

## Sudoku #1

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

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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.

If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

Need a little help? The hints page shows a logical order to solve the puzzle. Use it to identify the next square you should solve. Or use the answers page if you really get stuck.

"French is the language that turns dirt into romance."  
-- Stephen King

## Sudoku #2

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

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Don't try to have the last word. You might get it.

## Sudoku #3

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

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## Sudoku #4

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

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A witty saying proves nothing.  
-- Voltaire

The giraffe you thought you offended last week is willing to be nuzzled today.

## Sudoku #5

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

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## Sudoku #6

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

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The thirteenth month of the year begins New Year's Day and ends when a person stops asserminedly writing the old year on his checks.

Character is a perfectly educated will.

## Sudoku #7

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

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Who made the world I cannot tell;  
It's made, and here am I in hell;  
My hint, my guess, my angles plead,  
I never -- A. E. Housman

## Sudoku #8

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

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## Hints

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## Answers

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Sudoku #1

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 31 | 32 | 3  | 4  | 21 | 16 | 35 |
| 25 | 19 | 33 |    | 1  | 20 | 34 |
|    | 6  | 5  | 2  | 52 | 53 |    |
| 42 | 22 | 38 |    | 7  | 37 |    |
| 9  | 54 | 43 | 39 | 10 | 36 | 8  |
|    | 18 | 23 |    | 40 | 28 | 41 |
|    | 55 | 45 | 46 | 17 | 11 |    |
| 47 | 12 |    | 15 |    | 27 | 48 |
| 24 | 49 | 26 | 13 | 50 | 51 | 14 |

Sudoku #2

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 31 | 14 | 48 |    | 37 |    | 13 | 15 |
| 49 | 32 |    | 33 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 50 |
| 51 |    | 52 | 30 |    | 41 | 42 | 53 |
|    | 6  |    |    | 12 |    | 1  | 7  |
| 25 |    | 22 | 16 | 43 | 44 | 2  | 8  |
| 9  |    | 3  |    | 10 |    | 4  |    |
| 45 | 34 |    | 35 |    | 46 | 11 | 17 |
| 29 | 19 |    | 27 | 18 | 28 | 23 | 24 |
| 47 | 26 |    |    | 36 |    | 5  | 21 |

INSTRUCTIONS: These hint grids reveal the order in which the squares were solved by my computer. It's not necessarily the same order you would use, but it's probably close. Follow the numbered squares in order 1,2,3... until you find a square you haven't solved yet. This square (or the one or two immediately after it) is a good candidate to solve next.

Sudoku #3

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 55 |    | 29 |    | 37 | 56 |    | 52 | 30 |
| 53 | 10 | 35 | 43 | 7  |    | 38 |    | 48 |
|    |    | 34 | 36 | 42 | 54 | 39 |    | 49 |
| 28 | 31 |    |    | 27 |    | 40 | 47 |    |
| 16 | 44 | 11 | 50 | 23 | 32 | 46 | 41 |    |
| 24 | 33 |    | 45 |    |    | 51 | 15 |    |
| 8  |    | 12 | 18 | 19 | 14 | 2  |    |    |
| 26 |    | 25 |    | 21 | 17 | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 22 | 9  |    | 13 | 20 |    | 1  |    | 6  |

Sudoku #4

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    | 1  |    | 37 | 38 | 39 | 9  |    |    |
| 16 | 17 |    | 14 |    | 18 |    | 40 | 31 |
|    | 21 | 19 | 15 | 8  |    | 7  | 32 | 33 |
| 24 |    |    | 34 |    | 25 | 26 | 27 |    |
| 2  | 22 | 20 | 28 | 6  | 23 | 12 | 10 | 29 |
| 53 | 43 | 44 |    |    | 3  |    |    | 4  |
| 54 | 45 | 55 |    | 46 | 47 | 30 | 48 |    |
| 49 | 41 |    | 11 |    | 13 | 5  | 35 |    |
|    |    | 50 | 36 | 42 | 51 |    | 52 |    |

Sudoku #5

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 44 | 45 |    |    | 46 | 13 | 47 |    |    |
| 5  |    | 22 |    | 4  | 48 |    | 36 | 37 |
| 38 |    | 23 |    | 14 | 39 |    | 40 | 31 |
|    | 6  | 19 |    | 15 | 16 |    | 41 | 32 |
|    | 49 | 24 | 42 | 17 | 18 | 33 | 7  |    |
| 50 | 51 |    | 43 | 8  |    | 9  | 12 |    |
| 52 | 53 |    | 1  | 34 |    | 26 |    | 27 |
| 35 | 28 |    | 2  | 29 |    | 25 |    | 30 |
|    | 10 | 20 | 3  |    |    | 21 | 11 |    |

Sudoku #6

|    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 51 |   | 44 |    | 28 | 10 | 20 |    | 29 |
| 30 | 1 | 31 | 32 | 33 |    | 21 | 22 | 34 |
|    |   |    | 45 | 46 |    |    | 2  | 13 |
|    | 3 | 14 | 47 | 48 |    |    |    |    |
| 49 |   | 50 | 15 | 4  | 16 | 18 |    | 19 |
|    |   |    |    | 35 | 17 | 5  | 23 |    |
| 6  | 9 |    |    | 12 | 11 |    |    |    |
| 36 | 8 | 7  |    | 37 | 24 | 38 | 25 | 26 |
| 39 |   | 40 | 41 | 42 |    | 43 |    | 27 |

Sudoku #7

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 7  | 53 |    |    | 6  | 22 | 39 |    |    |
| 42 |    | 31 | 32 | 1  |    | 45 |    | 44 |
| 40 |    | 41 |    |    | 35 | 9  | 43 | 8  |
|    |    | 30 | 33 | 25 |    | 38 | 49 | 48 |
|    |    | 47 | 28 | 16 | 26 | 34 | 37 | 17 |
| 27 | 46 | 11 |    | 12 | 36 | 10 |    |    |
| 19 | 13 | 23 | 3  |    |    | 51 |    | 52 |
| 15 |    | 18 |    | 4  | 5  | 20 |    | 21 |
|    | 29 | 50 | 2  |    |    |    | 14 | 24 |

Sudoku #8

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    | 49 | 18 |    |    | 45 | 50 |    | 9  |
| 51 | 46 |    | 40 |    |    | 52 |    |    |
| 47 | 53 | 20 |    | 19 | 41 | 48 |    | 21 |
| 42 |    |    | 38 | 25 | 27 | 33 | 26 |    |
| 43 | 31 | 28 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 39 | 34 | 35 |
|    | 30 | 32 | 37 | 29 | 44 |    |    | 36 |
| 15 |    | 16 | 17 | 1  |    | 10 | 3  | 4  |
|    |    | 5  |    |    | 11 |    | 2  | 6  |
| 12 |    | 7  | 13 |    |    | 14 | 8  |    |

Sudoku #1

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

Sudoku #3

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

Sudoku #5

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

Sudoku #7

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

Sudoku #2

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

Sudoku #4

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

Sudoku #6

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

Sudoku #8

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