

Logic Puzzles for Two

30 Cases to Solve Together

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Try three complete cases

This sample contains the worked introduction and cases 1, 8 and 26 from the paperback, with all their clues, hints and explained answers.

Open a facing pair, make a discovery, then share your reasoning. You can also solve alone using both notebooks.

The sample has its own page references. Original case numbers are retained so you can find the same cases in the full book.

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The characters and situations in these puzzles are fictional. Each case is self-contained: the clues and shared rules provide all the information needed. No outside knowledge is required.

This book can be enjoyed by two readers sitting side by side, or by one reader using both notebooks. No separate volume, app, download, timer or cutting is required.

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Use pencil for your working notes. If you need more space, continue on spare paper. There is no score or time limit.

Find, share, finish

Open a facing pair.

Sit side by side and take notebook A or B. Both pages may remain visible; there is no hidden information to protect.

Make a first discovery.

Start with your own clues and the prompt below them. Work out a definite match or position by combining clues, then note how you know.

Share the reasoning.

Explain your discovery to your partner and listen to theirs. If one of you is stuck, use a hint or talk through the clues together. You do not need to wait in silence.

Complete the record.

Use both notebooks to fill either answer table. Every case has one complete answer, and both clue sets are needed. Check the explained answer when you are ready.

Swap notebooks between cases if you like. The worked example on pages 4-6 shows the full process. Rules and help navigation are on page 7.

The welcome baskets

Three hosts prepare welcome baskets for three guest cottages. Each basket contains a different gift. Match every host, gift and cottage so the welcome team can deliver the baskets.

Baskets: Tea, Scones, Jam.

Destinations: Cedar, Pine, Oak.

A1. Owen did not prepare the Tea basket.

A2. Noor did not prepare the Tea basket.

A3. Owen did not prepare the Scones basket.

Follow the thinking

A1 and A2 rule out Owen and Noor for Tea, leaving Mina. A3 also rules out Scones for Owen. Owen therefore prepares Jam, and Noor prepares Scones.

Person	Basket	Destination
Mina	Tea	
Noor	Scones	
Owen	Jam	

Now share what you know. The combined answer is on page 6.

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B1. The Tea basket did not go to Pine cottage.

B2. The Scones basket went to Oak cottage.

Follow the thinking

Scones goes to Oak (B2). Tea cannot go to Pine (B1), and Oak is already occupied by Scones, so Tea goes to Cedar. Jam takes the remaining cottage, Pine.

Notebook B can make a gift-to-cottage list:

Gift	Cottage
Tea	Cedar
Scones	Oak
Jam	Pine

Now share what you know. The combined answer is on page 6.

Bring the discoveries together

Person	Basket	Destination
Mina	Tea	Cedar
Noor	Scones	Oak
Owen	Jam	Pine

Mina prepares Tea, which goes to Cedar. Noor prepares Scones for Oak. Owen prepares Jam for Pine. Each reader brings a different set of matches, and combining them completes the welcome list.

Why both notebooks help

Notebook A identifies which gift each host prepared. Notebook B identifies the cottage for each gift. Combining the two lists connects the host, gift and cottage.

Your turn

In the three selected cases that follow, the notes and answer tables are left for you. Each notebook has a discovery of its own. The starting prompts offer a direction without giving the complete answer.

Every match counts

Each person has exactly one listed item and one listed place, time or position. Each item and each place is used once. All information needed is in the story, clues and these shared rules.

Earlier or somewhere to the left. The first comes before the second. They may be neighbours or have other slots between them.

Exactly one hour before / immediately to the left. The two things occupy neighbouring slots, in the stated order.

Exactly two positions to the left. There is exactly one slot between the two.

Next to one another, in either order. The two things are neighbours; either may be on the left.

Find your way through this sample

Worked introduction: pages 4-6.

Case 1, The postcard mix-up: pages 8-9. Hints: 14. Answer: 17.

Case 8, The clock collection: pages 10-11. Hints: 15. Answer: 18.

Case 26, The museum cabinets: pages 12-13. Hints: 16. Answer: 19.

Begin with the postcard case. The later cases ask you to track ordered times and neighbouring positions. Help one another whenever you like.

