17.10.24

Sudoku Mild No 15,312

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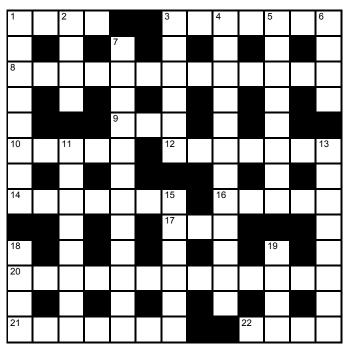
Fiendish No 15,313

Super fiendish No 15,314

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The Times Quick Cryptic No 2809 by Izetti



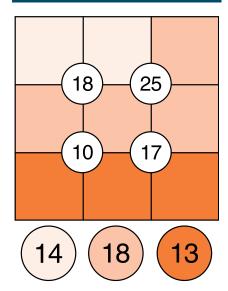
Across

- Put in case what is needed for card games (4)
- 3 People leaving money behind in trucks? (7)
- 8 Hostess died he sadly washes up (4,3,6)
- 9 Mums participating in drama sometimes (3)
- 10 Island's heavenly sign when corn has been cut (5)
- 12 Room for service personnel in a port (7)
- 14 Musical section in street bands (7)
- 16 Church pursuing writer for money (5)17 Wood that may be used for
- burning when hard (3) 20 A life of someone by himself?
- (13)
 21 French editor celebrated,
- ultimately fantastic editor (7) 22 Left-winger to run (4)

Down

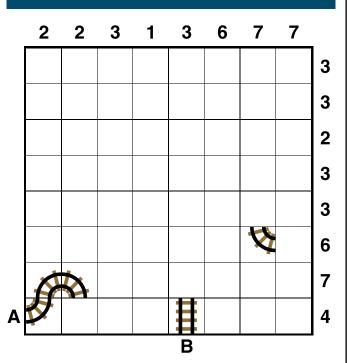
- Home crops limited space for horses (8)
- 2 Boss sacks one kitchen worker (4)
- 3 Article is on origin of mystical belief system (6)
- 4 They seriously think hip-hop losers will regroup (12)
- 5 One written to by St Paul, man going after wandering sheep (8)
- 6 Just right, just right, OK? (2-2)
- 7 A male in charge, having less feeling as a scientific figure (6,6)
- 11 Dan and Peter, badly brought up (8)
- 13 Excited mate's holding your old gemstone (8)
- 15 Deliberately avoided day away from home (3,3)
- 18 Worker may be bananas (4)
- 19 Box carried by his partner (4)

Suko No 4249



Place the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each circle is equal to the sum of the four surrounding spaces, and each colour total is correct

Train Tracks No 2375



Lay tracks to enable the train to travel from village A to village B. The numbers indicate how many sections of track go in each row and column. There are only straight sections and curved sections. The track cannot cross itself.

Word watch David Parfitt

Whiffler

a A kitchen utensil
b An official who clears the way for a procession
c A device for mimicking a duck's quack

Brumal

a Dandyish, foppishb Wintryc Pertaining toBirmingham

Dysphoria

ease

a A lack of adequate lightb A woodland plantc A feeling of being ill at

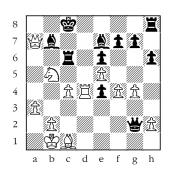
Tetonor Tricky No 510

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52	225	34	216
93	17	270	30
50	126	19	70
1 3 4		15 21	46 51

When complete, the strip below the grid can be split into eight pairs of numbers. Adding the numbers in a pair gives one of the 16 numbers in the grid. Multiplying them gives a different number in the grid. For example, a 4 and 6 in the strip could be paired to make 10 (4+6) and 24 (4x6) in the grid. Enter each sum below the corresponding number in the grid. The blanks in the strip must be deduced, bearing in mind the numbers are listed in ascending order.

The next Tetonor puzzle will appear on Tuesday

Winning Move

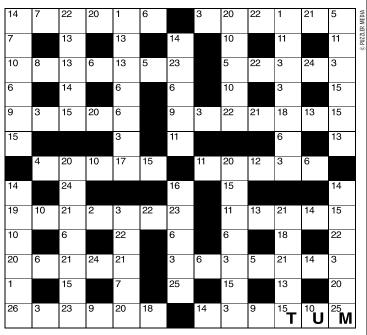


White to play.

This position is from Navara-Tissir, Budapest Olympiad 2024.

White has given up a rook here in order to expose the black king and get his forces close to the danger zone. His next move led to what may be called a "mini-combination" which regained some material and left Black with no good defence against his threats. Can you spot the key move as well as the eventual mating theme?

