

SCRABBLE SQUARES

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In the following puzzles, the letters given to you can be placed into the grid provided in such a way that a common word will be formed in each of the rows and each of the columns. The values of the tiles in each bordered region will sum to the number printed within each region.

Work back and forth between the tiles, the sums, and the letter patterns within the words in order to solve. Note that all tiles' values are as they are in the game of Scrabble, with the exception of the five vowels having been changed to zero points each. To help get you started in each puzzle, one letter has been placed into the grid for you. An example puzzle is shown below. A good strategy to get moving on these puzzles is to first try to place some of the higher point tiles into the grid.

EXAMPLE

4		6
3	1	
		Y

A H I
L O P
R S X

SOLUTION

4	H	A	S	6
3	O	I	L	
	P	R	Y	

4

3		3	
10			4
1	O		

A₀ C₃ C₃ C₃
 E₀ E₀ H₄ I₀
~~X₀~~ O₀ P₃ R₁
 S₁ T₁ T₁ T₁

3		3	
10			4
1	O		

5

	1		2	
3		1	2	
R			0	
8	4			3

A₀ A₀ A₀ C₃ D₂
 E₀ E₀ E₀ E₀ H₄
 I₀ O₀ P₃ P₃ ~~R₁~~
 R₁ R₁ R₁ S₁ S₁
 T₁ T₁ T₁

	1		2	
3		1	2	
R			0	
8	4			3