

Sudoku Easy No 15,303

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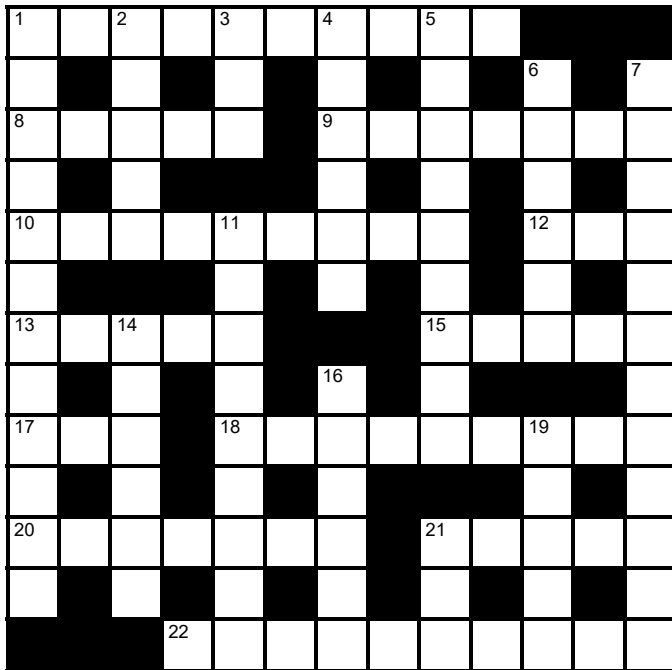
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The Times Quick Cryptic No 2806 by Pedro



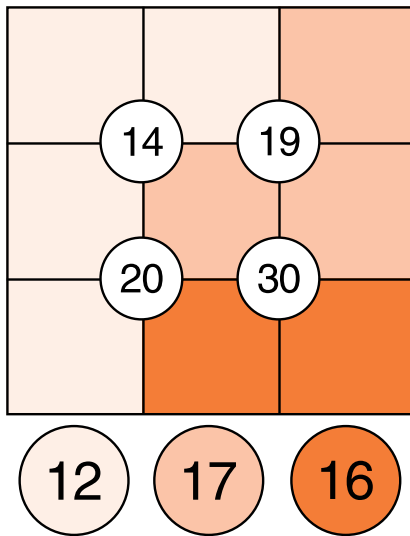
Across

- 1 Icy soil that could make farmer stop (10)
- 8 Foolish way for both life and fame to end? (5)
- 9 Secretary I encountered in park, unusually hot stuff! (7)
- 10 A haze amidst grain when fighting stops (9)
- 12 Observe those completing races before me (3)
- 13 Court case regarding family putting out book (5)
- 15 Dad turned round and concealed insect attacking roses (5)
- 17 Study overlooking a Communist (3)
- 18 A foolish sheep overturned flowering plant (9)
- 20 Send message for soldier to appear in display (7)
- 21 Small creature like rabbit in allotment (5)
- 22 Train every working animal doctor (10)

Down

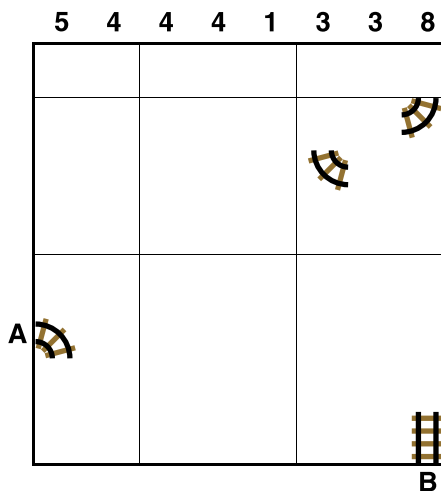
- 1 Happily thorn is treated in kindness to man (12)
- 2 Lots of papers about large region (5)
- 3 Dismiss indication of error in A & E (3)
- 4 Make improvements to Republican attitude (6)
- 5 Elevated American rock group into smart, dominant position (9)
- 6 Trashy equipment given to school (6)
- 7 Sewing shop here has drab fancy upholstery at the rear (12)
- 11 Dried fruit and drink abandoned by a Muslim state (9)
- 14 Small record label curtailed attempt to produce one of the blues (6)
- 16 Keep actors in front of full theatre ultimately (6)
- 19 Wool producer set up a selection of shops (5)
- 21 Do water sport? Avoid losing power (3)

