

Sudoku Mild No 14,880

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

Fiendish No 14,881

2		9						
			9	7	1			
	5			2				
		7					5	
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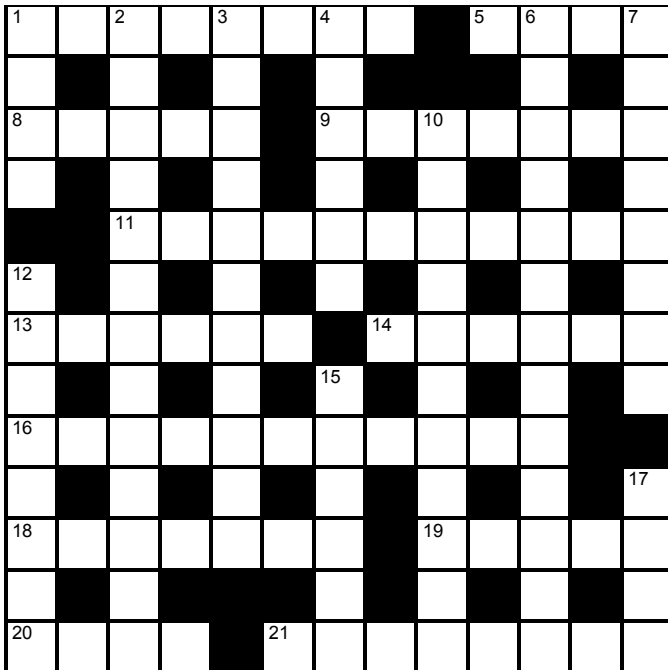
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			9	3	5			
5	8	7	2					
	9							

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The Times Quick Cryptic No 2665 by Corelli



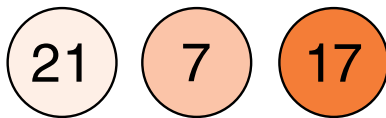
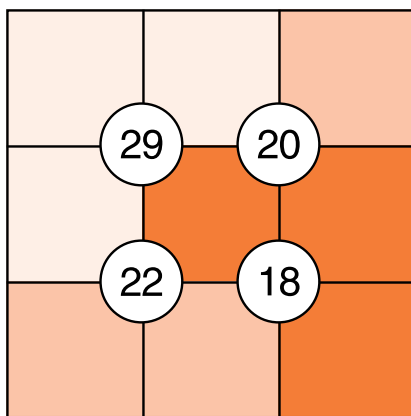
Across

- 1 Indian dish female relative brought up, we hear (3,5)
- 5 Politician flanked by two African warriors (4)
- 8 Leave no mark, concealing poison (5)
- 9 Freezing water affected ears: SOS! (4,3)
- 11 Corrupt Conservative with old African dictator in art gallery (11)
- 13 Furious at Rome's conspiracy of silence (6)
- 14 Gradually moves a very short distance (6)
- 16 Cases not kept in a set-top unit, unusually (11)
- 18 Flammable substance that's existed around New Zealand, close to wildlife (7)
- 19 Swimmer in fur coat, much warmer, losing head! (5)
- 20 Several are flying each week, first of all (1,3)
- 21 Abandon plane? No, lie back! (8)

