**MindGames** 

29.10.24

# Sudoku Mild No 15,342

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### Difficult No 15,343

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### Super fiendish No 15,344

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### The Times Quick Cryptic No 2819 by Teazel

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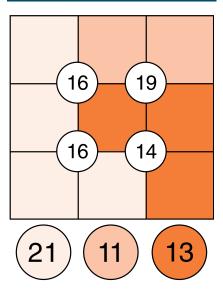
- 1 The French Revolution? (4,5)
- 6 Find a space to leave a coat (5)
- 8 House and grounds where one may find game (5,4)
- 9 Row of mountains resounded with echo (5)
- 10 Porthole shutter, not at all heavy? (9)
- 12 Compassionate, being English (6)
- 13 At critical moment, energy in dancer's toes (6)
- 16 Card Peter played that may be put down for star (3,6)
- 18 Freight to travel on passenger transport (5)
- 19 Mexican dish and a Chile stew (9)
- 21 Mum always very thin (5)
- 22 To an extent, entreat men towards medical help (9)

#### Down

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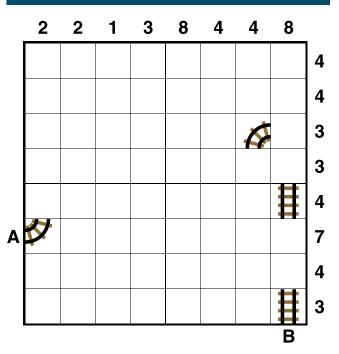
- Meekly surrendered primitive shelter before row (5,2)
- 2 Shoulder burden of file transfer? (6)
- 3 Slow speech from doctor with sharp implement (5)
- 4 Squad of players not finishing drink (3)
- 5 Start to speak, leaving opponent nowhere to stand? (4,3,5)
- 6 Serviceman in foreign capital is nosy, amid high tension (6,6)
- 7 Set free, did a bit of running and finally departed (8)
- 11 Police officer is man convulsed with greed (8)
- 14 Blooming group of actors is rejected (7)
- 15 A poet, I fancy narcotic (6)
- 17 A table for celebrities (1-4)
- 20 Signal to line up for hearing (3)

### Suko No 4259



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 2385



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

#### Owelty

- **a** A nesting area used by nocturnal birds**b** A feeling of resignation
- **c** Equality in financial transactions

#### Lucifugous

a Spending immoderately b For the relief of a fever c Shunning or avoiding light

#### Jerkwater

- a A Caribbean spiced
- drink
- **b** A sad or poignant film
- or book c (Of a place) small and
- remote

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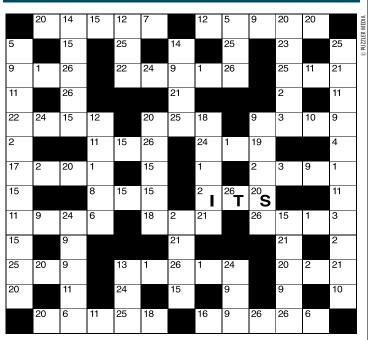
### Tetonor Easy No 513

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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

### Codeword No 5358



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

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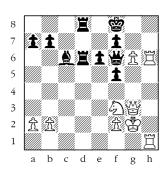
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Slide the letters either horizontally or vertically back into the grid to produce a completed crossword. Letters are allowed to slide over other letters

### Winning Move

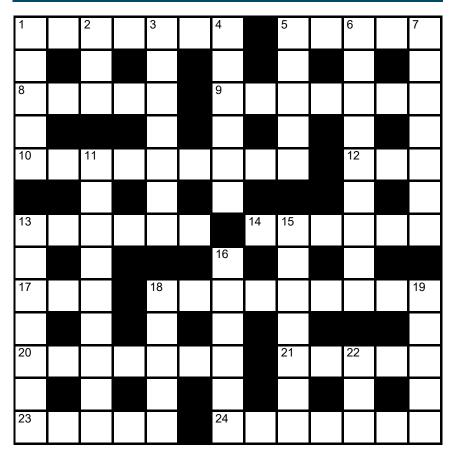


#### White to play.

This position is from Galperin-Sieciechowicz, Darlowo 2024.

I recently stumbled across the wonderful word "wonderclout", which seems to have fallen out of use. It describes something showy but ultimately useless. Here Black's rooks are a wonderclout, beautifully lined up but achieving nothing and going nowhere. White's, on the other hand, have the black king in their sights. How did he finish off?

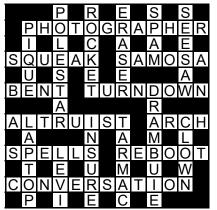
# times2 Crossword No 9674



### Across

- 1 Solace (7)
- 5 Culinary herb (5)
- 8 Full-length (5)
- 9 Chicken breed (7)
- 10 Alcohol-fuelled yob (5,4)
- 12 Invest with a title (3)
- 13 Inexperienced (6)
- 14 Left uncultivated (6)

#### Solution to Crossword 9673



- 17 Objective (3)
- 18 Having acute vision (5-4)
- 20 Very eccentric person (7)
- 21 Topical comedy show (5)
- 23 Baton-passing race (5)
- 24 Marvels (7)

### Down

- 1 Barbaric, merciless (5)
- 2 Raincoat (3)
- 3 Canadian province (7)
- 4 Fat used to make soap (6)
- 5 Chauvinist (5)
- 6 Combat with blades (9)
- 7 Medieval weapon (7)
- 11 Olympic prize (4,5)
- 13 Noisy chorus of demands (7)
- 15 Painkiller (7)
- 16 Having an unhealthy complexion (6)
- 18 Frightening (5)
- 19 Item of womenswear (5)
- 22 Compete (with) (3)