Suko No 4246



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 2372



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

Docent

- a Soft-hearted
- b A set or batch of 200 items
- c A volunteer museum guide

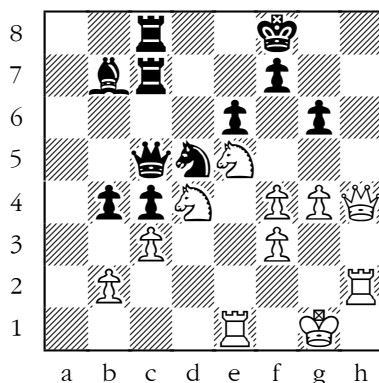
Travoy

- a A sledge used to transport logs
- b A profession or occupation
- c A variety of cabbage

Spur-whang

- a To enervise with a strong incentive
- b A nautical crossbeam
- c A leather strap

Winning Move

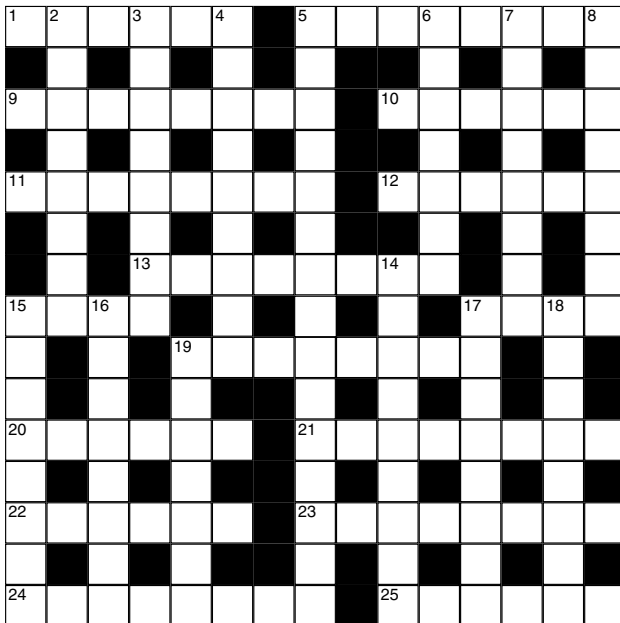


White to play.

This position is from Saraci-Sihlongonyane, Budapest Olympiad 2024.

The positions this week are taken from the recent Budapest Olympiad where India were rampant, winning both the Open and Women's event. How did White force a quick win here?

General Knowledge Crossword No 255



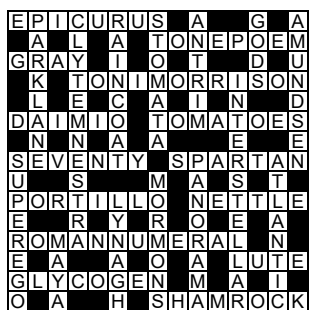
Across

- 1 Mark used in German words such as "fünf" and "zwölf" (6)
- 5 US singer who recorded the 1958 hit *Fever* (5,3)
- 9 Mark ---, frontman of the rock band Dire Straits (8)
- 10 Items collected by a philatelist (6)
- 11 Cyprus's second-largest city (8)
- 12 Small freshwater fish (6)
- 13 South African-born CEO of Tesla and SpaceX (4,4)
- 15 Soft fabric made by rolling and pressing fibres into a mat (4)
- 17 Botanical structure such as a peanut or almond (4)
- 19 Native American people of Florida and Oklahoma (8)
- 20 Only horse to have won the Grand National on three occasions (3,3)
- 21 Literary traveller to Lilliput, Laputa and other lands (8)

