

The New York Times Games

Getting Started Guide

Enjoy unlimited access to New York Times Games including the daily full-size and mini crosswords, Spelling Bee, Letter Boxed, Tiles, Vertex, Sudoku, and more. Twenty years of archived crosswords are also included. Play online or download the Crossword app for iOS or Android.

How do I get access?

- Click on The New York Times Games [code redemption link](#). Redeem your code for 24 hours of game access.
- First-time users will need to create a free account with the New York Times. If you have previously set up a login for the library's New York Times News, continue to use that login.
- You will receive an email confirming your 24-hour access to New York Times Games.
- Play online or download the Crossword app for iOS or Android. To use the app, open your device's browser and click on the NYT Games code redemption link on the library's website. Then open the app and sign in to your account.
- When the 24-hour access expires, click the code redemption link again to renew your access.

What does a subscription to The New York Times Games give me access to?

- All of The New York Times [Word Games and Logic Puzzles](#) including:
 - [The Crossword](#) - Access to the Daily Crossword puzzles the evening before their release in print
 - [The Mini Crossword](#)
 - [Spelling Bee](#)
 - [Letter Boxed](#)
 - [Tiles](#)
 - [Vertex](#)
- The ability to play [on your computer](#) or on your phone or tablet with [The Crossword app](#):
 - [iOS](#)
 - [Android](#)

- An archive of over 10,000 crosswords, including our Daily puzzles back to 1993 and Minis back to 2014
- A [subscriber-only monthly bonus puzzle](#), back to 1997 (online only)
- [Acrostics puzzles](#) that have run in the Sunday Magazine back to 1999 (online only)
- [PDFs of variety puzzles](#) that run in the Sunday Magazine back to 1997 (online only)

New York Times Games subscriptions do not include e-reader editions, the annual Puzzle Mania special section, New York Times news content, or The New York Times Cooking.

How can I play the puzzle on The New York Times Crossword app?

You can [download](#) and play The New York Times Crossword app on iOS and Android devices.

To play The New York Times Crossword on the iOS app, complete the following steps:

1. [Download The Crossword app for iOS](#) from the Apple Store.
2. Launch the app on your iOS device.
3. Tap the icon at the top right corner of the screen to access **Account Settings**.
4. Tap **Log in** in the **Account Info** section.
5. Enter the email address and password associated with your New York Times Games subscription and tap **Log in**.

To play The New York Times Crossword on the Android app, complete the following steps:

1. [Download The Crossword app for Android](#) from the Google Play Store.
2. Launch the app on your Android device.
3. Tap on the three horizontal lines in the upper left corner and then select **Log in**.
4. Enter the email address and password associated with your New York Times Games subscription and tap **Log in**.

If you do not remember your password, you can request a password reset via email by tapping **Forgot your password?** and entering your email address.

NOTE: If the latest operating system is not available for your device, you can continue to use the older version of the app. However, The New York Times will not be able to offer technical support for unsupported versions of the app.

How can I customize cursor movement in The Crossword app?

By default, the cursor will skip over squares that are already filled in and stop at the end of each clue. If you are typing into a square that is already filled, the cursor will always move to the next square. This way, you can easily overwrite a word.

To customize cursor movement in the app, tap the gear icon in the upper right corner of any puzzle to open the **Puzzle Settings** menu. Players have the option to turn on/off the following cursor settings:

- Skip filled squares
- Jump back to the first blank
- Jump to the next clue

How do I enter symbols and numbers in the app?

There is a separate keyboard in the app for symbols and numbers. To switch to it, tap the **123** button in the lower left corner of your screen.

To switch back to the standard keyboard, tap the **ABC** button.

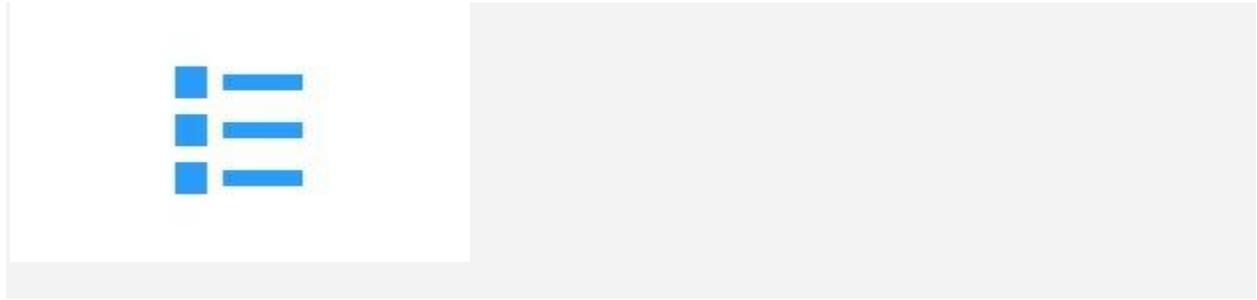


What can I do if the puzzle is too small? Can I make it bigger in the app?

There are two ways to adjust the puzzle in the app if you are having difficulty viewing it:

1. Pinch your fingers open to zoom in on the puzzle
2. Switch to a **Clue View** in which clues are presented in list form

To switch to **Clue View**, tap the icon at the top of your screen.



To switch back to a standard view, tap the icon again.

Puzzle Packs

1. What are Puzzle Packs?

Puzzle Packs are curated collections of puzzles centered around a theme. **Puzzle packs are not included in a New York Times Games subscription.** Both subscribers and non-subscribers can purchase Puzzle Packs in The Crossword app. Purchased packs appear in **My Packs**.

Many puzzle packs (Minis, Midis, All New Mondays) are brand-new puzzles that have not appeared in print and are not available in the archive.