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Sudoku

Difficulty rating: ☆☆☆☆

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

To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely.

Str8ts

Difficulty rating: ☆☆☆☆

How to beat **Str8ts** –
Like Sudoku, no single number can repeat in any row or column. But... rows and columns are divided by black squares into **compartments**. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a 'straight'. A **straight** is a set of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order, eg [4,2,3,5]. Clues in black cells remove that number as an option in that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how 'straights' are formed.

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

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

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Mini - Str8ts

Try these tiny bite-sized 4x4 Str8ts as a practice run. Each white compartment must contains a 'straight' - no gaps as well as being unique in each row and column

	3		■
			■
		4	
■	■		4

■	■		2
■		4	
	1		■
2		■	■

Mini Sudoku

Difficulty rating: ☆☆☆☆

Same rules as normal Sudoku - but just the numbers 1 to 6. Place them uniquely in each row, column and 2x3 box.
Warning - this is a tough one!

			6		
4					
	1		3		
		2		1	
					5
		3	2		

Codeword

Numbers are substituted for letters in the crossword grid. To the right of the grid is the key with two letters solved. Try to complete the first few words to give you more letters, or look for a frequent number that might reveal a common letter. As you find letters, enter them in the key and into the grid. Cross off the letters in the A to Z list.

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

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

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

Kakuro

Place 1 to 9 in each white cell. To choose the right number you need to work from the clues in around the edge. The numbers below the diagonal lines are the sums of the solutions in the white cells immediately beneath. The numbers above the divide are the sums of the solutions immediately to the right. Rows and columns do NOT have to be unique.
Thus, if a 3 is shown as a clue there will be two cells waiting for you to put the digits 1 and 2 in them – the only possible sum that will equal 3
The final rule is that no number may be repeated in any block. For example, if the clue is 4, the only possible solution will be 1 and 3 (or 3 and 1), never 2 and 2.

■	8	11	29	■	■	16	8	■	■
24				■	9/40			26	12
8				33/27					
■	■	23/15				9/12			
■	17/17						11		
12			21				3/11		
4			16/23						■
9				17/12				5	16
31						18			
■	■	13			■	10			

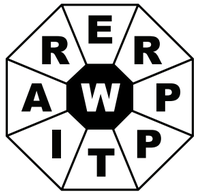
Letterlogic

Somehow the list of words below fit into this crossword grid. There is a single letter to give you a start. Can you place all the words correctly?

					■							
	■		■		■		■		■		■	
							■					
	■		■	■	■		■		■		■	C
							■		■			
	■	■	■		■		■		■		■	■
						■						
■	■		■		■		■		■	■	■	
			■									
	■		■		■		■	■	■		■	
			■		■							
	■		■		■		■		■		■	
							■					

ACROSS	DOWN
EMU	ERA
INN	HOB
LIP	AQUA
SEA	ESPY
ACHE	BOYLE
GAIT	EJECT
BIDET	ERASE
BRIEF	GAPED
DIEGO	IDAHO
NADIA	PEERS
ANALYZE	DWINDLE
EXAMPLE	GLIMPSE
PLEDGES	HOBBLED
QUIBBLE	INFERNO
SPEEDUP	TANKARD
VIOLENT	BOTANIC

Polyword



How many words can you find in this shape?
Each letter can only be used once.
We found 23 but there might be more!

1 to 25

To solve 1 to 25, move the numbers from the outer ring onto the board in the directions of the chevrons. As you place them they must snake together vertically, horizontally or diagonally so they link in sequence from 1 to 25.

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

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Sudoku X

Difficulty rating: ☆☆☆☆

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

Exactly the same as Sudoku - all the rules and logic of Sudoku apply. Fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and box contains every number uniquely - and the two diagonals as well!

Jigsaw Sudoku

Difficulty rating: ☆☆☆☆

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

In this Sudoku the bormal 3x3 boxes are now strangely odd shapes - but all the rules and logic of Sudoku apply. Fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and box contains every number uniquely.

Killer Sudoku

Difficulty rating: ☆☆☆☆

4	7		19		12		24	10
	14			14				
20			5			19		
14			24				5	
14		10			12		7	
12		12				21		
14	12		24	5		18		
		13			13	3		11
						13		

In Killer Sudoku there the small numbers are the sum of all the cells marked by each dotted 'cage'. You have to work out what numbers 1 to 9 fill each row, column and 3x3 uniquely such that all the clues add up. No number will appear twice in any 'cage'.

Codewords

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

Letterlogic

1 P	2 F	3 R	4 T	5 U	6 V	7 E	8 S	9 W	10 X	11 Y	12 Z	13 C
14 G	15 H	16 K	17 M	18 A	19 B	20 D	21 I	22 N	23 J	24 L	25 O	26 Q

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

Sudoku

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

Str8ts

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

Mini-Str8ts

	3	2	
3	2	1	
2	1	4	3
		3	4

		3	2
	2	4	3
3	1	2	
2	3		

Polyword

EWER
TWEE
WAIT
WARE
WARP
WART
WEAR
WEEP
WEIR
WEPT
WERE
WERT
WIPE
WIRE
WITE
WRAP
WRIT
WATER
WATER
WIPER
WRITE
PEWTER
WAITER
WATERPIPE

Sudoku X

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

Jigsaw Sudoku

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

Killer Sudoku

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

1 to 25

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

Mini-Sudoku

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