07.05.24

## Sudoku Mild No 14,892

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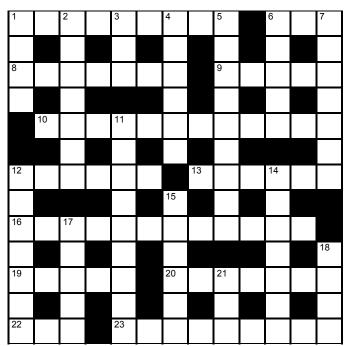
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### **Super fiendish No 14,894**

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### The Times Quick Cryptic No 2669 by Jimmy



#### Across

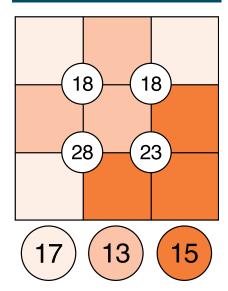
- 1 Mother blocking change in old school, say (4,5)
- 6 Small, silver sink (3)
- 8 Class remains disorganised (7)
- 9 Mythical ship, on lake, proceeding slowly (5)
- 10 Change of a blueprint struggling commercially (12)
- Playing boules in female attire (6)
- 13 Manages to carry you, we hear, in cars (6)
- 16 Italian team needing goal and break in play, say (12)
- 19 One's energy returns, getting fizzy drink (5)
- 20 Runners of errands welcoming learner drivers, perhaps? (7)
- 22 Secretary getting unknown remuneration (3)
- 23 Some characters in exquisite Levi's edited broadcast (9)

#### Down

- Too dismal, sordid houses (4)
- 2 Souvenir of chaps in feminist movement briefly (7)

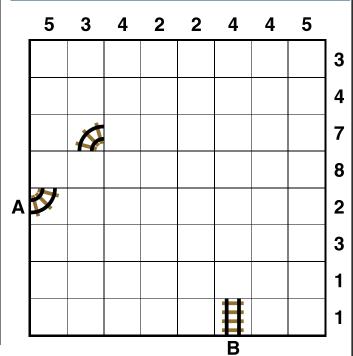
- 3 Perhaps bishop's staff (3)
- 4 Argument about a right price (6)
- 5 Stories from Dumas père and fils or Martin and Kingsley Amis? (9)
- 6 Clean vessel with king aboard (5)
- 7 They keep people locked up and glare so awfully (7)
- 11 Check transport during time off work (9)
- 12 What Oasis made, having drained beer, vermouth and soft drink (7)
- 14 Skill shown by journalists drinking old whiskey (7)
- 15 Ancient poet runs wearing watch (6)
- 17 Hint sentry's outside, slightly sozzled (5)
- 18 Crossword setters and our boss getting employed (4)
- 21 Algarve oddly ignored for convenience (3)

### **Suko** No 4109



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 2238



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

#### **Erythrism**

a The use of irregular stresses in poetry
b Abnormal red coloration
c Poisoning by a grain fungus

#### Feer

a A paymasterb To plough the first furrowc A pixie-like folklore creature

### Snollygoster

a A politician out for personal gain only
b A large variety of cucumber
c To cause unnecessary delays

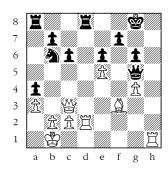
#### Tetonor **Moderate No 463**

93	48	210	26
37	216	31	165
252	30	270	33
14	222	92	113
1 2	10 11 12	15 18	21 92

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 Thursday

### Winning Move

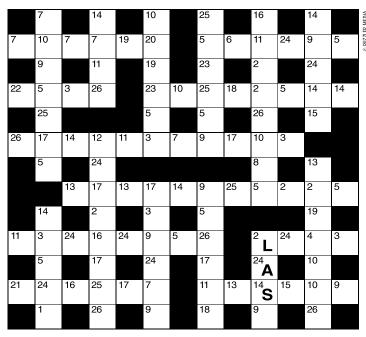


### White to play.

This position is from Arslanov-Korley, Titled Tuesday, chess.com 2024.

Here White has, to borrow poker terminology, gone all-in on the kingside. He is a pawn down and endgames are liable to be awful for him as the e5-pawn will be weak and his bishop has very little scope. Fortunately for him Black's previous move, bringing the knight to b6, was a bad mistake. Can you see why?

### Codeword No 5208



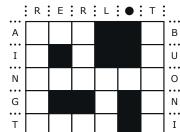
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1	<sup>2</sup> L	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<sup>14</sup> S	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	<sup>24</sup> <b>A</b>	25	26

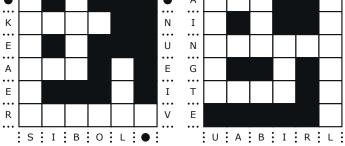
Every letter in this crossword-style grid is represented by a number from 1 to 26. Each letter of the alphabet appears in the grid at least once. Use the letters already provided to work out the identity of further letters. Enter letters in the main grid and the smaller reference grid until all 26 letters 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 0901 293 6262 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 0905 757 0142. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge. SP: Spoke, 0333 202 3390 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5.30pm).

