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

Fiendish No 14,863

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


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

The Times Quick Cryptic No 2659 by Joker


Across
7 Irritate girl and boy, losing head (5)
8 Bravery of print media about Oscar Wilde at the beginning (7)

10 Inactivity at home I rate terrible (7)
11 Magazine company must introduce colour at the outset (5)

12 An opinion about Daniel's evasion (9)
14 Number, note, new (3)
15 Regularly pursue advantage (3)
16 Legally qualified European held in contempt unfortunately (9)

18 Deduce subordinate has abandoned one old Romeo (5)
20 Strop made by part of fractious harp ensemble (7)
22 Kitchen device rotates for cooking (7)
23 Tea with fashionable set (5)

## Down

1 Who might ridicule heartless Costa Rica sightseer losing ring (12)
2 Pet alone upset graceful creature (8)
3 Growth of some juicy strawberries (4)
4 Muscle injury from run in country round Madrid (6)
5 What's used to build clubs on Mediterranean island (8)
6 Appear to notice Mike (4)
9 Unsurpassed moment: much weight borne by one $(6,2,4)$
13 Trim redcoat going around with energy (8)
14 Article with favourable presentation about a player (8)
17 Like Scrooge giving away pounds and suffering (6)
19 Plant yielding fibre that's primarily fine and soft (4)
21 Cunning structure of wedgeshaped stones (4)

## Suko No 4099



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 2228



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

## Gula

a A Polynesian dance
b Gluttony
c A venomous lizard

## Katabothron

a An ancient war engine
b An underground
water channel
c A vessel with two or more hulls

## Oung

a (Of an elephant) to move logs
b A partly fermented Chinese tea c A southeast Asian primate species

Tetonor Fiendish No 460

| 28 | 32 | 17 | 18 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12 | 13 | 23 | 21 |
| 22 | 30 | 10 | 16 |
| 11 | 27 | 42 | 36 |
| 1 |  |  |  |


|  |  | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 |  |  | 6 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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

## Black to play.



This position is from Diaz PerezErigaisi, Titled Tuesday, chess.com 2024.
Although Black is a piece ahead here, his prospects do not seem great. His king has been chased all the way down to h 4 where it is clearly extremely vulnerable. The black bishop is threatened and if 1 ... Bh6 then 2 Qxf5 forces a quick mate. Black needs a far more dynamic idea. Can you see what he played?

## Codeword No 5198




| ${ }^{1} \mathbf{P}$ | ${ }^{2}$ | ${ }^{3} \mathbf{O}$ | 4 | 5 | 6 | ${ }^{4}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ${ }^{14}$ | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 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 09012936262 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 09057570142 . Calls cost $£ 1$ per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge. SP: Spoke, 03332023390 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5.30pm).

## Lexica Easy No $7371 \quad$ Hard No 7372




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## times2 Crossword № 9514



## Across

1 Shaped like dice, eg (5)
4 Person imputing blame (7)
8 Pertaining to a queen (7)
9 Stable worker (5)
10 One protesting publicly (12)
12 Estimate of income and expenditure (6)
13 Disposable handkerchief (6)

## Solution to Crossword 9513



16 Falsely depict or portray (12)
18 Count, total $(3,2)$
20 Defamed, slandered (7)
22 Period of property rental (7)
23 Given to weeping (5)

## Down

1 Motor vehicle (3)
2 Arrogant person (7)
3 Form of Chinese (9)
4 In the end $(2,4)$
5 Toothed machine part (3)
6 Weasel-like mammal (5)
7 Feeling of deep guilt for wrongdoing (7)
11 Examine again (9)
12 Pompous language (7)
14 Spanish mixed drink (7)
15 Faithful, dependable (6)
17 Chair carried aloft (5)
19 Piece of wordplay (3)
21 Domestic repairs undertaken by the homeowner ( $1,1,1$ )

Need help with today's puzzle? Call 09057570143 to check the answers. Calls cost $£ 1$ per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge. SP: Spoke, 03332023390 (Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm).

KenKen Difficult No 6190


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 4738



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 3697

|  |  | $26$ | $34$ |  |  |  |  | $14$ | $3$ | $\sqrt{29}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 23 |  |  |  |  | $28$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  | $15^{26}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| $8$ | $16$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | $42$ |  |  |
| 13 |  |  |  | $4$ |  |  | $178$ |  |  |  |
| 13 |  |  |  |  | $5$ |  |  |  | $16$ | $17$ |
|  | 11 | $10^{6}$ |  |  |  | $35$ |  |  |  |  |
| 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  | $16^{23}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $16^{13}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 28 |  |  |  |  |  | $16$ |  |  |  |  |
| 26 |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\sqrt[15]{15}$ |  |  |  |

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 Jelly and cream shortly after a drop of Scotch? (5)

