

Sudoku #1

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

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"You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."
 -- Bob Hope

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.

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Sudoku #2

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

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Probably no invention came more easily to man than when he thought up
 heaven.
 -- G. C. Lichtenberg

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Sudoku #3

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

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After I asked him what he meant, he replied that freedom consisted of the unimpeded right to get rich, to use his ability, no matter what the cost to others, to win advancement.
 -- Norman Thomas

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Sudoku #4

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

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Any smoothly functioning technology will have the appearance of magic.
 -- Arthur C Clarke

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Sudoku #5

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

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"The best artists know what to leave out."
 -- Charles de Lint

Sudoku #6

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

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Mankind has become so much one family that we cannot insure our own
 prosperity except by insuring that of everyone else. If you wish to be happy
 yourself, you must also resign yourself to seeing others also happy.
 -- Bertrand Russell

Sudoku #7

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

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Negative slack tends to increase.

Sudoku #8

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

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Hints

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Answers

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Sudoku #1

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

Sudoku #2

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

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 #1

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

Sudoku #2

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

Sudoku #3

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

Sudoku #4

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

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

Sudoku #4

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

Sudoku #5

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

Sudoku #6

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

Sudoku #5

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

Sudoku #6

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

Sudoku #7

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

Sudoku #8

45	20		42	43	50	8		46
5					51	52	47	53
44	21		38	34	32		9	33
28	23	2	22	24				10
29		3	37	35	57	54		6
30				36	55	56	48	49
18	19		39	40	41		11	14
31	25	1	17					12
7		4	13	26	27		16	15

Sudoku #7

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

Sudoku #8

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