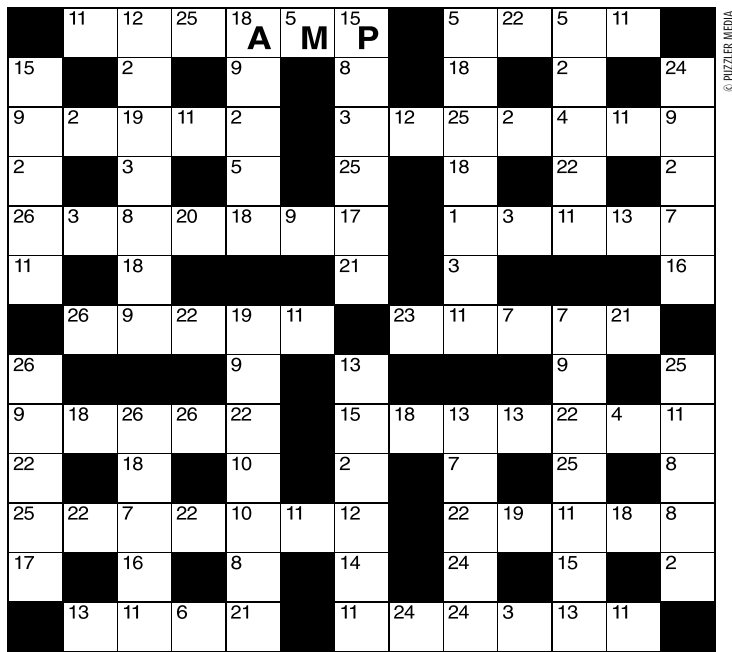
Down

- 22 Colour traditionally worn by Dutch sports teams (6)
- 23 Severe headache often accompanied by visual disturbance (8)
- 24 Lincolnshire seaside town promoted as "so bracing" (8)
- 25 Japanese maker of the Yaris and Corolla car models (6)
- 2 Lesley ---, actress in many films made by Mike Leigh (8)
- 3 Complete set of letters used in a language (8)
- 4 Device studied and developed by Galileo and Newton (9)
- 5 International sporting event that took place from August 28 to September 8 this year (10,5)
- 6 Airport located near Crawley in West Sussex (7)
- 7 Drink that may be mixed with beer to make shandy (8)
- 8 Clint ---, director of *Million Dollar Baby* and *Unforgiven* (8)
- 14 Oscar-winning drama set in the offices of The Boston Globe newspaper (9)
- 15 Motown quartet led by Levi Stubbs (4,4)
- 16 Lop-eared breed of pig (8)
- 17 Training college for religious ministers (8)
- 18 Type of locally connected computer system (8)
- 19 Weapon immobilising rather than harming its target (4,3)

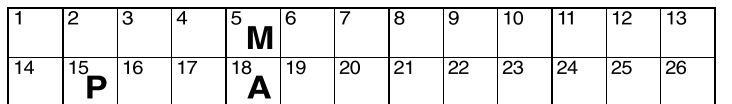
Last week's solution



Codeword No 5345



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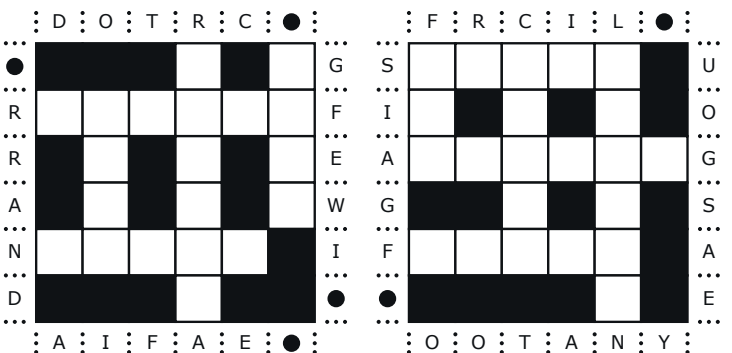


Every letter in this crossword-style grid is represented by a number from 1 to 26. Each letter of the alphabet appears in the grid at least once. Use the letters already provided to work out the identity of further letters. Enter letters in the main grid and the smaller reference grid until all 26 letters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

