

jigsaw

[ˈdʒɪɡsɔː] *n*

1. *mex.* ажурная пила; машинная ножовка
2. = jigsaw puzzle

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jig·saw [ˈdʒɪɡsɔː] *BrE* [ˈdʒɪɡsɔː] *AmE* [ˈdʒɪɡsɔː] *noun*



1. (also 'jigsaw puzzle') (also **puz·zle** especially in *NAmE*) a picture printed on cardboard or wood, that has been cut up into a lot of small pieces of different shapes that you have to fit together again

- to do a jigsaw
2. a mysterious situation in which it is not easy to understand all the causes of what is happening; a complicated problem
- If Hollis was a double agent then the Crabb affair fits neatly into the jigsaw.

3. a [↑]saw (= a type of tool) with a fine blade for cutting designs in thin pieces of wood or metal

See also: [↑]puzzle

Word Origin:

late 19th cent.: from the verb [↑]jig + the noun [↑]saw.

Example Bank:

- One piece of the jigsaw is still missing.
- The police managed to piece together the jigsaw and reconstruct the victim's last hours.
- This is another piece in the jigsaw that will help us understand the biology of cancer.

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jig·saw /ˈdʒɪɡsɔː/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

1. (also 'jigsaw puzzle') a picture cut up into many pieces that you try to fit together
2. [usually singular] a very complicated situation, especially one that you are trying to understand:
As he explained, another piece of the jigsaw fell into place.

3.



a tool for cutting out shapes in thin pieces of wood

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