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Beginners Round - 20th August to 10th September 2025

Double Choco and Choco Banana

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Double Choco

- 1) Divide the grid into blocks by drawing solid lines over the dotted lines.
- 2) A block must contain a pair of areas of white cells and grey cells having the same size and shape. One area may be a rotated or mirror image of the other.
- 3) A number indicates the number of cells of that colour in the block; the number corresponds to half the number of cells of the block. A block can contain any number of cells with the number.

Time your efforts for each puzzle separately. Then submit your time for each puzzle, and the key for the nominated row (i.e. the value that the cell would have if a clue were entered) as the "answer key"

Puzzle 1
2 points

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Puzzle 2
2 points

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Puzzle 3
4 points

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Puzzle 4
3 points

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Puzzle 5
5 points

							2
	2	1	4				
2							
2	3						
		3	1		3		

Puzzle 6
9 points



		1					
				3		3	
4		2				2	
			2				
		2			1		
			3	2	1		

Choco Banana

- 1) Paint some of the cells black under the following rules.
- 2) Black cells linked vertically and horizontally must always form a rectangle or a square.
- 3) White cells (unpainted cells) linked vertically and horizontally must not form a rectangle or a square.
- 4) A number indicates the number of cells of the area containing this cell.

Puzzle 7
1 point



				8
		8	4	
	2			
1			5	

Puzzle 8
2 points



	2				
	4				
	3				
	5			1	
	4			9	

Puzzle 9
7 points



3					
	1		2		
	4		3		
					9

Puzzle 10
4 points



	5			7	
		6	6		
7					
	7			3	
		7			

Puzzle 11
4 points



		7			2		
3						6	2
					2		
			3				3
	2				3		
						6	

Puzzle 12
12 points



5							
		2			16		
	5					7	
					2		
		6					
	6					16	
		7			8		
							16

When you have completed as many puzzles as you can, email a list of your puzzle times and answer keys to adam@ukpuzzles.org (giving both clues and your answers). For the example below you would say:

Example Double Choco Puzzle - 23 seconds - 1322,

Example Choco Banana Puzzle - 27 seconds - 44413

Thank you to Nikoli for the example puzzles.

