

HOW TO PLAY

Solve the mystery by placing every character on the scene. Each clue narrows the possibilities until only one friend can be alone with the lost kitten.

1 PLACE EVERYONE

Each character occupies exactly one square. A character may stand on an empty floor square or on an object listed in the puzzle's "Can be occupied" key. Every other object is blocking and cannot be occupied.

2 ONE PER ROW & COLUMN

Like Sudoku, no two characters may share a row or column. Once someone is placed, cross out every other square in that row and column.

3 READ "BESIDE" CAREFULLY

"Beside" means directly above, below, left or right, in the same room. Diagonal squares and squares across a wall do not count.

4 CATCH THE FINDER

The finder is the one friend who ends up alone with the lost kitten. Every puzzle has a unique solution.

DETECTIVE'S TIP

Cross out impossible squares as you go. The strongest clues often become useful only after another row or column has been eliminated.

How to Solve: A Worked Example

Every case is pure logic, with no guessing. Follow this tiny 4x4 mystery one clue at a time. Place one guest in every row and column; whoever shares the lost kitten’s room is the finder.

THE CLUES

	KITCHEN		GARDEN	
1				
2	 STOVE			
3				
4				
	1	2	3	4

- Clue 1. Ada was in column 1.
- Clue 2. Ada was in the top row.
- Clue 3. Bo was beside the Stove.
- Clue 4. Cy was in column 3.
- Clue 5. Dex (the lost kitten) was in row 4, column 4, in the Garden.
- Clue 6. The Garden held exactly one other guest besides Dex.

FOLLOW THE DEDUCTION

- Together, Clues 1 and 2 place Ada at row 1, column 1.
- Clue 5 fixes Dex at row 4, column 4.
- Clue 4 puts Cy in column 3. Columns 1, 3 and 4 are taken, so Bo must use column 2.
- By Clue 3, Bo must occupy the only column-2 square beside the Stove: row 2, column 2.
- Only row 3 remains for Cy, so Cy is at row 3, column 3.
- By Clue 6, Cy is the only guest sharing the Garden with Dex, so Cy is the finder.

Cy shared the Garden with Dex, so Cy is the finder.

	KITCHEN		GARDEN	
1	Ada			
2	 STOVE	Bo		
3			Cy FINDER	
4				Dex LOST KITTEN
	1	2	3	4