Down

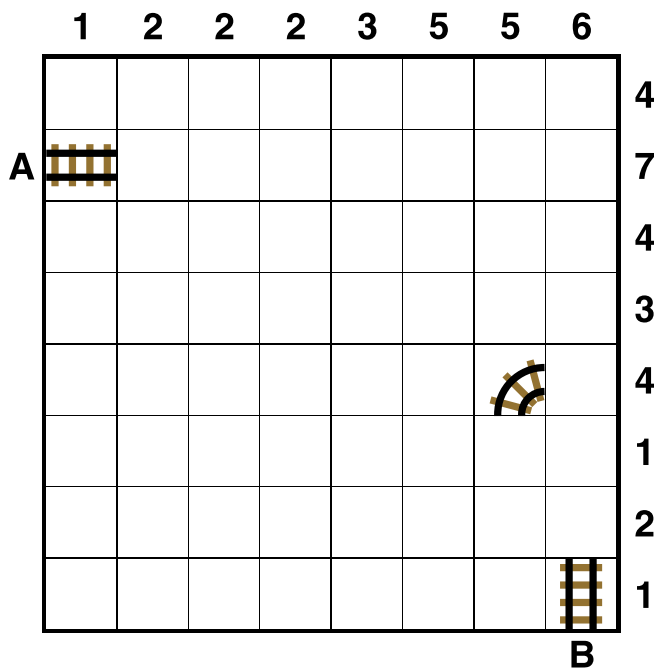
- 1 Church body welcome after November (4)
- 2 Connect canapé with cooking rejection (13)
- 3 Protest concerning giant almost consuming rodent (11)
- 4 Aviator with tune descending on isle (6)
- 6 US state's religious service: a church employs outside toilet (empty) (13)
- 7 Sort of ballerinas' ensemble, somewhat reduced (2,1,5)
- 10 Making last point in sung composition (8,3)
- 12 Colonel, old doctor and I going to a S American country (8)
- 15 Pleasant new English description of a creed (6)
- 17 Architect's flyer (4)

Suko No 4105



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 2234



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

Rabona

- a A flamboyant kick in football
- b A blackcurrant liqueur
- c A medieval stringed instrument

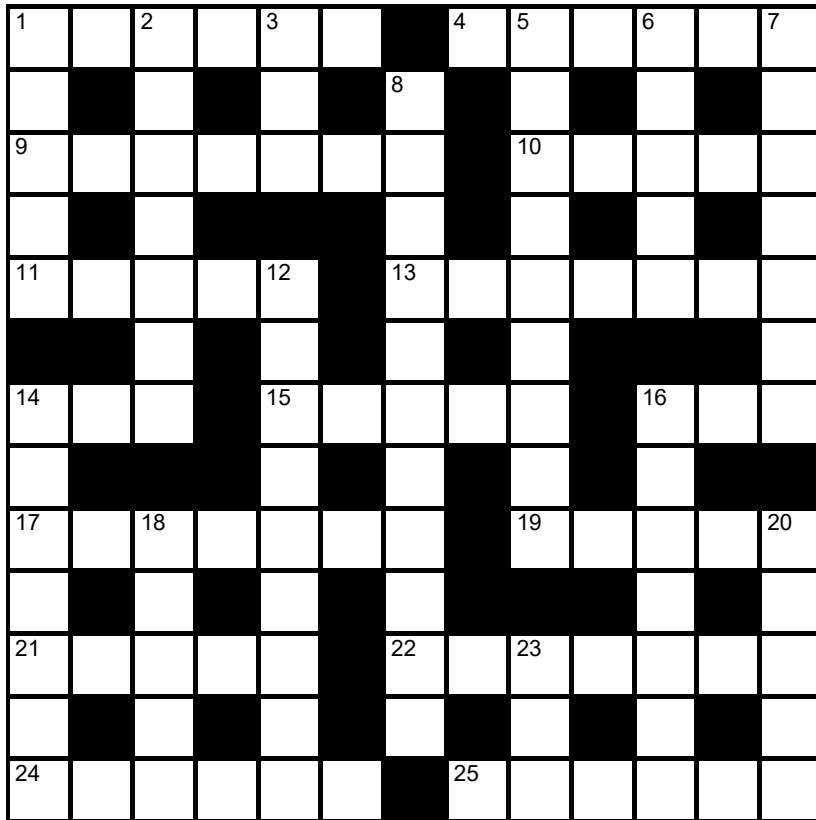
Ablutomane

- a A protein found in cereal grains
- b A case of Latin nouns
- c A cleanliness obsessive