2 Pasty? Must be missing a Greek island (5)

-     -         -             -                 - 


## 3 Select sweets stated (6)

-     -         -             -                 - 

4 Difficult to understand in shop, a questionnaire (6)

-     -         -             -                 -                     - 

5 Discuss Thanksgiving bird, and don't mince words! $(4,6)$

| A | A | A | A | C | C | E | E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E | H | 1 | K | K | L | M | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | P | P | Q | R | S |
| S | S | S | T | T | U | U | Y |

Brain Trainer


## 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 13 words, average; 18 , good; 23 , very good; 29 , excellent

Yesterday's answers
antique, aunt, auntie, auto, equant, equation, etui, outie, quaint, quant, quean, quiet, quin, quinoa, quint, quinta, quinte, quit, quite, quoin, quoit, quota, quote, toque, tuna, tune, unit, unite, untie, unto

## Cell Blocks No 5081

|  | 2 | 3 |  |  |  | 3 | Divide the grid into square or rectangular blocks, each containing one block must contain the number of cells digit inside it. digit inside it. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 3 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |  |  | 10 |  |  |  |
|  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2 |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |

## Set Square No 3700

|  | x | 3 | + |  | $=29$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\div$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
|  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $=20$ |
| + |  | - |  | + |  |
|  | + |  | $\times$ | 8 | = 104 |
| $\stackrel{=}{16}$ |  | $=$ |  | $\stackrel{=}{18}$ |  |

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 9434


## Killer Tough № 9435



As with standard Sudoku, fill the grid so that every column, every row and every $3 x 3$ 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 0901293 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, 03332023390 (Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm).

## Times Crossword 28,900



## ACROSS

1 Creative force, Doctor King pens article with class $(6,6)$
8 Dish right with garlic sauce, very filling (7)
9 Lock enclosed by covering letter (7)
11 Steal from Savoy? (7)
12 Letter from religious figure entering English mansion (7)
13 Initiates in love attracting writers (5)

14 Shortened cryptic lamentations for the dead (9)
16 Cuddly companion engineered dry debate $(5,4)$
19 One on the pull - attraction in London? (5)
21 Noble European round house sees canal entrance (7)
23 Sikh distressed on tiresome course, back from Izmir? (7)
24 Property right in heart of Grateley taken by girl (7)
25 Grandmother piercing strong fabric (7)
26 Cardinal pursuing witches, eating fish, died somewhere in WC2 $(6,6)$

## DOWN

1 See a book spy's concealed - not secure? (7)
2 Warriors close to Ugrit - judge hiding among horses (7)
3 The Iliad complete? One's taken out most intense part! (9)
4 Minister to fly over Svatove after evacuation (5)
5 Row about new tempo initially elevated stress (7)
6 Covered by socialist, revolutionary story told (7)
7 Moving critter to Ark - an American custom $(5,2,5)$
10 Delight consumes confident Barbarian in game $(8,4)$
15 Fairy seen with Capek's play for first time imagined kingdom (9)
17 Phoned to stop musical pair finding Mexican city (7)
18 About to eliminate resistance in the old capital (7)
19 Firm keeping personnel team majestically seated? (7)
20 Submit communication with success about liturgy $(5,2)$
22 Country poem without the Spanish part (5)

Yesterday's solution 28,899


Check today's answers by ringing 0905757 0141 by midnight. Calls cost $£ 1$ per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.SP:Spoke 03332023390.

## Solutions

Quick Cryptic 2658

| S | E | P | A |  |  |  | - |  | A | R |  |  |
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| O |  | I |  | E |  | H | E | E | L |  |  | A |
|  |  | C | A | M | P A | A 1 | 1 G | G | NE | R |  | S |
| C |  | A |  | B |  |  | U | U |  |  |  |  |
| H | A | N | G | E | R |  | G L | L U | UT | E |  | N |
| A |  |  |  | R |  |  | A | A | A |  |  |  |
| S | E | N | T | 1 M | M E | EN | N T | TA | A |  |  |  |
| T |  | E |  | N |  | A |  |  | L |  |  | H |
| E | N | G | A | G | E D | D |  | O | 1 | C |  | E |
| S |  | U |  |  |  | E | N | N | E |  |  |  |
|  | A | S | K |  |  | R\|U | US | S A | A D | E |  | R |

Sudoku 14,859

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

## Sudoku 14,860

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

Sudoku 14,861

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

Killer 9432

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

## Killer 9433

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



Kakuro 3696

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

Train Tracks 2227


Set Square 3699


Lexica 7369


Futoshiki 4737

KenKen 6189

Lexica 7370


## Today's solutions

| Cryptic | Suko 4099 | Brain |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quintagram <br> 1 Aspic | 41 | Easy 44 |
| 2 Samos | 18 - | Medium 51 |
| 3 Choose | 51218 | Harder 1,020 |
| 4 Opaque | 19-25 |  |
| 5 Talk turkey | $3 \quad 96$ |  |

