

PUZZLEMENT DAILY TEASER SAMPLER

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Visit *Puzzlement* each weekday for a new teaser. The game stays the same for five days, and puzzles get progressively harder as the week goes on. Below, sample a few of the diverse daily teaser games you'll find on the site.

» STOCK HOLDERS

I've taken the logo of a well-known retailer and deleted some of its letters to spell an item you might purchase from that retailer. Identify each company from its modified logo.



» SHIFTY BUSINESS

The answer to the first clue, if you shift each of its letters the specified number of letters down the alphabet, will spell the answer to the second clue. In the example, the answer to the first clue is HACK. If you shift each letter in the word HACK 4 letters down the alphabet (H → I, J, K, L; A → B, C, D, E; and so on), you get LEGO, the answer to the second clue. Can you solve the puzzle below?

Example: Shift each letter of **a word meaning "cough"** 4 letters down the alphabet to get **a brand of toy building blocks**. HACK → LEGO

Shift each letter of **an animal that squeezes its prey** 6 positions down the alphabet to get **a word meaning "squeeze."** _____ → _____

» A ONE-OFF PUZZLE

A two-word phrase is hidden in each string of letters below. To spell the first word, unscramble the letters inside the dashed rectangle. To spell the second word, unscramble the letters in the solid rectangle. The two words differ by one letter.

S I M K L = S K I M
M I L K

P O T H O S = _____

» IN A WORD

Fill the boxes with an item in the given category so that the letters in the shaded boxes, read from left to right, also spell an item in that category. In the example, you're asked for a Greek letter. If you write DELTA in the boxes, the shaded squares, read left to right, spell ETA, another Greek letter. Can you fill the boxes below with an element on the periodic table so that the shaded boxes, read left to right, spell another element?

Greek Letter

D E L T A

Element on the Periodic Table

» NAME-DROPPING

The images below represent the first and last names of a celebrity. First, identify the two words suggested by the pair of pictures, then drop one letter from each word to spell the celebrity's name. For example, if you were shown a JUDGE and a CLAW, you'd drop the G from JUDGE and the C from CLAW to spell JUDE LAW. Can you identify the celebrity represented by the pictures below?