Codeword No 5348



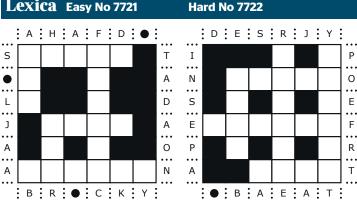
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S X W V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	¹⁰ U	11	12	13
14	¹⁵ T	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	²⁵ M	26

Every letter in this crossword-style grid is represented by a number from 1 to 26. Each letter of the alphabet appears in the grid at least once. Use the letters already provided to work out the identity of further letters. Enter letters in the main grid and the smaller reference grid until all 26 letters of the alphabet have been accounted for. Proper nouns are excluded. Yesterday's solution, right

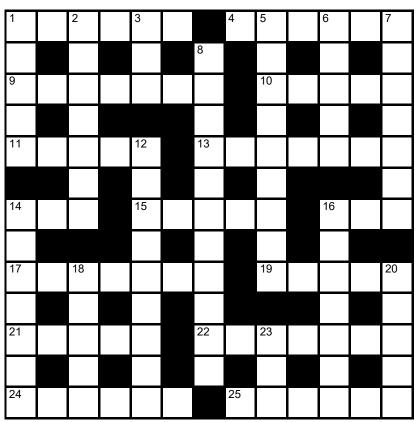
Cluelines Stuck on Codeword? To receive 4 random clues call 0901 293 6262 or text TIMECODE to 64343. Calls cost £1 plus your telephone company's network access charge. Texts cost £1 plus your standard network charge. For the full solution call 0905 757 0142. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge. SP: Spoke, 0333 202 3390 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5.30pm).

Lexica Easy No 7721



Slide the letters either horizontally or vertically back into the grid to produce a completed crossword. Letters are allowed to slide over other letters

times2 Crossword No 9664



Across

- 1 Agricultural implement (6)
- 4 Skin condition (6)
- 9 Detailed, thorough (2-5)
- 10 Pertaining to birth (5)
- 11 Scotland-England border river (5)
- 13 Treatment for mind or body (7)
- 14 Flying mammal (3)

- 15 Short petticoats; skids or slides (5)
- 16 Block of writing paper (3)
- 17 Fruit tree plantation (7)
- 19 Broken arm support (5)
- 21 Continental quilt (5)
- 22 Archaic greeting (3,4)
- 24 Weymouth's county (6)
- 25 Fast, rapid (6)

Solution to Crossword 9663

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Down

- 1 Indicate with the finger (5)
- 2 Leftover item (7)
- 3 Empty space (3)
- 5 Broad agreement (9)
- 6 Additional (5)
- 7 Assuaged (fears, eg) (7)
- 8 Classic British film (3,5,3)
- 12 Take apart (9)
- 14 Sulkily dwelt (on) (7)
- 16 Ape or monkey, eg (7)
- 18 Insurance protection (5)
- 20 Rainwater channel (5)
- 23 Wash gently against (3)

Need help with today's puzzle? Call 0905 757 0143 to check the answers. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge. SP: Spoke, 0333 202 3390 (Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm).

All the digits 1 to 6 must appear in every row and column. In each thick-line "block", the target number in the top left-hand corner is calculated from the digits in all the cells in the block, using the operation indicated by the symbol.

Fill the blank squares so that every row and column contains each of the numbers 1 to 5 once only. The symbols between the squares indicate whether a number is larger (>) or smaller (<) than the number next to it.

Kakuro No 3847

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	8				6					

Fill the grid using the numbers 1 to 9 only. The numbers in each horizontal or vertical run of white squares add up to the total in the triangle to its left or above it. The same number may occur more than once in a row or column, but not within the same run of white squares.

Quintagram®

Solve all five **cryptic** clues using each letter underneath once only

1 Asian neckwear picked up (4)

2 Fight the setter and Bruce the martial arts star (5)

3 Fruit in caramel on skewer (6)

4 Old men to show off document (8)

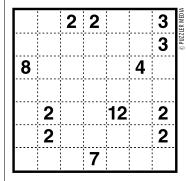
5 Fat soldier holding tabloid back to front (9)

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Brain Trainer

EASY 32	HALVE IT	÷ 4	x 5	DOUBLE IT	+3/ ₄ OF IT	DOUBLE IT	÷ 4	+ 12	x 2	ANSWER	
MEDIUM 125	- 3/ ₅ OF IT	HALVE IT	+ 160	DOUBLE IT	+ 40	+7/ ₁₀ OF IT	-2	÷ 5	х 9	ANSWER	
HARDER 14	SQUARE IT	+ ³ / ₇ OF IT	-6/ ₁₀ OF IT	+ 236	х 3	÷ 4	- 223	HALVE IT	SQUARE IT	ANSWER	

Cell Blocks No 5231



Divide the grid into square or rectangular blocks, each containing one digit only. Every block must contain the number of cells indicated by the digit inside it.

