

WONDERWORD®

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HOW TO PLAY:

All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

A GOOD WORK ETHIC

Solution: 8 letters

U R E T A C I N U M M O C P P

P E P D E Z I N A G R O O R R

D S A D E D I C A T E P O O I

A P T U F F G E M I T F P D O

T O E H O N O R N I E C E U R

E N A R C T A T M S T E R C I

L S M E U E L I S B A R A T T

B I W E S E S I K O V E T I I

A B O R T M O I I J I V I V Z

I L R A E N N R L S T E O E E

L E K C A D E U L K O S N V S

E A R L Y U A L S S M R A O U

R E S P E C T E A A L E A R N

G N I N E T S I L T I P S P O

L C O N F I D E N C E D I T B

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Adapt, Bonus, Career, Communicate, Confidence, Cooperation, Dedicate, Early, Edit, Focus, Goals, Honor, Jobs, Kind, Leader, Learn, Listening, Meet, Motivate, Optimism, Organize, Persevere, Prioritize, Productive, Professional, Prove, Reliable, Respect, Responsible, Rule, Skills, Talent, Tasks, Teamwork, Time, Tips, Uniform, Update

Wednesday's Answer: Endings

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SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTION:

5 7 8 6 3 2 4 1 9

9 2 3 1 4 8 7 5 6

4 1 6 5 7 9 3 2 8

8 9 5 3 2 1 6 4 7

3 6 1 7 9 4 2 8 5

7 4 2 8 5 6 9 3 1

1 5 9 2 6 3 8 7 4

2 8 4 9 1 7 5 6 3

6 3 7 4 8 5 1 9 2

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★★

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PEANUTS

WHAT I REALLY SHOULD DO IS INVITE WOODSTOCK BACK TO THE DAISY HILL PUPPY FARM FOR CHRISTMAS

HE'D LIKE THAT... IT'S FUN TO GO HOME FOR CHRISTMAS...

BUT HOW CAN YOU GO HOME FOR CHRISTMAS WHEN YOUR HOME HAS BEEN REPLACED BY A SIX-STORY PARKING GARAGE?

GEE, THAT'S SAD!

PICKLES

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

I THOUGHT WE'D HAVE A NICE HEALTHY SALAD, HOW DOES THAT SOUND?

CAN I HAVE MINE WITHOUT TOO MUCH LETTUCE?

BETTER YET, CAN YOU REPLACE IT WITH GRAVY?

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MY DOG FRIEND SAID, "LIFE IS LIKE A BOX OF CHOCOLATES"

HOW SO?

I'M NOT SURE... AFTER HE ATE THE CHOCOLATES, HE DIED

BREAKING CAT NEWS

We'd like to apologize to any chipmunks who were offended by yesterday's broadcast.

The Shoutmunks are beloved the world over! We are so sorry—

THEY PERFORM THEIR SONGS WITH SUCH PASSION!

AND THEY ARE DELIGHTFUL! SO delightful! I WILL SING THEM NOW! SILVERBELLS—

RUBES

EMPIRE SMOKE SHOP

Darth Vaper

CLOSE TO HOME

"OK! OK! YES, I did it!! I threw out your baseball cards, Brian! It was 1972, you were a freshman at Cornell..."

OTHER COAST

HERE, TAKE MY ID. THEY'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE.

FLO AND FRIENDS

WE'RE STUDYING McARTHURISM IN HISTORY CLASS AND THE WHOLE COMMUNISM SCARE BACK IN THE 50s.

IT'S SO SCARY THAT THAT COULD EVEN HAPPEN!!

IT CERTAINLY IS! YOU KNOW, WE STUDIED THAT WHOLE THING IN SCHOOL, TOO!!

BUT WE STUDIED IT IN OUR "CURRENT AFFAIRS" CLASS.

B.C.

LOVERS LEAP

FRIENDSHIP'S STAIRCASE

ACQUAINTANCES SLIGHT DECLINE

NOW THAT'S JUST WEIRD.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOU SIDEWALK

BOUND & GAGGED

I'LL HAVE A NICE PEECE OF MAHOGANY AND THE BABY WILL HAVE THE Balsa WOOD.

THE WIZARD OF ID

SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE CHRISTMAS IS A BIT MUCH, WITH ALL THE POMP AND DECORATIONS

I DON'T KNOW... GETS YOUR MIND OFF THE STOCK MARKET AND POLITICS FOR A WHILE

Ho Ho Ho

TUNDRA

DAVY CROCKETT'S BRIEF EXPERIMENTATION WITH A LOON-SKIN CAP

WHAT?! WHY WON'T ANYONE MAKE EYE-CONTACT WITH ME?!

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

HELLO?

HI...IS RICHARD THERE?

YEAH, THIS IS HIM.

OH GREAT WE JUST FINISHED PAINTING YOUR PORSCHE AND WERE WONDERING IF YOU NEED US TO DO ANYTHING ELSE.

YEAH. GIMME POLKA DOTS ON THE SIDES.

SOME PEOPLE JUST SAY 'WRONG NUMBER.'

MORE FUN MY WAY.

MALLARD FILLMORE

...AND DON'T BOTHER CHECKING WHETHER I'VE BEEN NAUGHTY OR NICE... WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT I SHARE IN THE AMERICAN DREAM OF TOY OWNERSHIP!

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