

QUIZ, PUZZLE WINNERS AWARDED

2025 JUMBLE PUZZLE, QUIZ

Every end of year, the *New Vision* newspaper publishes the Christmas Jumbo crossword puzzle and quiz to engage readers, educate, inform and stimulate the mind, drawing a large number of participants. Last year, there were a total of 92 entries for both the quiz and a jumbo crossword puzzle. Of these, 68 were for the puzzle, while 24 were for the quiz. Nine of these entries are winners, that is, five for the puzzle and four for the quiz.

By Jacky Achan

The winners of the quiz are Grace Najjuka, Esther Bayiga, Kenneth Dibya and Mark Kasirye. Each of them gets sh250,000, which will be sent to their mobile phone numbers.

Najjuka, a third-year student pursuing a bachelor's degree in industrial chemistry at Kampala International University main campus, has been participating in the *New Vision* puzzles and quizzes since her Senior Four vacation.

This is her second win in the quiz, with the first being in 2024.

"The puzzle is easy, but the quiz is challenging," Najjuka says. She adds that the pictures in the quiz were quite demanding.

"If you were not buying and reading the *New Vision* newspaper, the picture quiz was difficult to crack," she says.

Kenneth Dibya, like Najjuka, is no stranger to the jumbo puzzle and quiz.

"Our father introduced us to the quiz. We grew up participating in quizzes at home, so it became a habit," says the student, who is in his third year pursuing a bachelor's degree in industrial fine art at Kyambogo University.

"Quizzes are interesting to do. I have participated in the *New Vision* quizzes for three years so far, and I like taking part," he says.

Dibya adds that the quiz "challenges the brain and one's knowledge of different subjects." Winning the competition comes with benefits.

"I will have some money to cater for my needs at university," he says.

JUMBO CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The winners of the Christmas jumbo crossword puzzle, who got all clues correct, include Patrick Sewanyana,



Quiz winner: Najjuka

Patrick Byenkya, Carolyne Akello, Alex Brian Okello and Francis Wasswa. Each wins sh200,000, which will be sent to the mobile phone numbers they provided.

Alex Brian Okello, a qualified engineer in Jinja, who is seeking employment, embraced the puzzle to challenge himself and test his knowledge across different subjects.

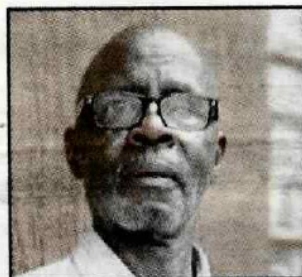
"I like to question myself. I answer different puzzles in the newspapers just for myself. When I saw the *New Vision* Christmas jumbo crossword puzzle, it was a long one, and that got me excited," he says. "It took me a while to complete it. It was challenging. This was my first time filling in this puzzle."

Winning the puzzle is a big deal.

"Since it was my first time taking part in the puzzle competition, the win is something special for me," he says.

On the other hand, Patrick Byenkya from Masindi district has been filling in the puzzle for almost over two decades.

"I was a winner in 2023. We were three winners. But in all the years in between, I have not



Puzzle winner: Byenkya

been winning," he adds. Byenkya says the puzzles help him keep his mind sharp.

"Participating improves my thinking and increases my knowledge, and I love it. Winning again is the icing on the cake."

QUIZ SOLUTIONS

Here are the answers:

1. Three National Reference Laboratories
2. The President assented to the Uganda People's Defence Forces (Amendment) Act, 2025
3. One person
4. September 9, 2025
5. 46 people
6. January 9
7. Sh764.7b
8. Turkish Airlines flight number TK612
9. A symbol of peace, tolerance and compassion in our troubled world
10. Abrego Garcia
11. Electro Acholi
12. The Mamdani family
13. Cornelius Lorika Kodet
14. Kayoola E-Coach
15. Justice Jane Frances Abodo
16. April 1, 2025
17. Charles Martin Wamika
18. Raila Odinga
19. Sh247b/\$60m
20. Central
21. President Yoweri Museveni
22. Isaac Ssemakadde
23. 36 Forum for Democratic Change party members
24. 16,639 voters and Faridah Nambi Kigongo did not vote
25. 163
26. Hajjara Najjuko
27. Aaron Ofoyrwoth
28. John Wesley Kisaakye (Buhimba United Saints FC) Buhimba 1-0.
29. 12-189th
30. 2025 ITTF World Hopes Challenge in Sheffield, England



Okello, a puzzle winner, is a qualified engineer



Quiz winner: Dibya

31. 2
32. Baby Gloria, Chosen Becky
33. Afrigo Band @ 50
34. Michael Kitanda, Happy Kyazze, Mark Langa, Joseph Sax, Jonathan Kyobe, Robert Aduba, Moses Matovu, Isaiah Katumwa
35. Olivia Mildred Namubiru

PHOTOS

■ Vice-President Jessica Alupo washing utensils to promote hygiene and sanitation in communities. This was during her visit to State House Poverty Alleviation beneficiaries at Akolikeje village in Ailenyang parish, Palam sub-county in Katakwi district on May 27, 2025.

■ National Basketball League (NBL) finals match between the City Oilers and the Namuwongo Blazers (Game 6) at the Lugogo Indoor Arena on November 5, 2025.

■ Learners crossing the dilapidated Bunyanga-Bumwalye bridge in April 2025. Residents of Nabweya and Bulucheke sub-counties in Bududa district have raised concerns over the deteriorating state of the bridge, fearing it could soon become a death trap.