Mogul

- a A Eurasian variety of beet
- b A bump on a ski slope
- c A legendary winged rider

times2 Crossword No 9520



Across

- 1 Merry, mirthful (6)
- 4 Gushed out (6)
- 9 Exhibition custodian (7)
- 10 Fool, blockhead (5)
- 11 Kiosk (5)
- 13 Mosque official leading the call to prayer (7)
- 14 --- in the sky, fanciful ideas (3)
- 15 Smack the backside of (5)

- 16 Before (*literary*) (3)
- 17 Orchestral drums (*I, not Y*) (7)
- 19 Thin porridge (5)
- 21 Seething (5)
- 22 Made parallel (with) (7)
- 24 Nautical expression of compliance (3,3)
- 25 (Of hair) pale yellow (6)

Down

- 1 Biblical brother of Esau (5)
- 2 Excessively wordy (7)
- 3 Creative works (3)
- 5 Highly volatile situation (6,3)
- 6 Ballroom dance (5)
- 7 Senior female member (7)
- 8 Of linguistic rules (11)
- 12 Economical management (9)
- 14 Kneecap (7)
- 16 Occasion when day and night are the same length (7)
- 18 Film (5)
- 20 Falsely lured or enticed (3,2)
- 23 Poorly (3)

Solution to Crossword 9519



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KenKen Difficult No 6196

2-		6+	30×		
3-				2÷	
30×	3	19+			1-
		6×			
5+		7+	90×		24×
6×					

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.

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Futoshiki No 4744

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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 3703

		7	16		12	4		10	4	3
	4			3				7		
23	13			34				6		
16					11				13	
	6			13	6					4
39	16	17		24				3		
17			31					17		
	25		30			16				
	14			16					7	14
23	16	17		17						
24				35						
				17				4		

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.

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Quintagram®

Solve all five cryptic clues using each letter underneath once only

- 1 When empty, better to have chocolate (5)
_ _ _ _ _
- 2 Mike and Daisy in control (6)
_ _ _ _ _
- 3 Emerge unscathed from veto Reg organised (3,4)
_ _ _ _ _
- 4 Furiously dig, turning back barrier (4,3)
_ _ _ _ _
- 5 Menacing, nothing less, after grabbing Oscar (7)
_ _ _ _ _

A	A	B	D	E	E	E	E
G	I	I	K	L	M	M	M
N	N	O	O	O	O	R	R
R	S	S	T	T	U	V	W

Brain Trainer

EASY	27	+7	x2	-8	60% OF IT	1/2 OF IT	-14	SQUARE IT	+5	1/3 OF IT	ANSWER	
MEDIUM	91	x4	+84	7/8 OF IT	-77	x3	-18	2/3 OF IT	+87	40% OF IT	ANSWER	
HARDER	75	x7	+699	+1/2 OF IT	x3	+997	+1/5 OF IT	-862	75% OF IT	-689	ANSWER	

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; 24, very good; 30, excellent

Yesterday's answers
 ahead, ahem, dame, date, death, deem, deme, edema, hade, haem, hate, head, heat, heated, heed, heme, mate, mead, meat, **meathead**, meed, meet, mete, meth, tame, team, teem, thee, them, theme, themed

Cell Blocks No 5087

		5		
3			6	3
5		4		
			4	3
	8			
	2	4		2

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.

Set Square No 3706

1	x		x		= 8
+		+		x	
		-	8	+	= 5
-		+		-	
	x		+		= 24
=		=		=	
4		17		5	

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 Bentle No 9446

16		12			17	3	8	
8	7		12				14	
		14		4	8	12	10	16
7	14		12					
			15	7		15		
29	18		19		9		7	
			5		13	7		
		14		14			4	
9			9		17			