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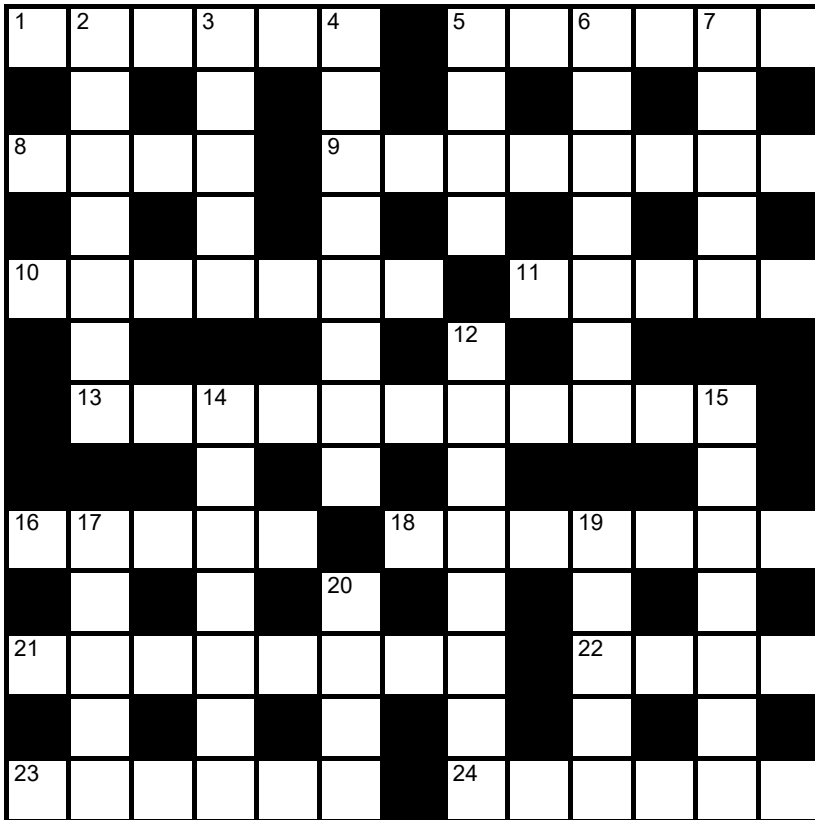
Lexica Easy No 7715

Hard No 7716



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 9661



Across

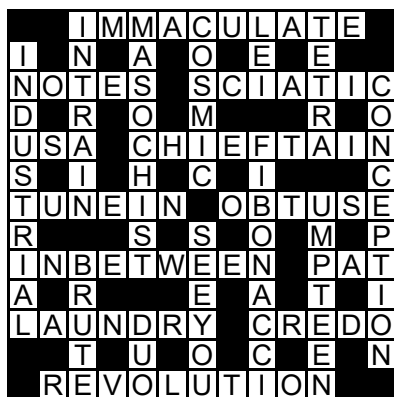
- 1 Gallic (6)
- 5 Rhizome used as a spice (6)
- 8 Practise agriculture (4)
- 9 Graze to the skin, eg (8)
- 10 Warrior (7)
- 11 Released from captivity (5)
- 13 Caravans (6,5)
- 16 Penniless, broke (5)

- 18 Illness (7)
- 21 Pair of supports at either end of a shelf (8)
- 22 Stare lasciviously (4)
- 23 Wicker container (6)
- 24 Victor (6)

Down

- 2 Artistic depiction of subjects with lifelike accuracy (7)
- 3 Mythical spirit of nature (5)
- 4 Celestial (8)
- 5 Clothes, gear (4)
- 6 Expedient remedy (7)
- 7 Run away to marry (5)
- 12 Tree-felling tool (8)
- 14 Capital city of Thailand (7)
- 15 Earnest (7)
- 17 Currency of Sweden (5)
- 19 Large juicy fruit (5)
- 20 Rope fastening; small wading bird (4)

Solution to Crossword 9660



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KenKen Easy No 6337

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| 11+ | | 3+ | | 1- | 6× |
| 2÷ | 11+ | 3- | | | |
| | | | 20× | 5- | |
| 2÷ | 6+ | | | 4- | |
| | 12+ | | | 60× | |
| 4 | | | 6× | | |

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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.

Futoshiki No 4885

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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 3844

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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 Cheese, fresh at first, is short-lived (5)

2 Train going around a European capital (6)

3 Coppers put up in church (6)

4 Surviving scam in US city? (7)

5 US prosecutor seethes about king in unenlightened times (4,4)

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| A | A | A | A | A | A | B | C |
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Brain Trainer

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| EASY | 60 | ÷ 5 | x 3 | DOUBLE IT | + 4 | HALVE IT | + 6 | - ³ / ₄ OF IT | x 7 | + 25 | ANSWER | |
| MEDIUM | 18 | SQUARE IT | x 2 | + ⁵ / ₈ OF IT | + 135 | - ⁷ / ₉ OF IT | ÷ 8 | - ¹ / ₃ OF IT | + 6 | ÷ 7 | ANSWER | |
| HARDER | 110 | - 25 | - ³ / ₅ OF IT | HALVE IT | CUBE IT | - 603 | - ⁹ / ₁₀ OF IT | + 3 | ÷ 7 | x 9 | ANSWER | |

Polygon



From these letters, make words of **three** 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 9 words, average; 13, good; 19, very good; 25, excellent
Saturday's answers
 aeon, ammo, ammonite, amniote, amount, anomie, atom, atone, auto, **autoimmune**, into, iota, manitou, memo, meno, mento, moan, moat, moment, monte, mote, moue, mount, muon, nome, notam, note, oaten, omen, omentum, omit, outie, tinamou, toea, tome, tone, unto

Cell Blocks No 5228

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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.

