



THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Geronimo's customers
- 5 Gendarme, slangily
- 9 Warthog's weapons
- 14 Introduction to business?
- 15 Food stamp?
- 16 Word form of "simple"
- 17 Start of a seasonal definition
- 20 It can't enter a no-fly zone?
- 21 Sidewinder, for one (Abbr.)
- 22 Brian of rock
- 23 Tolkien's "Dark Elf"
- 24 More agile
- 26 More of a seasonal definition
- 30 "Turtle Beach" star
- 31 Moo goo ___ pan
- 32 Frequent Psalms word
- 34 Be a bumbler
- 35 Spent the most time at Surfside
- 38 Juan follower
- 39 NHS art teacher Ritch
- 41 Cookie-selling org.
- 42 "America's Most Wanted" info
- 43 More of a seasonal definition

- 47 Hades ferryman
- 48 Minivan rival
- 49 Tresses & The Day ___
- 51 OPEC mem.
- 52 Musically slow
- 56 End of a seasonal definition
- 60 Kate McArdle's friend
- 61 Dublin locale
- 62 Notorious lab assistant
- 63 Big name in Lightship Baskets
- 64 Oration station
- 65 Pitchfork part

DOWN

- 1 Convention
- 2 Selves
- 3 Dryad's home
- 4 Sweet age
- 5 Cape Air concern
- 6 WW2 vessel
- 7 Cyprinoid fish
- 8 Treat on a cracker
- 9 One place to be in a crowd?
- 10 Labor org.
- 11 How to describe some cobblestones
- 12 Grand Dragon's org.
- 13 Words before "speak"

- 18 "Time ___ the essence"
- 19 Former KISS drummer
- 24 Grain
- 25 Fair-hiring letters
- 26 Tossed
- 27 How the U.S.L.S.S. often acts
- 28 "Awesome, dude!"
- 29 Thai kebab
- 30 Disney frame
- 33 Deludes
- 35 Goes over the same ground
- 36 'Sconset hours in Nov.
- 37 Get 'em at Cowboy's
- 40 Nonacademic degree
- 42 Scandanavian booze from potatoes
- 44 Start of a Glen Campbell title
- 45 Type of toad
- 46 Designer Gemreich
- 49 View from Loines
- 50 Compost heap
- 53 Leslie Caron musical
- 54 Wise to
- 55 Villain
- 57 Eric Holch creation
- 58 Korean auto maker
- 59 Lanka leader

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THE INDEPENDENT SUDOKU

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INSTRUCTIONS

Sudoku is a Japanese logic puzzle growing in popularity in Britain and the United States. Meaning "single number" in Japanese, a sudoku consists of a 9-by-9 grid with some of the 81 squares filled in with numbers.

Your challenge is to fill in the rest. There's only one simple, but often maddening, rule: The numbers 1 through 9 must appear only once in each of the grid's nine rows, nine columns, and nine 3-by-3 blocks.

Proper sudokus have only one solution, meaning they can always be solved by logic. Don't place a number unless you have determined it is the only number that can go in that square. Trial and error guessing is hard work unless there are only a few squares remaining to solve.

HISTORY

Sudoku was designed by Howard Garns, a retired architect and freelance puzzle constructor, and first published in 1979. Although likely inspired by the Latin square invention of Leonhard Euler, Garns added a third dimension (the regional restriction) to the mathematical construct and (unlike Euler) presented the creation as a puzzle, providing a partially-completed grid and requiring the solver to fill in the rest.

The puzzle was first published in New York by the specialist puzzle publisher Dell Magazines in its magazine *Dell Pencil Puzzles and Word Games*, under the title Number Place (which we can only assume Garns named it).

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