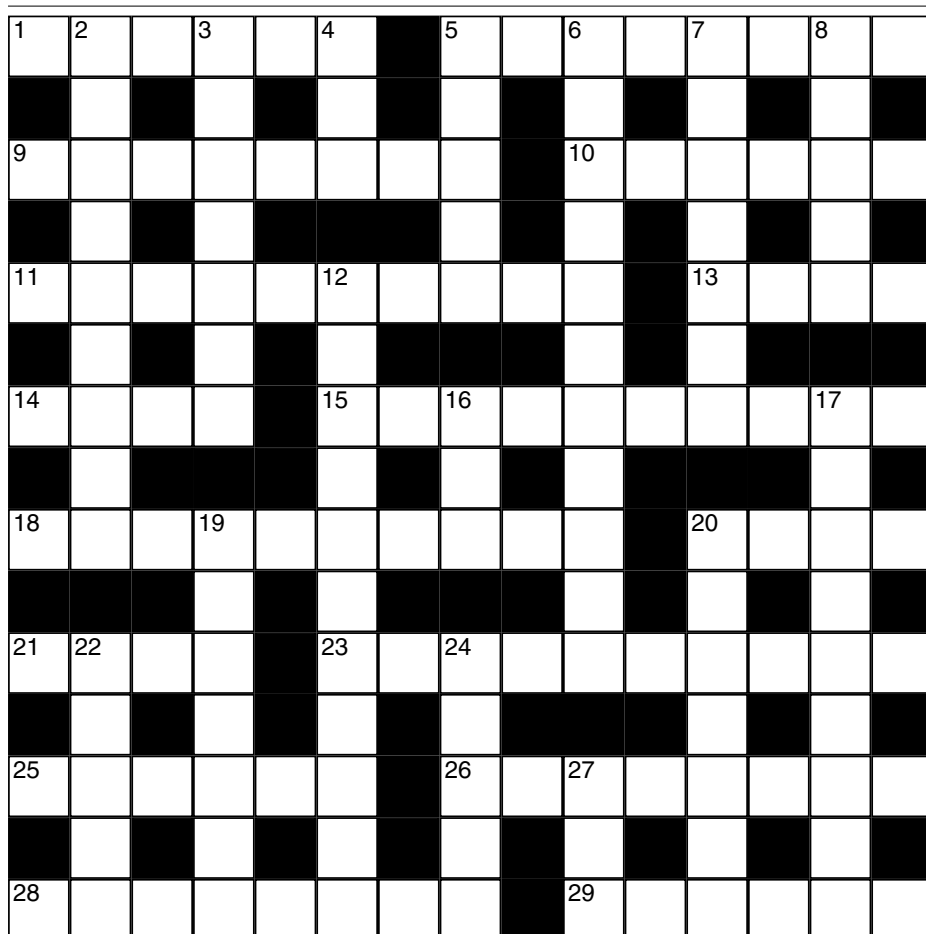
Killer Tough No 9447

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12							35	8
10		11		8				
12	16						38	
	11			28				29
	15							
36			10				17	
			13	23				
							7	

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 28,906



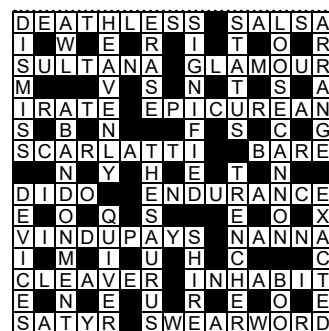
ACROSS

- 1 Choose not to take part in work with solicitor (3,3)
- 5 Fine food shop to provide food, mostly (8)
- 9 Check next to one river and another for animals (8)
- 10 Elite individuals go after information (6)
- 11 Terribly bad, bad local I repeatedly trashed (10)
- 13 Has drinks, but no starter (4)
- 14 Article in Libération covering Northern French city (4)
- 15 Beset by trouble, degenerate shows sign of slowing down (5,5)
- 18 Frequent drinking you ultimately had reduced (10)
- 20 Prejudice in book reported to be cut back (4)
- 21 Tool does some calculations, we're told (4)
- 23 Vessels requiring knotted ropes at bow (5,5)
- 25 A very loud, cool thing (6)
- 26 It's not important to gossip about an award (2,6)
- 28 Used sneaky tactic filling in legal document (8)
- 29 Short, extremely showy gesture of respect (6)