The postcard mix-up

Three volunteers each deliver one postcard. The cards show different scenes, and each goes to a different destination. Rebuild the delivery list so the cards can reach the right places.

Cards: Lighthouse, Windmill, Orchard.
Destinations: Elm, Quay, Hill.

A1. Ben's card did not go to Hill.

A2. Cora's card did not go to Hill.

A3. Ben's card did not go to Quay.

Start on your own

Which destination is left for Ben? Then place the other volunteers.

My first discovery and why:

Then combine both notebooks to complete the record.

Person	Card	Destination
Ava		
Ben		
Cora		

Optional hints: page 14. Answer: page 17.

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- B1.** The Orchard card did not go to Hill.
- B2.** The Orchard card did not go to Quay.
- B3.** Ava did not deliver the Lighthouse card.

Start on your own

Where must Orchard go? Keep B3 for the shared solve.

My first discovery and why:

Then combine both notebooks to complete the record.

Person	Card	Destination
Ava		
Ben		
Cora		

Optional hints: page 14. Answer: page 17.

The clock collection

Four customers collect their repaired clocks at four different times. Each takes a different type of clock. Rebuild the collection sheet. Each pair of neighbouring times is one hour apart.

Clocks: Alarm, Mantel, Pocket, Wall.

Times: 10 am, 11 am, Noon, 1 pm.

A1. Gia's clock was collected exactly one hour before the Wall clock.

A2. The Alarm clock was collected exactly one hour before the Wall clock.

Start on your own

Both clues point to the collection before Wall. What must be true?

My first discovery and why:

Then combine both notebooks to complete the record.

Person	Clock	Time
Dina		
Evan		
Finn		
Gia		

Optional hints: page 15. Answer: page 18.

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Clocks: Alarm, Mantel, Pocket, Wall.

Times: 10 am, 11 am, Noon, 1 pm.

B1. Gia's clock was collected exactly one hour before Dina's clock.

B2. The Pocket clock was collected earlier than Finn's clock.

B3. Evan's clock was collected exactly one hour before Gia's clock.

Start on your own

Put Evan, Gia and Dina in order. What does B2 tell you about Finn?

My first discovery and why:

Then combine both notebooks to complete the record.

Person	Clock	Time
Dina		
Evan		
Finn		
Gia		

Optional hints: page 15. Answer: page 18.

The museum cabinets

Five curators each arrange a cabinet around a different object. The cabinets form one row with no gaps. Match each curator, object and position as viewed from the front.

Cabinets: Shell, Key, Bell, Tile, Medal.
Positions: Far left, Inner left, Centre, Inner right, Far right.

- A1.** Jonas's cabinet is immediately to the left of Huw's cabinet.
- A2.** Faris's cabinet is immediately to the left of Gwen's cabinet.
- A3.** Gwen's cabinet and Imani's cabinet are next to one another, in either order.
- A4.** Huw's cabinet is somewhere to the left of Imani's cabinet.

Start on your own

Make the Jonas-Huw pair and the Faris-Gwen-Imani block. Which block comes first?

My first discovery and why:

Then combine both notebooks to complete the record.

Person	Cabinet	Position
Faris		
Gwen		
Huw		
Imani		
Jonas		

Optional hints: page 16. Answer: page 19.

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Cabinets: Shell, Key, Bell, Tile, Medal.
Positions: Far left, Inner left, Centre, Inner right, Far right.

- B1.** Faris's cabinet is immediately to the left of the Key cabinet.
- B2.** The Shell cabinet is exactly two positions to the left of the Medal cabinet.
- B3.** The Bell cabinet is immediately to the left of the Tile cabinet.

Start on your own

Faris is immediately before Key. Which object can Faris have without clashing with the other pairs?

My first discovery and why:

Then combine both notebooks to complete the record.

Person	Cabinet	Position
Faris		
Gwen		
Huw		
Imani		
Jonas		

Optional hints: page 16. Answer: page 19.

The postcard mix-up

Notebook A

1. Use A1 and A3 together to place Ben.
2. After Ben is placed, use A2 to separate Ava and Cora.

Notebook B

1. B1 and B2 both exclude destinations for Orchard.
2. Your first discovery is a destination for Orchard. B3 helps when you share.