#### Lexica Easy No 7395 **Hard No 7396**

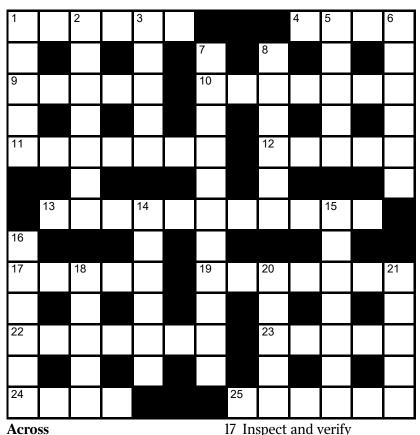


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Slide the letters either horizontally or vertically back into the grid to produce a completed crossword. Letters are allowed to slide over other letters

# times2 Crossword No 9524



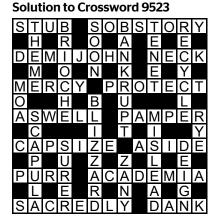
### Across

- 1 Walk in front of and beyond (4,2)
- 4 Cowl (4)
- 9 Brown pigment (5)
- 10 Point of view (7)
- 11 Absolutely resolved (4,3)
- 12 Close, muggy (5)
- 13 Ceramic cylinders for the release of smoke (11)
- 22 Duo (7)
- 23 Towards the exterior (5)
- 24 Get by, manage (4)

(accounts) (5)

19 Invigorate (7)

25 Floor of a building (6)



#### Down

- 1 Beat, pummel (5)
- 2 Day of worship and rest (7)
- 3 Combusts (5)
- 5 Drug derived from poppies (5)
- 6 Strip of clothes or cover (6)
- 7 Tender, compassionate (4-7)
- 8 Head of a diocese (6)
- 14 Movement (6)
- 15 Loudspeaker for playing high-frequency sounds (7)
- 16 Putty-like filler or sealant (6)
- 18 Sag, wilt (5)
- 20 Covering of ice crystals (5)
- 21 Resilient, robust (5)

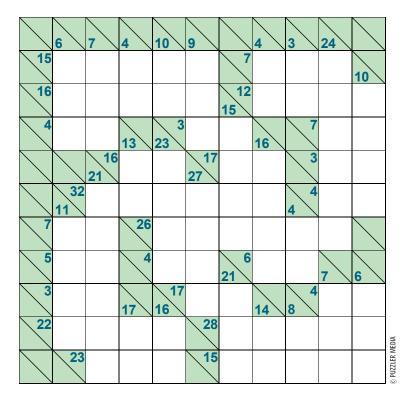
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All the digits 1 to 6 must appear in every row and column. In each thick-line "block", the target number in the top left-hand corner is calculated from the digits in all the cells in the block, using the operation indicated by the symbol.

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 3707



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** Fruit is well-rounded but not soft at one end (4)

**2** Daughter getting terrible Russian sofa (5)

**3** Arrive at welcoming hotel in poor area (6)

**4** Refinement displayed by toff, in essence (7)

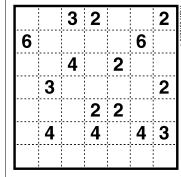
**5** Deep wisdom from academic, untidy novel (10)

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### **Brain Trainer**

EASY 12	+ 6	2/ <sub>3</sub> OF IT	x 4	+8	5/ <sub>7</sub> OF IT	-6	x 2	+ 12	40% OF IT	ANSWER	
MEDIUM 89	х 3	+ 57	+ 1/3 OF IT	x 2	- 66	50% OF IT	+ 39	5/ <sub>6</sub> OF IT	+ 87	ANSWER	
HARDER 127	х 3	+ 554	x 4	- 672	+ 1/ <sub>4</sub> OF IT	- 345	60% OF IT	+ 861	+ <sup>1</sup> / <sub>5</sub> OF IT	ANSWER	

### Cell Blocks No 5091



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.

