " $\qquad$ fair in love and war"
22. The S of SUV
23. Sock parts
24. Story line
25. President after Coolidge
26. Changes the color of
27. Jeans fabric
28. Cricket sound
29. Perform on stage
30. Hit-song honor
31. Rogers and Orbison
32. Harsh light
33. Slender woodwind
34. Record on video
35. Bother continuously
36. "_ of your business!"
37. Slow-cooked meal
38. Bottom-of-barrel contents
39. Staircase part


## DOWN

1. Makes a choice
2. Louvre's city
3. Single-handedly
4. Window projection
5. Reception helper
6. Bread unit
7. Singer Braxton
8. Protractor measure
9. Take offense at
10. Tummy muscles
11. Near miss
12. Hoarse sound
13. Internet auction site
14. Be deceitful
15. $\qquad$ boom bah
16. Open, as a jar
17. Do some housecleaning
18. Got up
19. Singer Guthrie
20. Hornet's home
21. Launder
22. Trade show
23. A or O, to a doctor
24. Start a tennis game
25. Follow orders
26. Years in a decade
27. Confidential matters
28. Fixed illegally
29. That girl
30. Grinding tooth
31. Computer symbols
32. Mechanical man
33. Liable (to)
34. __ and crafts
35. Jacket or parka
36. Behind schedule
37. Haul
38. blue sea
39. Replace a button

## WORD SEARCH

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


| BLOOD | SYSTEM | PROTECT |
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| PRESSURE | EMERGENCY | PUZZLE |
| BRAIN | FAST | RISK |
| CAROLINAS | HOSPITAL | STROKE |
| HEALTHCARE | MEDICINE |  |

## ZIG ZAG PUZZLE

Directions:
First complete the 7 -letter word at the top of each diagram. Then use the last 2 letters of the first word as the first two letters of the second word.


## SOLUTIONS

## SCRAMBLERS

1. hint, mart, math, mitt, part, path, pith, prat, rant, rapt, tarn, tarp, taut, than, thin, tint, tram, trap, trim, trip; TRIUMPHANT 2. able, ambo, atom, bail, bale, balm, beau, iota, lamb, late, malt, moat, tail, tael, tale, teal; AUTOMOBILE
2. alto, blot, boat, bolt, both, celt, etch, lota, talc, tech, toll, tote; TABLECLOTH

NUMBER LOGIC
Answer 1: 41 years ago, when Sally was 13 and her mother was 39
Answer 2: 141
Answer 3: 1, 2, and 3
Answer 4: $888+88+8+8+8=1000$

## SUDOKU

| 6 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 2 |
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| 9 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 4 |
| 4 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 3 |
| 5 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| 3 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 |
| 8 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| 7 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| 1 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 |

## ANAGRAMS

A gentleman $(7,3)=$ Elegant man
Debit card $(3,6)=$ Bad credit
Eleven plus two $(6,4,3)=$ Twelve plus one
Hot water $(5,3)=$ Worth tea
Vacation time ( $1,2,3,6$ ) $=1$ am not active
Conversation $(6,4,2)=$ Voices rant on
The detectives $(6,7)=$ Detect thieves
Dormitory (5, 4) = Dirty room
Clint Eastwood (3, 4, 6) = Old west action

## ZIG ZAG PUZZLE

Puzzle 1: General, Almanac, Acquire, Reserve,
Veranda, Daytime, Mercury
Puzzle 2: Veteran, Anxious, Usually, Lyrical, Allegro, Romance, Ceiling

## CROSSWORD

| O | P | A | L |  | A | L | T | A | R |  | A | C | R | E |
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## WORD SEARCH

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# CONGRATULATIONS! 

 YOU HAVE THE BRAIN POWER STROKE AWARENESSFor more information about stroke prevention and treatment, visit:

CarolinasHealthCare.org/Stroke-Neuroscience


