



# Magic Squares

Select the best answer for each of the words in the 'val, vali, vale, vail, valu, value' family from the numbered definitions. Put the number in the proper space in the Magic Square box. If the total of the numbers is the same both across and down, you have found the magic number!

'val, vali, vale, vail, valu, value' means strength, worth, health

## WORDS

- A. equivalent
- B. evaluating
- C. validated
- D. devalued
- E. invalidly
- F. valiant
- G. valueless
- H. ambivalent
- I. unavailability

## DEFINITIONS

- 1. quality of being thoroughly strongest; quality of dominance
- 2. having the same worth or strength
- 3. lack of readiness to be of use or worth to
- 4. in a manner not having worth or strength
- 5. strong or worthy for both; having opposite feelings or attitudes
- 6. took worth away from
- 7. declared that something has worth
- 8. possessing strength; brave and bold
- 9. assessing the worth of; giving a grade to
- 10. without worth

Magic Square Box

A.	B.	C.
D.	E.	F.
G.	H.	I.

Magic Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Stair Steps

Fill in the missing letters of each 'val, vali, vale, vail, valu, value' word by using the definitions below.

'val, vali, vale, vail, valu, value' means strength, worth, or health

1.	v	a	l							
2.	v	a	l	u	e					
3.	v	a	l							
4.			v	a	l					
5.			v	a	l	u				
6.	v	a	l							
7.		v	a	l	u					
8.					v	a	l			

1. strong and worthy; legitimate and creditable
2. worthwhile things; ethics, morals, or beliefs of emotional investments
3. in a manner having worth; in a way being legitimate
4. people lacking strength; people weak as a result of illness or injury
5. taking worth away from
6. declaring that something has worth
7. assessments of worth; acts of giving grades to
8. in a manner having the same worth or strength

# In Other Words...

## A Bad Start but a Good Finish

Gore Mandizer, the famous food editor, wanted to check out the worth of the new restaurant in town. Because the restaurant advertised that a second dinner of the same worth as the first would be half price, Gore took along his friend Eppie Curean.

The restaurant's host and owner didn't recognize the critic and said there were no tables ready to be of use or worth to them, but Gore hinted strongly that if the owner considered his business worthy, he should find them a place to sit.

The owner got the hint and led Gore and Eppie to a table and gave them menus that were stained with food. Gore and Eppie, thinking that both to leave and to stay were strong choices, decided to give it a try.

The rest of the experience was so good that Gore in a strong manner tried not to let them know who he was. The good food and service took away the worth of the original unpleasantness and they both thought it a worthwhile experience. Gore and Eppie then had their parking permit made worthy and left.

Fill in the blanks below using words from the "val, vali, vale, vail, valu, value" family.

1. Gore and Eppie were \_\_\_\_\_ the new restaurant.
2. The prices of the two dinners were exactly \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Fortunately a table became \_\_\_\_\_ for Gore and Eppie.
4. The owner \_\_\_\_\_ his business and his customers.
5. The customers were \_\_\_\_\_ about whether to stay or leave.
6. The food critic \_\_\_\_\_ kept his identity hidden.
7. The quality of the rest of the evening \_\_\_\_\_ the original bad impressions.
8. Overall, the restaurant visit was a \_\_\_\_\_ experience.
9. The parking permit was \_\_\_\_\_ for customers.

### Word Bank

ambivalent	equivalent	prevailed	valor
available	invalidated	valiantly	valuable
evaluating	invalidity	validated	valued