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Brian Skinner's Puzzles Sample

Type: Unequal and other Latin square variations

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About Paper Puzzle: Do you love puzzles, but are tired of screens? Instead, imagine solving a logic puzzle on paper and basking in the glory of your accomplishment. Simply choose your puzzle master to follow and we'll send you mail each week with a daily puzzle.

Unequal Rules

Fill out the square with the following rules:

- Each row contains one of each number
- Each column contains one of each number
- All the greater than signs are satisfied

For example, for a 4x4 square, you would only use the numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4.

About Your Puzzle Master

Hi, I'm Brian, and I'm a puzzle addict. I have been for over 20 years – I recall sitting in a Stanford mechanical engineering lecture with the Sudoku from the student newspaper stealing my focus.

The inspiration for Paper Puzzle came from a trying time: pandemic lockdown. Indoors with too much time, I sought out new puzzles online. Turns out, there are many that are more fun than Sudoku! I particularly enjoyed several with a similar goal of filling out a Latin square (unique numbers in rows and columns), but with less repetitive solving patterns. During COVID, I was sick of all the time spent on screens. Even social hangouts were video calls! So, I started printing out the puzzles I found online. I discovered I loved starting the day with a paper puzzle, relaxing with a coffee and stretching my brain.

So when the next pandemic comes, Paper Puzzle is here to help. I joke! The value of a daily printed puzzle is as strong as ever. With so many people working from home on a computer, the last thing we should do is stare at a TV in the evening and a phone in the gaps between. And while I know that is true, it became imperative once my kids became toddlers. Do I want them to see me glued to a phone, or engaging with number puzzles and challenging myself?

And so, Paper Puzzles is born! As the first puzzle master, my goal is to expose you to some number puzzles you might have never seen. However, I won't jump around the puzzle types too much. By slowly increasing the difficulty, I aim to provide you the feeling of making learning progress. I also target puzzles that aren't too long. Ideally they should take 10-15 minutes to solve, assuming you are the sharp analytical person you are. I hope you'll join me!

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A 5x5 grid of boxes. The top-left box contains the number 4. Arrows point from the 4 to the box directly below it, and from the box to the right of it. This pattern continues for the next three rows, illustrating the sequence of numbers 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

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