Murder Mystery Word Search Large Print

60 Cases That Tell One Seaside Story, Find the Missing Word, Read the Hidden Clue and Name the Culprit, With Solutions

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How to solve the cases

- Each case is a word search with a clue hidden inside it. Read the case on the left hand page, then turn to its grid on the right.
- Words run in straight lines, only across (left to right) or down (top to bottom).
- One word on each list is not in the grid. It names the place where the case happens: write it on the line under the list.
- When you have found every other word, read the letters that no word uses, left to right and top to bottom. They spell the hidden message: write it in the boxes under the grid.
- Each message tells you one fact: about the crime, about a suspect, or about the story. When a fact about a suspect does not match a fact about the crime, that suspect is cleared: tick their box, and keep marking as the cases go on.
- When only one suspect is left, you have found the culprit, and the last case points to them. Write your verdict on the page after the last case.
- The solution and every answer are at the back of the book.

The Cast

Crabapple Cove, a sleepy coastal town with an old lighthouse

THE VICTIM

Edmund Farley, retired lighthouse keeper beloved for his sea shanty nights

THE DETECTIVE

Constance Brigg, sharp witted retired librarian who solves local mysteries

THE SUSPECTS

Albert, Edmund's nephew, expected to inherit the lighthouse cottage

Cecily, harbour baker, owed Edmund money from a long ago loan

Dougal, retired fisherman, lost a boat wager to Edmund

Flora, post office clerk, wanted Edmund's map for herself

Oswin, travelling tinker, sold Edmund a cracked lantern

Vera, old flame, bitter since Edmund chose the sea over her

Prologue

Every midsummer the folk of Crabapple Cove gather at the old harbour hall for the Lantern Festival. This year the tables were dressed with salted fish pies and ginger cordial as neighbours drifted in from every lane.

Edmund Farley had promised to sing the first shanty and to present his hand drawn map of the cove to whomever he trusted most. Six old companions had each been told quietly that the honour might fall to them.

When the hall bell struck nine and Edmund had not appeared, young Tom from the chandlery went to fetch him and found Edmund slumped at the foot of the lighthouse steps. The constable declared it no accident.

Constance Brigg closed her book, buttoned her sensible coat, and walked through the salt mist toward the harbour. Sixty cases of careful reading await you, dear friend. Follow Constance case by case, solve every word search, gather every clue, and together you shall name the one who silenced kind old Edmund Farley.

Case 1: Damp Prints at Dusk

Chapter 1: Lanterns on the Harbour

Constance arrived while the salt air still carried the echo of the festival bell. Near the old stone steps she found a trail of wet footprints leading away into the shadows. The prints were small and narrow, belonging to a woman who had stood in the shallows. Constance pressed two fingers to the damp stone and looked upward toward the lamp room.

Find these words (one of them is not in the grid)

BATTEN	FLINT	PULLEY
BRACKET	HAWSER	RAILING
CAPSTAN	HINGE	RIVET
CHAIN	KEEPER	SHUTTER
CLEATING	LANTERN	TALLOW
CORBEL	LASHING	TRESTLE
CRANK	LIGHTHOUSE	WICKING
FENDER	MOORING	

Where did it happen? _____

Mark each suspect the clues have cleared

☐ Albert	☐ Cecily	☐ Dougal
☐ Flora	☐ Oswin	☐ Vera

Case 1

Find the words, then read the letters left over

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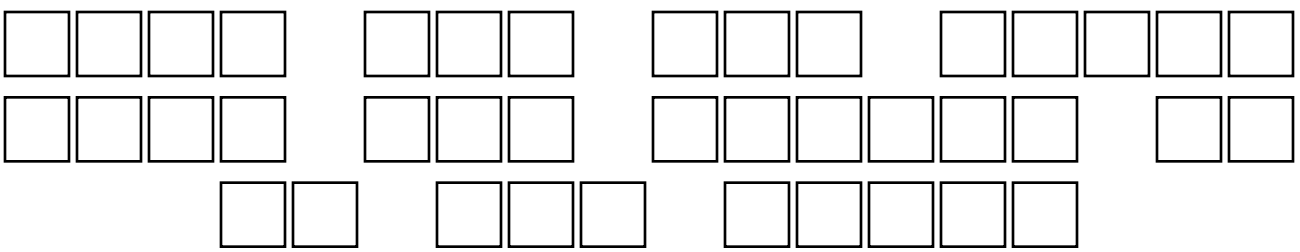
T E T E N K E E P E R P S

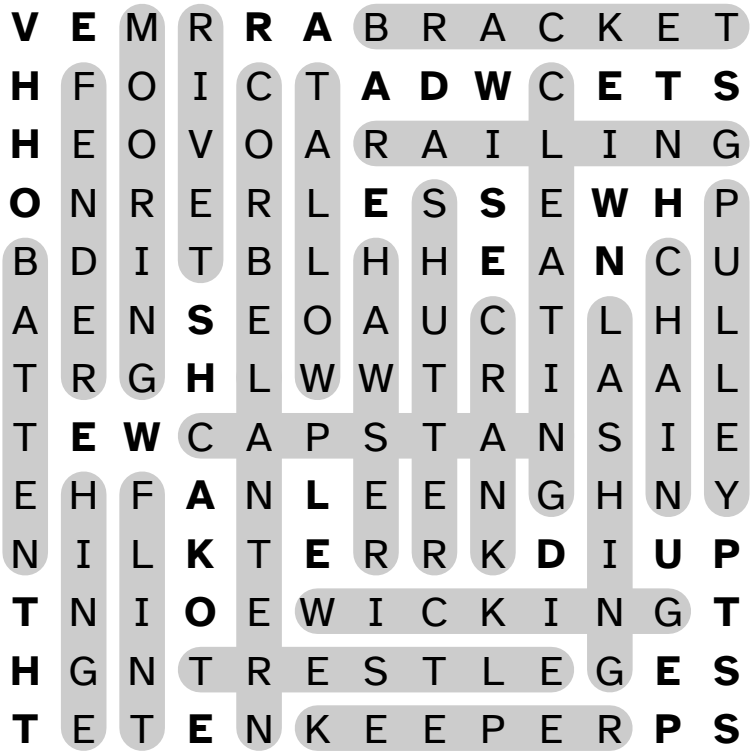
The hidden message



Answers

Cases 1 to 2

Case 1: Damp Prints at Dusk



Missing word
LIGHTHOUSE

Hidden message
VERA HAD WET SHOES WHEN SHE WALKED UP TO THE STEPS

This clue clears
no one yet

Case 2: The Tinker Remembered



Missing word
STOREHOUSE

Hidden message
OSWIN THE TINKER HAD A VERY TALL HAT UPON HIS HEAD

This clue clears
no one yet