## Word watch

Gula (b) Gluttony (Collins)
Katabothron (b) An
underground water channel
(Chambers)
Oung (a) (Of an elephant) to
move logs (OED)
Chess - Winning Move
After 1 ... Rxb3+! 2 axb3 Rb8
there is no good way to protect
b3 and the white king will
inevitably perish, eg 3 Kal (the
problem is that 3 Rd3 allows
3 ... Qxgl+) 3 ... Rxb3 4 Rbl
Ra3 mate. White can throw
in the move Qe7+ at some
point but ... Kxh3 in reply
leaves the black king safe

## Samurai medium

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

|  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | 6 |  | 4 |  | 1 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 6 |  |  |  | 3 | 5 | 8 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7 |  | 4 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 7 |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  | 7 | 78 |  | 3 | 5 | 2 |  |  |  |
| 9 |  | 2 |  |  | 1 |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 3 |  | 5 | 6 |  | 8 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 6 |  |  |  | 9 |  |  |  | 9 |  |  |  |  |  | 7 | 4 |  |  |
| 6 |  |  |  |  | 3 | 9 |  | 7 |  |  |  |  | 5 | 1 | 14 |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5 |  |  |  | 4 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 5 |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  | 9 |  |
|  | 9 | 4 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | 9 |  | 8 | 8 |  |  |  |  |  | 4 | 4 |
| 7 |  |  | 3 |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 |  |  | 5 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 5 | 5 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 9 | 5 | 5 |  |  |
| 5 |  |  | 8 |  |  |  |  | 7 |  |  | 5 |  |  |  | 5 |  | 8 |  |  | 3 |  |  |
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|  | 7 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  | 9 |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3 |  | 6 |  | 7 |  | 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 2 |  | 9 |  | 4 |  | 7 |  |
|  |  | 4 | 9 |  | 8 | 7 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 8 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 6 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 | 3 | 8 | 81 | 1 |  |  | 9 |  |  |  |
|  | 9 |  | 5 |  |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |

## 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.


## 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.


## Sudoku difficult

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

## Killer deadly

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every $3 \times 3$ 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.


## 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.

## Mini Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every column, every row and every $3 \times 2$ box contains the digits 1 to 6

Solutions in Monday's Times2

|  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3 |  |  | 5 |  |
| 5 |  |  | 3 | 4 |
|  | 1 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 4 | 2 |



ABCDZFGH I JKLMXOPQRSTUVWXYZ

| 1 | ${ }^{2} \mathbf{E}$ | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ${ }^{14} \mathbf{P}$ | ${ }^{15}$ | ${ }^{16}$ | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | $\mathbf{N}$ | 23 | 24 | 25 |

## Yesterday's solutions

## SAMURAI

| 1 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 9 |  |  |  |  |  | 5 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 2 |  | 8 | 3 |  | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 3 |  |  |  |  | 8 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 |  | 2 |
| 9 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 5 |  | 1 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 8 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 9 |  | 5 |
| 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 9 |  |  |  | 9 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 6 |  | 8 |
| 8 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 5 |  |  |  | 6 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 1 |  | 3 |
| 4 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 3 |  | 18 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 8 |  | 7 |
| 7 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 4 |  | 96 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 4 |  | 6 |
| 2 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 1 |  | 24 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 2 |  | 9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 5 | 4 | 2 |  | 67 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 8 | 6 |  | 45 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 9 | 1 | 7 |  | 83 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 9 |  | 71 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 7 |  | 8 |
| 7 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 8 |  | 59 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 3 |  | 9 |
| 3 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 5 |  | 32 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 4 |  | 1 |
| 5 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 6 |  |  |  | 4 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 8 |  | 7 |
| 9 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 3 |  |  |  | 7 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 2 |  | 3 |
| 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 4 |  |  |  | 8 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 5 |  | 6 |
| 8 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 1 |  | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 9 |  | 4 |
| 4 | 49 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 7 |  |  |  | 3 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 6 |  | 2 |



MINI SUDOKU | $\mathbf{5}$ | 2 | 4 | 6 | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3 | 3 | 1 |  |  |
| 2 | 4 | $\mathbf{6}$ | 4 | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | 3 | $\mathbf{4}$ | 1 |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | 6 |  |  |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | 2 | 3 |

TRAIN TRACKS


FUTOSHIKI


| 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

$\begin{array}{llll}5 & 3 & 4 & >2\end{array}$

## CODEWORD



## THE *


[^0]:    Slide the letters either horizontally or vertically back into the grid to produce a completed crossword. Letters are allowed to slide over other letters

