

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in. Includes difficulty rating: ★★★★★

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 105th day of 2017. There are 260 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson, baseball's first black major league player, made his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day at Ebbets Field.

On this date: In 1817, America's oldest existing school for the deaf opened in Hartford, Connecticut.

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln died nine hours after being shot the night before by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater in Washington; Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

In 1892, General Electric Co., formed by the merger of the Edison Electric Light Co. and other firms, was incorporated in Schenectady, New York.

In 1912, the British luxury liner RMS Titanic foundered in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland more than 2 1/2 hours after hitting an iceberg; 1,514 people died, while less than half as many survived.

In 1920, a paymaster and a guard were shot and killed during a robbery at a shoe company in South Braintree, Massachusetts; Italian immigrants Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were accused of the crime, convicted and executed amid worldwide protests that they hadn't received a fair trial.

In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had died on April 12, was buried at the Roosevelt family home in Hyde Park, New York.

In 1959, Cuban leader Fidel Castro arrived in Washington to begin a goodwill tour of the United States.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles resigned for health reasons (he was succeeded by Christian A. Herter).

In 1974, members of the Symbionese Liberation Army held up a branch of the Hibernia Bank in San Francisco; a member of the group was SLA kidnap victim Patricia Hearst, who by this time was going by the name "Tania" (Hearst later said she'd been forced to participate).

In 1989, 96 people died in a crush of soccer fans at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England. Students in Beijing launched a series of pro-democracy protests; the demonstrations culminated in a government crackdown at Tiananmen Square.

In 1997, Jackie Robinson's number 42 was retired 50 years after he became the

first black player in major league baseball.

In 2002, retired Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White died at age 84.

In 2007: Riot police beat and detained dozens of anti-Kremlin demonstrators in St. Petersburg, Russia, on a second day of protests against the government of President Vladimir Putin. Brant Parker, the original illustrator of "The Wizard of Id" comic strip, died in Lynchburg, Virginia, at age 86, just days after the passing of the strip's writer, Johnny Hart.

In 2013, two bombs exploded at the Boston Marathon finish line, killing two women and an 8-year-old boy and injuring more than 260. (Suspected bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev died in a shootout with police; his brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, was tried, convicted and sentenced to death.)

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Roy Clark is 84. Actress Claudia Cardinale is 79. Author and politician Jeffrey Archer is 77. Rock singer-guitarist Dave Edmunds is 74. Actor Michael Tucci is 71. Actress Lois Chiles is 70. Writer-producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason is 70. Actress Amy Wright is 67. Columnist Heloise is 66. Actress-scribbler Emma Thompson is 58. Bluegrass musician Jeff Parker is 56. Singer Samantha Fox is 51. Olympic gold, silver and bronze medal swimmer Dara Torres is 50. Rock musician Ed O'Brien (Radiohead) is 49. Actor Flex Alexander is 47. Actor Danny Pino is 43. Actor Douglas Spain is 43. Country singer/songwriter Chris Stapleton is 39. Actor Luke Evans is 38. Rock musician Patrick Carney (The Black Keys) is 37. Actor-writer Seth Rogen is 35. Actress Alice Braga is 34. Americana singer-songwriter Margo Price is 34. Rock musician De'Mar Hamilton (Plain White T's) is 33. Actress Samira Wiley (TV: "Orange is the New Black") is 30. Actress Emma Watson is 27. Actress Maisie Williams is 20.

Thought for Today: "History would be an excellent thing if only it were true." — Leo Tolstoy, Russian author (1828-1910).

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DEAR ABBY

Intrusive mother-in-law must be locked out and set straight

Dear Abby: My mother-in-law recently moved close to us. She has a nice home and has lots of friends in the area, but she doesn't want any of them to come visit.

Abby, her entire focus is on us! She walks right into our home, although she has been asked several times not to. She goes through my things and takes whatever she wants without asking. I can never relax unless my husband isn't home and I have locked the doors so she can't barge in. When he is here, she comes over, walks in, and if we have company, thinks she should join our guests.

I recently retired, and I get anxious because I want it peaceful, but with her invading our privacy, it's anything but. I have grown children I adore, but I don't want them walking in either, and they never would. It took me years to have a home life with my husband because he was a longtime bachelor, and for years his buddies would drop by unannounced. Now it's his mother!

I feel like the bad guy, but I just want what most people do — to feel content in my own home. What else can I do? — Wants To Run Away

Dear Wants To Run Away: You should not have to feel like a prisoner in your own home. Keep all the entrances securely locked, especially the front door. While you're at it, if you haven't already done so, tell her to stay out of your belongings because you don't want any more items to "disappear."

Because your MIL won't listen to you, have your husband tell his mother not to drop in without calling first. If she does it anyway, when she shows up, rather than "ask" her not to do it, TELL her and don't let her in.

Dear Abby: I am one of your male readers. I took in a teenager on his 17th birthday because he wanted to leave an abusive, neglectful situation from his mother and her husband. I have known him since he was 4. During the time he has been here, we have bonded, and his appearance and attitude have improved. With his permission, I recently legally adopted him.

Our problem is that people are making comments that this is a sexual thing, which is absolutely not true. How can I quash these statements? He is very grateful to have a loving dad now, but is

afraid of backlashes. — Adult Adoption

Dear A.A.: The problem with rumors of this kind is that some people love to speculate, and truth has nothing to do with it. Unless you can pinpoint where the rumors are coming from, nothing you or your son can do will prove they are untrue. If that should change, however, there may be legal steps you could consider — because accusations that someone is taking advantage of a minor could be considered slander.

Dear Abby: My husband, "Jerry Jr.," was named after his father. He had two sons, "Jerry III" and "Bobby." When Jerry III had a son, he decided not to carry on the tradition and named his son "Stephen." Now Bobby is expecting a son and would like to name him Jerry to honor his father. Our question is, would this child be Jerry IV, since he's part of the same immediate family? Or would he just be Jerry, since his father has a different name? — All In The Family

Dear All In The Family: That should be up to Bobby to decide. From where I sit, the baby would be just plain Jerry, unless your clan is planning on starting a dynasty.

Monday Morning

Monday Morning TV schedule table with columns for station, time, and program names.

April 17, 2017

AFTERNOON

Afternoon TV schedule table with columns for station, time, and program names.

EVENING

Evening TV schedule table with columns for station, time, and program names.

Main TV schedule table with columns for station, time, and program names.

NIGHT OWL

Night Owl TV schedule table with columns for station, time, and program names.

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