



## Puzzle Submission Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in submitting your new, original puzzles to Puzzle Junction.com. We are always looking for talented puzzle creators who are seeking an outlet for their work.

Before submitting your original puzzles to Puzzle Junction, we ask that you read and follow the submission guidelines below. By doing so, you are guaranteed that your puzzle submissions are in a format that is accessible to Puzzle Junction and that they will receive the attention they deserve. Puzzles received in formats other than those presented here are subject to rejection, although they may be re-submitted in the correct format at a later time. Since it is not in either party's best interest to have puzzles rejected for this reason, please make every effort to submit your work accordingly.

**Please note:** Puzzle Junction only pays for accepted puzzles if and when they are sold to a client - a **Pays on Publication** basis. This means that you will receive payment for a puzzle that has been accepted by Puzzle Junction **only** when it has been sold to a Puzzle Junction client publication. We do not pay on acceptance! This may change in the future, but at the present time the Pay on Publication status is part of our operating procedure, so do not submit your work unless you are willing to agree to this provision.

Rejected submissions are not returned, so it is important that you retain a copy of your work. If your submission is not accepted for any reason, you will receive an email explaining the reason or reasons for rejection. On the other hand, if your puzzle is accepted, you will receive an email advising you of the acceptance and the date (usually 6 months to 1 year) that you may re-sell the puzzle if we are unable to place it. Once accepted, however, we make every effort to sell your puzzle to a client publication, so very few puzzles are left unsold before the time limit expires. To view the Puzzle Junction **Rights of Use** policy, go to our web site at [www.puzzlejunction.com/rights.html](http://www.puzzlejunction.com/rights.html).

Once again, by following the guidelines on the next few pages you will stand a much better chance of having your puzzle or puzzles accepted.

We look forward to working with you!

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### Crosswords

To submit a crossword, you must use one of the following formats:

#### Crossword Compiler

This program is available for sale on the Crossword Compiler web site. By submitting a crossword in this format, your puzzle can be downloaded and edited in less time, making the puzzle available for sale almost immediately. There are other crossword creation programs, but at this time we use only Crossword Compiler. If you do not already have a copy of Crossword Compiler, it may be to your advantage to purchase it, especially if you plan on creating and submitting a number of crosswords to Puzzle Junction and/or other puzzle syndicates.

(If you use a particular program to create crosswords - other than Crossword Compiler - please let us know before submitting; we would be willing to look at the program and, possibly, purchase it if enough submitters are using it.)

#### Adobe Acrobat Reader (PDF)

Crosswords submitted in PDF format are acceptable but take longer to convert and edit, since the puzzle and clues must be entered into our Crossword Compiler program before editing and proof-reading can commence. Expect to wait an additional week or two for an acceptance or rejection email when submitting your work in PDF format.

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The requirements for crosswords submission also include the following:

**Size:** We accept crosswords in 15x15 and 21x21 grid sizes only.

**Type:** Crosswords may be themed or unthemed. Obviously, a themed crossword is higher on the pay scale than one that is not themed.

**Orientation:** All crosswords must be family-oriented. We do not accept puzzles that contain words or clues that are sexually explicit, racist, degrading to people of any nationality or religion, simply in bad taste, or that in any way may tend to compromise the reputation of Puzzle Junction. 'Nuff said.

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### Kriss Kross Puzzles

To submit a Kriss Kross puzzle, either of the two formats listed for Crosswords, ie: Crossword Compiler or Adobe Acrobat Reader (PDF), is acceptable. As with crosswords, we prefer Crossword Compiler due to the ease of opening and editing the file.

A Kriss Kross puzzle should be a minimum of 15x15 squares and a maximum of 21x21 squares. Rectangular shapes are acceptable, but must stay within the minimum and maximum. For example, a puzzle grid of 15 squares wide by 21 squares high would meet the requirements.

Word count is arbitrary, but the more words, the better the price. Word length should be at least 3 letters and no more than 9 letters. Without exception, all Kriss Kross puzzles must be themed - having a common thread that ties the words together.

Like crosswords, all Kriss Kross puzzles must be family-oriented.

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### Word Search Puzzles

Word Search puzzles may be submitted using the **1-2-3 Word Search Maker** program or on Adobe Acrobat Reader (PDF).

Word Search grids should be a minimum of 20 letters across and 20 letters down and a maximum of 40 letters across and 40 letters down. As with Kriss Kross puzzles, rectangular shapes are acceptable as long as the minimum and maximum are met. Rectangular shapes should always be taller than they are wide.

Word count is arbitrary, but puzzles with a minimum of 30 words stand a better chance of being accepted and bring a better price. All Word Search puzzles must be themed and, of course, the family-orientation provision must be maintained.

If you are not using the 1-2-3 Word Search Maker, please be sure to make the solution legible! If we can't read and understand the puzzle solution, we can't accept it.

And if you use a different program, let us know. We may decide to purchase it.

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### Miscellaneous Puzzles

Puzzles such as Cryptograms, Trivia, Trivia Jumbles, Logic and Diagramless Crosswords are also acceptable providing they are submitted as PDF files (or using Crossword Compiler for Diagramless). It is advisable to query first before submitting these types of puzzles, since they are not requested as frequently as the types listed on the preceding pages, and are usually backlogged in our inventory.

#### Themes

Puzzles with movie and/or entertainment themes are more in demand than other themes, especially those with recent TV themes. Please do not submit puzzles that are not family-oriented.

### Payments

The payment scale for puzzles is as follows:

Crossword 15x15.....	\$25.00
Crossword 21x21.....	\$50.00
Kriss Kross - all sizes.....	\$20.00
Word Search - up to 25x25.....	\$20.00
Word Search - larger than 25x25.....	\$30.00
Misc. Puzzles.....	Varies

Payment is made only upon sale of puzzle to a Puzzle Junction client, or *Pay on Publication basis*. If and when your puzzle is sold, you will receive payment by check or via PayPal (your choice) within 10 days of the sale.

Sales may be made to newspapers, magazines, web sites, and other periodicals world wide. At times we sell exclusive puzzles (Non-syndicated) to publications that do not wish to share publication rights with other media. Since our price for exclusive puzzles is higher than that of syndicated sales, but less than the aggregate of a syndicated sale, your puzzles will not be used for exclusives. However, if you are willing to take less per puzzle with the option of supplying puzzles on a regular basis, meaning regular income, we may give you that option after reviewing your submissions.

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### How to Submit Puzzles

Puzzles may be submitted via email attachment in Adobe Acrobat Reader (PDF) or using one of the programs listed above. Please submit only one puzzle at a time. If the file size is large (1MB or more), please compact it using either a .ZIP format or Stuffit format.

Please do not send a puzzle in the body of an email!

All submissions will be acknowledged with an email within 7 days of receipt of your submission.

Send your submission to:

[submissions@puzzlejunction.com](mailto:submissions@puzzlejunction.com)

Make sure to include your name, mailing address and phone number in the body of the email and on the PDF file if you are sending your submission in that format.

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If you have any questions regarding the submission of puzzles that aren't answered here, please email us at the above address.

Thanks for your interest in submitting puzzles to Puzzle Junction. We look forward to working with you.

The Puzzle Junction Staff

PS: If you need a program with which to export your puzzles to PDF format, try the free download at [www.pdf995.com](http://www.pdf995.com) and follow their instructions. The program enables you to export almost any type of file to PDF - and it's free!