### **Polygon**

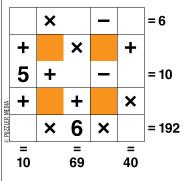


From these letters, make words of three or more letters, always including the central letter. Answers must be in the Concise Oxford Dictionary, excluding capitalised words, plurals, conjugated verbs (past tense etc), adverbs ending in LY, comparatives and superlatives. How you rate 9 words, average; 13, good; 17, very good; 21, excellent

#### Yesterday's answers

doer, drone, fern, for, ford, fore, **forfend**, freon, fro, froe, frond, nerd, nor, offer, oner, ore, orf, orfe, red, redo, ref, rend, rod, rode, roe, ronde, rone

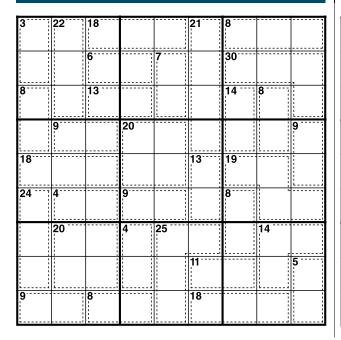
### Set Square No 3710



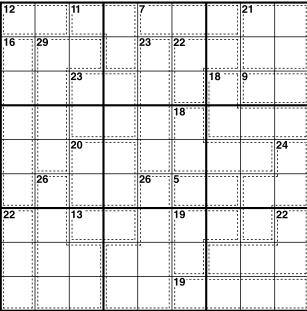
Enter each of the numbers from 1 to 9 in the grid, so that the six sums work. We've placed two numbers to get you started. Each sum should be calculated left to right or top to bottom.

Please note, BODMAS does not apply

### Killer Moderate No 9454



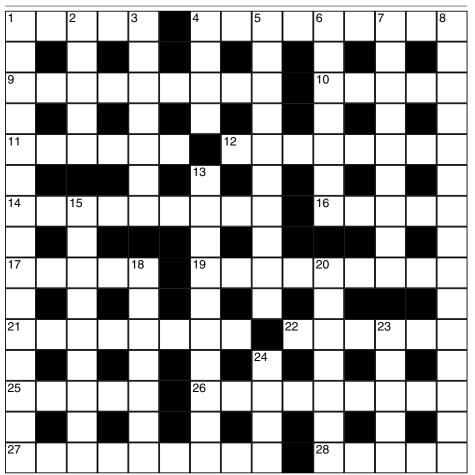
### Killer Tough No 9455



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** 28,910



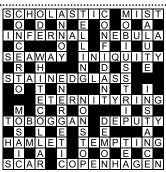
#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Philosopher and squad, not working (5)
- 4 Issues stall inexperienced, singular partnership (9)
- **9** Registering game opponents, incapably drunk (9)
- 10 "The real" Star Trek character? (5)
- 11 Advocates being called here for a drink? (3,3)
- 12 Composer and lass eating cheese with last drop of Chianti (8)
- 14 Upset stomach, with bad days drinking cola (9)
- **16** European flag at front of hotel (5)
- 17 Hard branch of maths? On reflection, it's the circumference (5)
- **19** Controller of number of vehicles you subsequently overheard (9)
- 21 Codebreaker admitting to providing private education (8)
- 22 Film villain's casual task (6)
- 25 Big cat initially gets into line (5)
- **26** Most shocking of places? (9)
- 27 See guerrilla interrupting schedule (9)
- 28 In a reserved way, have a fling with heartless lady (5)

#### **DOWN**

- 1 *The Conjuror's Grid* is it a Potter novel? (15)
- 2 Give the thumbs up to a virtual classic (5)
- 3 Cricket side go off holidaying (2,5)
- 4 En famille, regularly supplying cover (4)
- 5 Two happy dogs heard in city on the Murrumbidgee (5,5)
- **6** Asian warrior is carrying a strange article around (7)
- **7** Pseudoscientist's revolutionary mark in a register (9)
- 8 Poor Roger badly hit by blatant overcharging (8.7)
- 13 Harsh cord with neat woven binding (10)
- 15 Important to plan way to judge private clubs (9)
- **18** Hoarder ordered seafood (4,3)
- **20** Run(g)s (7)
- 23 Dockland structure rather black? (5)
- 24 No nonsense seaside entertainer on here? (4)

#### Yesterday's solution 28,909



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### **Solutions**

### **Quick Cryptic 2668**

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#### Codeword 5207

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#### Kakuro 3706

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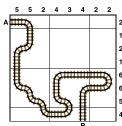
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**GK Crossword 232** 



Train Tracks 2237



Sudoku 14,890

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Cell Blocks 5090



Set Square 3709



Lexica 7393



Sudoku 14,891

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8	5	4	3	7	9	1	2	6

Futoshiki 4747

4	1	2	3	5
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5	3	4>	2 >	1
3 <	4	1	5	2
1 <	2	5	4	3

**Today's solutions** 

KenKen 6199

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#### Killer 9452

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#### Killer 9453

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Cryptic Quintagram

1 Plum

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	2 Divan
	3 Ghetto
	4 Finesse
	5 Profundity
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Erythrism (b) Abi	normal red
coloration (Collins	s)
Feer (b) To plough	n the first
furrow (Chambers	)
Snollygoster (a) A	politician
out for personal g	ain only
(Brewer's)	,
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### Chess - Winning Move

1 Rdh2! suddenly threatens 2 Rh8+ Kg7 3 Rlh7 mate. Black's only defence is to head for the hills with 1 ... Kf8 but then the unfortunate situation of the knight on b6 becomes obvious as 2 Qc5+ Ke8 3 Qxb6 picks up a piece.