Polygon

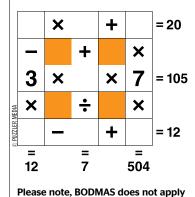


From these letters, make words of **four** or more letters, always including the central letter. Answers must be in the *Concise Oxford Dictionary*, excluding capitalised words, plurals, conjugated verbs (past tense etc), adverbs ending in LY, comparatives and superlatives. **How you rate** 18 words, average; 24, good; 27, very good; 30, excellent

Yesterday's answers

floe, floor, flor, flow, flower, fool, fore, fowl, fowler, froe, lore, love, lover, lower, orfe, orle, over, **overflow**, reflow, role, roof, rove, rowel, vole, vowel, wolf, wooer, woof woofer wool

Set Square No 3850

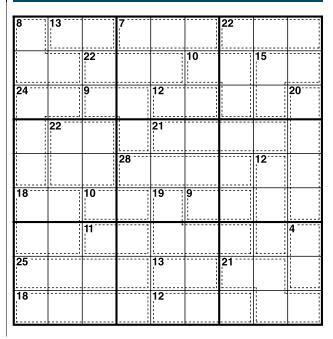


Enter each of the numbers from 1 to 9 in the grid, so that the six sums work. We've placed two numbers to get you started. Each sum should be calculated left to right or top to bottom.

Killer Gentle No 9734

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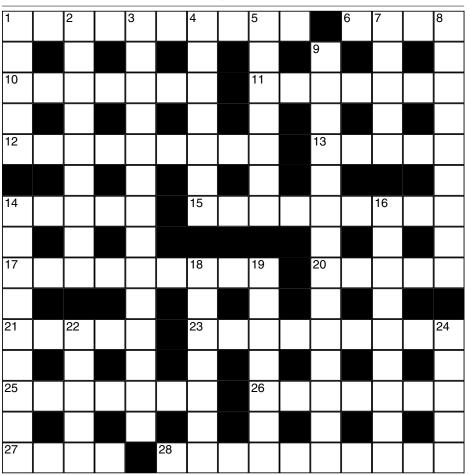
Killer Tough No 9735



As with standard Sudoku, fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Each set of cells joined by dotted lines must add up to the target number in its top-left corner. Within each set of cells joined by dotted lines, a digit cannot be repeated.

Cluelines Stuck on Sudoku, Killer or KenKen? Call 0901 293 6263 before midnight to receive four clues for any of today's puzzles. Calls cost £1 plus your telephone company's network access charge. SP: Spoke, 0333 202 3390 (Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm).

Times Crossword 29,050



ACROSS

- 1 Perhaps watch video that may rain on your parade (6,4)
- 6 Tunisia's capital missing from book of maps, regrettably (4)
- 10 Regularly leave key equestrian competitor (7)
- 11 Break shoe, run and throw? (7)
- 12 Evaluates software associated with lifts (9)
- 13 Empire in complete mess at the outset (5)
- 14 Detest drab horticulture displays (5)
- 15 Games a police chief overheard in thick fog (3-6)
- 17 Tell me, using your brain, best sock (3,4,2)
- **20** Be overwhelmed with new information from the east (5)
- **21** US college briefly thanks conference venue (5)
- 23 Champion rugby player playing in French team initially (9)
- 25 Doctor urged on to get experience (7)
- 26 Rely excessively on old and extremely vulnerable scheme (7)
- 27 Level of drop in sound (4)
- 28 Persistent about fast time? Not so much (10)

DOWN

- 1 Articles about Bart's last letter to Homer (5)
- 2 Personal insult loved by a miserly director? (5,4)
- 3 Spare gold coin one splits with European is remarkable (14)
- 4 Arrives and spoils Pixar movie (5,2)
- 5 Old kingdom's power over large country (7)
- 7 Grub is something very hot, reportedly (5)
- 8 What "decreases" rations me unfortunately (5,4)
- 9 Fresh food and shower before nap? Tuck in here! (8.6)
- 14 Columnist from Guyana not wrong (5,4)
- **16** Wage produced from plain writing? Sweet! (9)
- 18 Cool to live without working body part (7)
- 19 Couple raised farm animal during work (7)
- 22 Enter gate-keeper's residence (5)
- 24 Be anxious when losing opener for lock (5)

Yesterday's solution 29,049



Check today's answers by ringing 0905 757 0141 by midnight. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge. SP: Spoke 0333 202 3390.

