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Crossword puzzle is a game of words where the player is given a hint and the number of letters. The player then fills the grid of boxes by finding the right words. Liverpool journalist Arthur Wynne invented the first crossword puzzle. Arthur Wynne was born on April 22, 1897, in New York. He emigrated to the United States at the age of nineteen. He first lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and worked for the Pittsburgh Press. An interesting side note was that Wynne also played violin with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Later, Arthur Wynne moved to Cedar Grove, New Jersey, and began working for a New York City newspaper called New York World. He wrote the first crossword puzzle for New York World, published on Sunday, December 21, 1913. The editor asked Wynne to come up with a new game for the newspaper's Sunday entertainment section. Arthur Wynne's first crossword puzzle was originally called word-cross and was diamond-shaped. The name was later switched to a cross name, and then, as a result of a random typo, the hyphen was omitted and the name became a crossword puzzle. Wynne based the crossword puzzle on a similar but much older play, which was played in ancient Pompeii, which translated from Latin to English, called Magic Squares. In Magic Squares, the player is given a group of words and must arrange them on the grid so that the words are read in the same way across and down. The crossword puzzle is very similar, except instead of getting the words that players given are clues. Arthur Wynne added more innovation to the crossword puzzle. While the first puzzle had the shape of a diamond, later invented horizontal and vertical puzzles; and Wynne invented the use of adding empty black squares to a crossword puzzle. The crossword puzzle in a British publication was published in Pearson's magazine in February 1922. The first New York Times crossword puzzle was published on July 1, 2008. According to the Guinness Book of Records, the first collection of crossword puzzles was published in the US in 1924. Called The Cross Word Puzzle Book, it was the first publication of a new partnership made up of Dick Simon and Lincoln Schuster. The book, a compilation of crossword puzzles from the New York World newspaper, was an instant success and helped found publishing giant Simon & Schuster, who continue to produce crosswords to this day. In 1997, Crossword Weaver was patented by Variety Games Inc. Crossword Weaver was the first computer software program that created crossword puzzles.

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