DOWN

- 2 In part, Republican denies manoeuvring for the top job? (9)
- 3 Old writer featuring in upcoming total collected works (7)
- 4 Cup match level until just before the end (3)
- 5 Greek party in charge of suppressing resistance (5)
- 6 Support key objective with sources of extra reserved money (5,6)
- 7 Nicola messily devours the filling from any creamy pastry (7)
- 8 Cycle around centre of big Italian city (5)
- 12 Political group identified by your and my piece in LA Times (6,5)
- 16 Fit cheap, tatty clothes (3)
- 17 Cold male lacking pretence (9)
- 19 I shout out loud and look up and down (7)
- 20 Somebody maybe taking a punt eating tail of foul fish (7)
- 22 Excellent, regularly noted author (5)
- 24 Overcome, journalist enjoyed the delights of Bordeaux? (5)
- 27 One held by host? (3)

Yesterday's solution 28,905



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Solutions

Quick Cryptic 2664

L	A	G	E	R	L	O	U	T	F	O	E
A	A	U	C	R	O	A					
B	O	L	D	E	S	T	I	N	N	E	R
S	L	A	A	D	N						
P	E	R	A	D	V	E	N	T	U	R	E
O	C	E	G	S							
S	E	N	A	T	E	B	L	I	G	H	T
A	R	H	E	L							
I	N	T	H	E	H	O	T	S	E	A	T
L	H	S	O	M							
I	D	O	L	S	P	A	D	R	O	N	E
N	R	E	L	O	U	N					
G	I	N	S	H	A	T	T	E	R	E	D

Codeword 5203

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

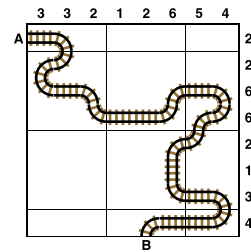
Kakuro 3702

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

Sudoku 14,877

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

Train Tracks 2233



Sudoku 14,878

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

Cell Blocks 5086

		12			6			
						6		
7		6		2				
						4		
					6			

Set Square 3705

1	x	4	-	3
+		x		+
9	-	8	x	5
+		x		+
6	x	7	x	2

Lexica 7383

						R
S	C	A	R	E		
	A				A	
G	R	A	S	S		
	G				O	
W	O	O	D	E	N	

Sudoku 14,879

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

Futoshiki 4743

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

KenKen 6195

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

Lexica 7384

S	O	R	R	Y	
	C		E		C
	C	R	A	S	H
	U		L		I
C	R	Y			C
			O	A	K

Today's solutions

Killer 9444

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

Killer 9445

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

Cryptic Quintagram

- 1 Brown
- 2 Master
- 3 Get over
- 4 Like mad
- 5 Ominous

Suko 4105

5	7	2
9	8	3
4	1	6

Brain Trainer

- Easy 7
- Medium 282
- Harder 4,519

Word watch

- Rabona** (a) A flamboyant kick in football (*Collins*)
- Ablutomanie** (c) A cleanliness obsessive (*Chambers*)
- Mogul** (b) A bump on a ski slope (*OED*)

Chess – Winning Move

1 Bxe4! is easy to overlook as it is positionally undesirable. However, after 1... Bxe4 positional niceties become irrelevant as White can play 2 Qxa6! and, after 2... Qxa6 3 Nc7+ Kd8 4 Nxa6, he emerges with an extra piece

Sudoku difficult

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

Killer deadly

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8	23				24	7	21
		23		18			
12	28				24		
18		29					13
9			10		28		
	15						25
17	7			18		10	
	15						3

Suko

15	25	
16	17	

13	17	15
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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.

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

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

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

Mini Sudoku

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

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

Solutions in Monday's Times2

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Yesterday's solutions

SAMURAI

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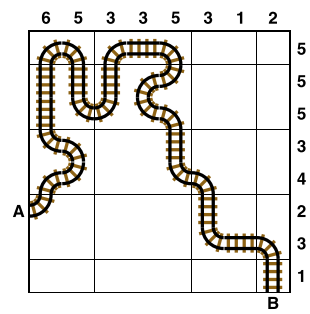
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