Set Square No 3847

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| 2 | 2 | 210 | | |

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.

Please note, BODMAS does not apply

Killer Gentle No 9728

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Killer Tricky No 9729

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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.

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Times Crossword 29,047

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ACROSS

- 1 Back at last, decided to watch *Puss in Boots* (4)
- 4 Solo one takes up this credit, getting oil converted into power (10)
- 9 Fruit badly stored in Moorish city (10)
- 10 Fail to acknowledge name in advance (4)
- 11 Hurry to get these fish on (6)
- 12 Spy may take this and come east in disguise (4,4)
- 14 Does she give both hands to soldier? (4)
- 15 1066 Pevensey event — no resistance in contested region (2-4-4)
- 17 Completely dismissed in audition (10)
- 20 Ask out loud for something to eat (4)
- 21 Leading celebrities plump for one who is no influencer (8)
- 23 Go by turns extremely expressionless and faint (6)
- 24 During interval, women's rude stare (4)
- 25 Negotiator gives drama lessons, except one (10)
- 26 One in a growing business, a baby-minder? (10)
- 27 Hard work, scrubbing good skin (4)

DOWN

- 2 Speed along, changing his rank in sect (4,7)
- 3 Chipper, contribute two pounds and nothing more (9)
- 4 President died in house abroad (7)
- 5 Pass current format for new opening of major novel (4,7,4)
- 6 Give up, losing rating for working without pause (2,3,2)
- 7 Intending to monitor bar area (5)
- 8 Columns of data small computer doesn't finish (5)
- 13 Improve hard lesson prepared for Felix (11)
- 16 Cavalryman engages a paid club entertainer (3,6)
- 18 Grand family of babies sparkle (7)
- 19 Serious offence requires time to think (7)
- 21 Force opposing exploiter of children (5)
- 22 Keep in drawer (5)

Prize solution 29,040

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V Hart, Darsham, Suffolk
R Caven, Sevenoaks, Kent
J Karslake, Blackthorn, Oxfordshire
C Schroder, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan

Solutions

Quick Cryptic 2804

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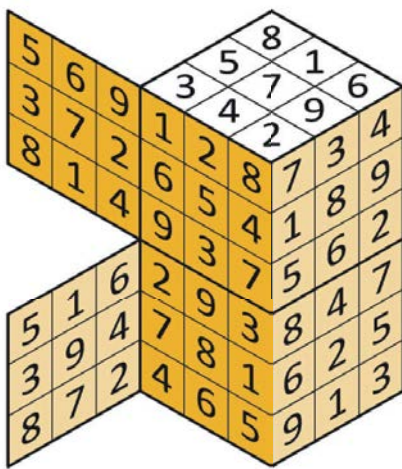
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Kakuro 3842

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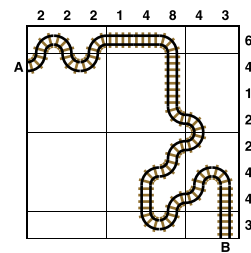
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Train Tracks 2371



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Today's solutions

Cryptic Quintagram

- 1 Brief
- 2 Tirana
- 3 Change
- 4 Lasting
- 5 Dark Ages

Suko 4246

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Brain Trainer

- Easy 102
- Medium 4
- Harder 558

Word watch

Docent (c) A volunteer museum or gallery guide (Chambers)

Travoy (a) A sledge used to transport logs (OED)

Spur-whang (c) A leather strap for fastening a spur (Chambers)

Chess - Winning Move

After 1 Nd7+! Rxd7 2 Qh8+ Ke7 White engineers an attractive mate with 3 Rxe6+! fxe6 4 Rh7+ Kd6 5 Qe5 mate

Samurai easy

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 super fiendish

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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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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.

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

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Mini Sudoku

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

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Solutions in tomorrow's Times2

Thursday's solutions

SAMURAI

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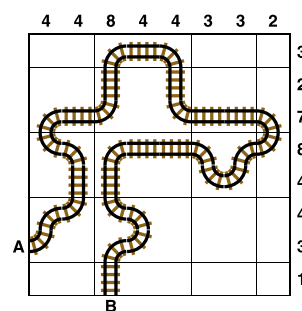
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TRAIN TRACKS



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CODEWORD

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