After you share

1. Compare the person at Elm with the card at Elm.
2. Use B3 to separate the two remaining cards.

Complete answer: page 17.

The clock collection

Notebook A

1. Both clues point to the time immediately before Wall.
2. Only one clock can be collected at that earlier time.

Notebook B

1. B3 followed by B1 makes a run of three consecutive customers.
2. If that run starts at 11 am, Finn must be at 10 am. Check B2.

After you share

1. Put A's customer-clock match into B's timetable.
2. Place Wall, then fit Pocket before Finn in an unoccupied time.

Complete answer: page 18.

The museum cabinets

Notebook A

1. Faris occupies Gwen's left neighbour, so Imani must be Gwen's right neighbour.
2. A4 decides the order of the two blocks.

Notebook B

1. Faris cannot have Key, or Bell: Bell's next neighbour is already Tile.
2. Try Faris with Tile, then Medal. Check whether the remaining objects still fit their gaps.

After you share

1. Put Faris's object into the ordered list of curators.
2. Use B1, B2 and B3 to place the other objects.

Complete answer: page 19.

The postcard mix-up

Person	Card	Destination
Ava	Windmill	Hill
Ben	Orchard	Elm
Cora	Lighthouse	Quay

Discovery A: Ben = Elm.

A1 and A3 exclude Hill and Quay for Ben, so Ben goes to Elm. A2 excludes Hill for Cora. Of the two destinations left, Cora takes Quay and Ava takes Hill.

Discovery B: Orchard = Elm.

B1 and B2 exclude Hill and Quay for Orchard, so the Orchard card goes to Elm. This uses only notebook B.

Combine the discoveries

Ben and Orchard both go to Elm, so Ben delivers Orchard. Lighthouse and Windmill remain for Ava and Cora. B3 rules out Lighthouse for Ava, so Ava has Windmill at Hill and Cora has Lighthouse at Quay. The delivery list is complete.

The clock collection

Person	Clock	Time
Dina	Wall	Noon
Evan	Pocket	10 am
Finn	Mantel	1 pm
Gia	Alarm	11 am

Discovery A: Gia = Alarm.

Gia's clock is exactly one hour before Wall (A1). Alarm is exactly one hour before Wall too (A2). Only one clock occupies that time, so Gia collected Alarm.

Discovery B: Evan = 10 am.

B3 and B1 make the consecutive run Evan, Gia, Dina. It starts at 10 am or 11 am. A start at 11 am leaves 10 am for Finn, but B2 needs Pocket earlier than Finn. So Evan is at 10 am, Gia at 11 am, Dina at Noon and Finn at 1 pm.

Combine the discoveries

Gia collects Alarm at 11 am. A1 puts Wall one hour later, at Noon with Dina. Pocket must be earlier than Finn (B2); 11 am and Noon already hold Alarm and Wall, so Evan has Pocket at 10 am. Finn has the remaining Mantel clock at 1 pm.

The museum cabinets

Person	Cabinet	Position
Faris	Shell	Centre
Gwen	Key	Inner right
Huw	Tile	Inner left
Imani	Medal	Far right
Jonas	Bell	Far left

Discovery A: Faris = Centre.

Faris is immediately left of Gwen (A2). Imani is beside Gwen (A3), so Imani must be on the right. Faris-Gwen-Imani is a three-position block. Jonas-Huw is a two-position block (A1). A4 puts Huw before Imani, so Jonas-Huw comes first. The order is Jonas, Huw, Faris, Gwen, Imani.

Discovery B: Faris = Shell.

Faris cannot have Key because Faris is immediately before Key (B1). Faris cannot have Bell either: B3 would put Tile in Key's position. If Faris had Tile, Bell-Tile-Key would form a three-position block, leaving no two-position gap for Shell and Medal. If Faris had Medal, Shell would be two positions before Medal and Key one after, leaving no neighbouring pair for Bell and Tile. Faris must have Shell.

Combine the discoveries

Faris has Shell at centre. B1 puts Key at inner right with Gwen, and B2 puts Medal at far right with Imani. Bell and Tile fill far left and inner left in that order (B3): Jonas has Bell and Huw has Tile.