■ An elderly woman sips water from a calabash during the handover ceremony of a newly constructed clean water source in Naturumum village, Pupu parish, Rupa sub-county, Moroto district. She was among the enthusiastic residents who turned up to witness and sample the water as they received their first-ever access to a clean water supply in the parish.

■ A team comprising police officers, Red Cross volunteers, and residents rescued three children who were trapped in the floodwater of River Nyamwamba in Nyakasanga, Kasere municipality.

■ The ball on the right is the correct answer.

■ A woman collects water from beneath the sand in Kaabong seasonal river. The Karamoja sub-region is experiencing a severe water shortage as a result of the ongoing prolonged drought.

■ The match was National

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

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| 1. Joseph | 73. Agate | 134. IOU |
| 6. Odinga | 75. Dose | 136. Owed |
| 10. Campaign | 77. Apt | 138. Gun |
| 17. Oval | 79. Alert | 140. Awaken |
| 18. Equid | 80. Same | 142. Replace |
| 19. Router | 82. Ramos | 144. Nani |
| 20. Ipso | 84. Army | 146. Dresser |
| 22. Kinder | 86. ENE | 148. Ant |
| 24. Tretas | 87. Instil | 149. Ahab |
| 26. Romi | 89. Duo | 150. Nose |
| 27. Tune | 91. Lode | 152. Goal |
| 29. Doll | 93. Stream | 154. Ensued |
| 30. Re-arm | 95. Oops | 157. Ergo |
| 32. Open | 96. Non-stop | 159. Duds |
| 34. Ash | 97. Bled | 162. Metre |
| 36. Draad | 99. ANGOP | 164. Dynes |
| 39. Enlists | 101. Nope | 167. Ado |
| 42. Sore | 103. Toronto | 168. Zion |
| 44. Data | 105. Elan | 170. Crete |
| 46. Gyrate | 108. Lillian | 173. Nice |
| 48. Deem | 111. Meek | 175. Area |
| 49. Laos | 113. Irk | 177. Fire |
| 51. Ache | 115. Reduce | 179. Ankara |
| 53. Ego | 116. Sly | 181. Antica |
| 55. Ability | 117. Biya | 184. Mars |
| 58. Pram | 119. Aroma | 185. Ibadan |
| 61. Wrested | 122. Ness | 186. Cigar |
| 64. Dollar | 124. Naval | 187. Elon (Musk) |
| 67. Den | 126. B.Sc | 188. Phantoms |
| 68. Else | 127. Soya | 189. Sleigh |
| 70. Lea | 129. Anger | 190. Eggnog |
| 71. Essays | 131. Select | |

DOWN

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| 1. Joked | 56. Idea | 123. Era |
| 2. Ovi | 57. Indo | 125. ATP |
| 3. Santa | 59. Ream | 126. Bin |
| 4. ELD | 60. Mat | 128. Odds |
| 5. Hero | 62. Ter | 130. Gargle |
| 6. Outlet | 63. Estimate | 132. Enter |
| 7. Dir | 65. Lam | 133. Errs |
| 8. Ideal | 66. Aged | 135. UEB |
| 9. Arsete | 69. Lead | 137. Wing |
| 10. Curr | 72. Also | 139. Used |
| 11. Atoms | 74. Troopers | 141. Kale |
| 12. Mem | 76. Oslo | 143. Lady |
| 13. Prior | 78. Pyre | 145. Axed |
| 14. ISTE | 81. Alsatian | 147. Redo |
| 15. Nin | 83. Mossad | 151. Ooze |
| 16. Moth | 85. Rebel | 153. Amen |
| 21. Peat | 86. ESPN | 155. Nenagh |
| 23. Eddy (Kenzo) | 88. Tororo | 156. Eden |
| 25. Arse | 90. UNO | 158. Roar |
| 28. Undo | 92. Opulence | 160. Unfit |
| 31. Asmara | 94. Enemy | 161. Scram |
| 33. Pelt | 98. Deny | 163. Traci |
| 35. Saha (King) | 100. NOR | 165. Nailn |
| 37. Recreant | 102. Orbs | 166. Slang |
| 38. Ages | 104. Okay | 167. Arms |
| 40. Needy | 106. Lessen | 169. IAEA |
| 41. Idol | 107. Null | 171. Reds |
| 43. Ogle | 109. Isaiah | 172. Tans |
| 45. Asps | 110. Allocate | 174. Care |
| 47. AIDS | 112. Ease | 176. RSP |
| 50. Ayes | 114. Knew | 178. Ibo |
| 51. Awl | 118. Icon | 180. Rig |
| 52. Healer | 120. Rage | 182. Teg |
| 54. Gossip | 121. Mans | 183. Coo |

Enterprise Corporation Football Club (NEC FC) versus Vipers at the MTN Phillip Omondi Stadium, Lugogo, on May 12, 2025. The match ended 1-1.

■ A woman carrying a dog as she awaited free pet care at a community clinic during the World Veterinary Day celebration in Kampala.

The clinic was organised by Vetconekt Initiative Ltd, in partnership with Kampala Capital City Authority and Uniquely Paws Ltd, together with the agriculture ministry.

■ A man distilling local gin (*waragi*) in Nyakishojwa village, Rwenge sub-county in Buhweju district, to sell for a living.