#### Suko 4109



#### Brain **Trainer**

Easy 32 Medium 452 Harder 3,546

## Samurai medium

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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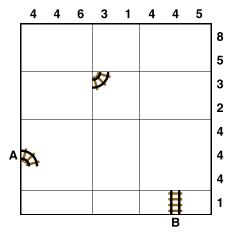
## **Futoshiki**

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 fiendish

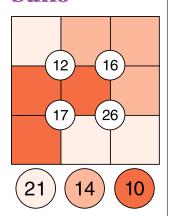
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1		8	4		7	9		6

# Killer tricky

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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22						9	9	
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## 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.

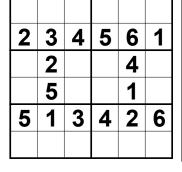
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13		17		25		17		10		19		8
12	17	19	1	3	10	4		4	17	23	3	10
14		22		20		4		19		25		12
4	8	17	25	4		17	10	21	14	8	26	
13				8		10				1		25
10	8	25	13	10	12		5	19	3	3	7	14
12		24				4		3				8
	25	7	8	4	7	14		25	4	19	17	<sup>26</sup> <b>W</b>
2		7		14 <b>H</b>		3		7		17		3
3	11	8	15	3		25	18	24	17	11	8	19
3		24		1		13		3		11		3
15	3	19	22	3	19	25	3		16	<sup>21</sup> <b>Y</b>	3	16

#### A B C D E F G ¼ I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V ¼ X ¼ Z 10 11 12 13 <sup>21</sup>**Y** <sup>26</sup> **W** <sup>14</sup> **H** 15 16 17 18 19 20 22 23 24 25

## Mini Sudoku

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

Solutions in tomorrow's Times2



# Yesterday's solutions

### **SAMURAI**

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7	3	4	1	2	6	5	9	8				7	1	8	4	9	3	6	5	2
1	6	2	5	8	9	3	7	4				9	6	2	1	7	5	8	4	3
8	9	5	3	7	4	2	6	1				3	4	5	6	8	В	7	9	1
2	4	7	6	1	3	9	8	5				8	9	7	3	4	1	5	2	6
5	8	6	4	9	2	7	1	3				5	2	1	7	6	8	9	3	4
3	1	9	7	5	8	6	4	2				6	3	4	2	5	9	1	8	7
9	5	3	8	6	1	4	2	7	9	6	8	1	5	3	9	2	6	4	7	8
4	2	1	9	3	7	8	5	6	1	3	4	2	7	9	8	1	4	3	6	5
6	7	8	2	4	5	1	3	9	2	7	5	4	8	6	5	3	7	2	1	9
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						7	6	4	3	5	1	8	9	2						
6	2	8	7	9	1	3	4	5	7	1	6	9	2	8	5	6	3	1	4	7
3	7	5	4	2	6	9	8	1	4	2	3	7	6	5	1	8	4	9	2	3
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8	6	9	2	1	7	5	3	4				5	3	2	8	7	1	6	9	4
7	3	2	8	5	4	1	6	9				4	8	7	6	9	2	3	1	5
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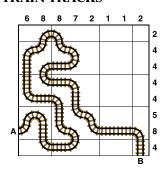
### **SUKO**

### 3 (10)-<del>(</del>17) 2 5 9

# MINI SUDOKU

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

### TRAIN TRACKS



### **FUTOSHIKI**

4	2 >	1	5	3

3	1	2 < 4 < 5	,
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### **SUDOKU**

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

#### KILLER

•	KILLEK										
ſ	9	2	1	3	8	5	7	6	4		
I	7	8	6	2	4	1	3	5	9		
	5	4	3	တ	6	7	8	1	2		
ſ	2	6	9	8	1	4	5	3	7		
I	4	7	8	5	3	2	6	9	1		
	3	1	5	7	9	6	4	2	8		
ſ	6	3	4	1	2	8	9	7	5		
I	8	5	2	6	7	9	1	4	3		
	1	9	7	4	5	3	2	8	6		

### **CODEWORD**

