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Solution

First: Attend to the logic puzzle! Shade the squares indicated by the numbers in the rows and columns. Each number means that that many boxes will be shaded all right next to each other with no write boxes in between. If there are two or more numbers in a row or column, the strings of shaded boxes will have at least one empty box between, and may have empty boxes on either end of the row or column.

Example:

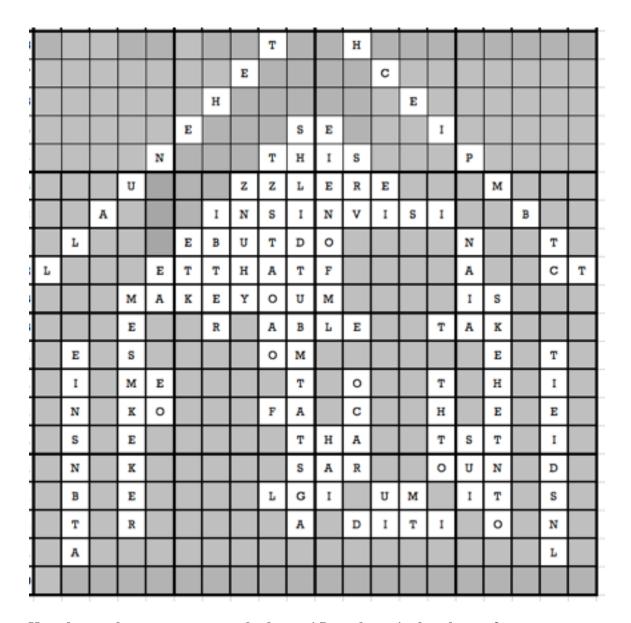


The top row has exactly one solution because there must be empty boxes between each shaded string, and 8+1+2+1+8=20, the length of the whole row. The second row is one example of a valid solution, but there are many. You would need to use the information given in the columns to work out the correct answer.

In this puzzle it might help to start with the bottom row, since it indicates it is 20 shaded boxes. The second to last row has to have 1 shaded box, then an empty box, then 16 shaded, then another empty one, and lastly a shaded box for a total of 1+1+16+1+1=20 total boxes. This is another row with only one solution.

This should give you a good start with the columns, since you know the last box of each will be shaded. From there, you can iterate back and forth to the columns and rows.

When you finish...



You drew a boy, a mouse, and a house! But where is the cheese?

Letters you DON'T shade in will spell a limerick:

The cheese in this puzzle remains invisible But don't let that fact make you miserable Take some time to think Of a cheese that stinks Around Belgium it's traditional

The answer is LIMBURGER