Solutions

Quick Cryptic 2808

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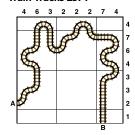
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Train Tracks 2374



Sudoku 15,309

2	7	1	5	9	4	8	6	3
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Sudoku 15,310

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Cell Blocks 5230

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Set Square 3849



Lexica 7719



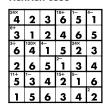
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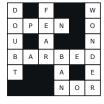
Futoshiki 4887

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KenKen 6339



Lexica 7720



Killer 9732

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Killer 9733

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5	7	3	2	8	1	4	9	6
6	1	4	9	5	7	3	2	8
1	5	7	8	3	6	9	4	2
9	3	6	4	2	5	1	8	7
2	4	8	7	1	9	5	6	3

Today's solutions

Cryptic Quintagram

- 1 Thai 2 Mêlée 3 Melons
- 4 Passport 5 Margarine



Brain **Trainer**

Easy 94 Medium 1,251 Harder 361

Whiffler (b) An official who

Word watch

clears the way for a procession (*Chambers*) **Brumal** (b) Wintry (*OED*) **Dysphoria** (c) A feeling of being ill at ease (*Collins*)

Chess – Winning Move

1 Rd7! maximises White's attacking potential. After 1 ... Kxd7 2 Qxb7+ Kd8 3 Qxc6 there is no defence, eg 3 ... Qe2 4 Qc7+ Ke8 5 Qc8+ Bd8 6 Nd6+ Ke7 7 Qb7+ forcing mate

Samurai medium

Fill each grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Where the puzzles overlap, the rows and columns do not go beyond their usual length.

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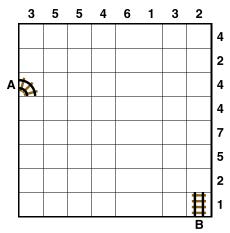
Futoshiki

Fill the blank squares so that every row and column contains each of the numbers 1 to 5 once only. The symbols between the squares indicate whether a number is larger (>) or smaller (<) than the number next to it.

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Train Tracks

Lay tracks to enable the train to travel from village A to village B. The numbers indicate how many sections of track go in each row and column. There are only straight sections and curved sections. The track cannot cross itself.



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Sudoku difficult

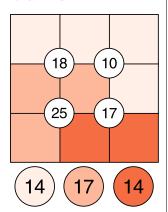
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Killer deadly

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Each set of cells joined by dotted lines must add up to the target number in its top-left corner. Within each set of cells joined by dotted lines, a digit cannot be repeated.

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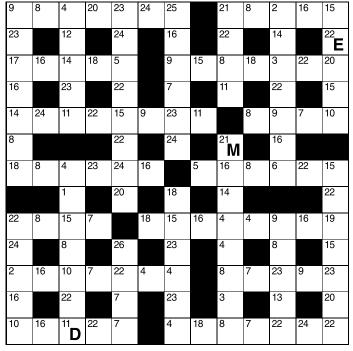
Suko



Place the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each circle is equal to the sum of the four surrounding spaces, and each colour total is correct

Codeword

Every letter in the crossword-style grid, right, is represented by a number from 1 to 26. Each letter of the alphabet appears in the grid at least once. Use the letters already provided to work out the identity of further letters. Enter letters in the main grid and the smaller reference grid until all 26 letters of the alphabet have been accounted for. Proper nouns are excluded.



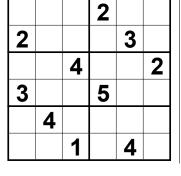
A B C Ø Ø F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	¹¹ D	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	²¹ M	²² E	23	24	25	26

Mini Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x2 box contains the digits 1 to 6

> Solutions in Monday's Times2



Yesterday's solutions

SAMURAI

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6	7	4	5	1	3	8	2	9				2	7	1	3	8	5	4	9	6
5	8	2	6	7	9	1	4	3				5	3	6	9	2	4	7	1	8
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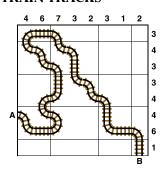
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MINI SUDOKU

2	5	3	4	1	6
6	4	1	3	2	5
3	6	5	2	4	1
1	2	4	6	5	3
5	3	2	1	6	4
4	1	6	5	3	2

TRAIN TRACKS



FUTOSHIKI

1	2	4	3	5
2	5	3	1 <	< 4
5	3	1	4	2
4	1	2	5	3

V		V	
3 < 4	5	2	1

SUDOKU

6	2	9	8	1	7	5	4	3
3	5	7	9	4	6	2	1	8
8	1	4	2	5	3	6	9	7
5	4	6	7	3	2	1	8	9
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KILLER

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7	4	2	8	3	9	1	6	5

CODEWORD