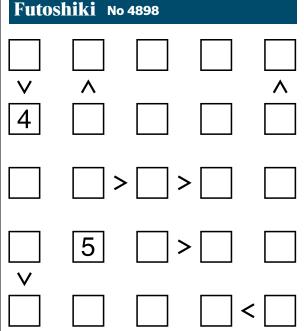
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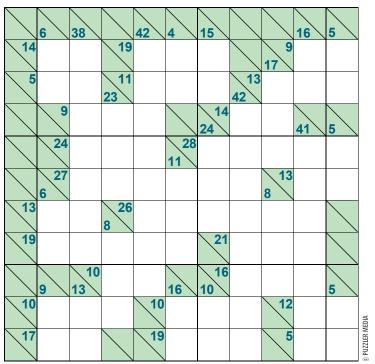
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All the digits 1 to 6 must appear in every row and column. In each thick-line "block", the target number in the top left-hand corner is calculated from the digits in all the cells in the block, using the operation indicated by the symbol. Fill the 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 3857



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 One leaving sinking ship? Sailor's returning! (3)

**2** Not quite right to frame DA as 1 (5)

**3** Is 1 so like serpent trapping Eve ultimately? (6)

4 Trendy ex is 1 (8)

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**5** Do greenkeepers aspire to produce this 1? (10)

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### Brain Trainer

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HARDER 197	x 5	+ 994	x 3	+ 88	4/5 OF IT	- 838	+ 1/2 OF IT	+ 997	90% OF IT	ANSWER

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.

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gaita, gal, gala, gat, glia, ital, lag, lat, law,

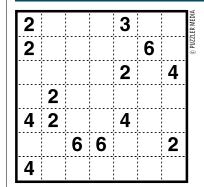
taal, tag, taiga, tail, tala, taw, tawa, wag,

How you rate 13 words, average; 18, good; 24, very good; 30, excellent

wagtail, wail, wait, wat, wilga

Yesterday's answers

### Cell Blocks No 5241



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.

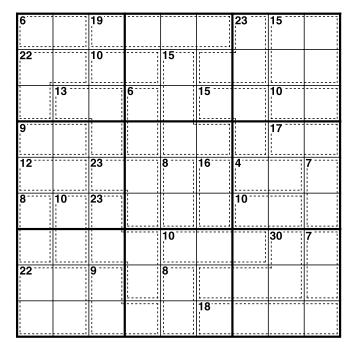
### Set Square No 3860

#### X × = 32 X × =1 ╋ × PUZZLER MEDIA 2 9 + + = 17 = 1 2 31

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 Tough No 9755



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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## Killer Moderate No 9754

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# Times Crossword 29,060

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Great ruler Henry pursues around border (6)
- 4 Wrong way to fill pastry, following one's own path (3-5)
- 9 Exploit really quiet, timid individual (7)
- 11 Range around East Timor's capital in train again (7)
- 12 Temp left firm over sign of indecision (5)
- **13** Case of luxurious rings made of gold for distinguished people (9)
- 14 Caught short, perhaps (10)
- **16** Retiring female loves husband, maybe a bit of an ass (4)
- **19** Sandwich, say? Wife tucked into large quantity (4)
- **20** Supposed snobs mixed with elite (10)
- 22 Stand, carrying a single wide hamper (9)
- **23** Cast is entertaining, pocketing 50 grand (5)
- 25 Spurs ground is lit, letting in header from Man United (7)
- **26** Cheesy dish cooked just a little moment (7)
- **27** Advance across shifting sand in coastal site (5,3)
- 28 Fan of grass cuckoo nest that's covered round river (6)

#### DOWN

- 1 Officer suggested dismissing one involved in crime (9)
- 2 Pale colour of phone casing this person brought round (5)
- 3 Frank's back from trip, one spent in former East Germany (8)
- 5 Riches given to bank worker, one trading in futures (7,6)
- **6** Invest Asian currency, turning up a bit of capital (6)
- **7** Guided munition to fail after vehicle's overturned (5,4)
- 8 English Master's ditched by doubtful fellow showing spirit (5)
- **10** Force workplace staff to accept extremely idiotic post (6,7)
- 15 Curiously wanting one less good qualification for mechanics (9)
- 17 Goods transporter about to board plane (9)
- **18** Court disaster, like pro donning sportswear (3,3,2)
- 21 Entertainment shows gun users regularly ignored (6)
- 22 Producer of fibre products is altering bags (5)
- 24 Time to leave religious headgear for Pope (5)

#### Yesterday's solution 29,059

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# Solutions

#### Quick Cryptic 2818

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Sudoku 15,339

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#### Sudoku 15,340

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#### Sudoku 15,341

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#### Killer 9752

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#### Killer 9753

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#### Codeword 5357





#### Cell Blocks 5240 Set Square 3859

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Futoshiki 4897

Word watch

(Collins)

Owelty (c) Equality in financial transactions

Lucifugous (c) Shunning or avoiding light (*Chambers*) Jerkwater (c) (Of a place)

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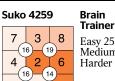
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#### KenKen 6349

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### Today's solutions

Cryptic Quintagram 1 Rat 2 Judas 3 Sneaky 4 Informer 5 Supergrass



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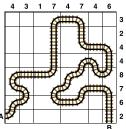
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#### Train Tracks 2384



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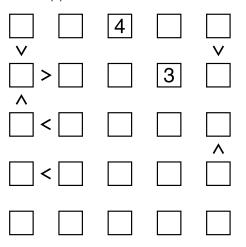
# Samurai medium

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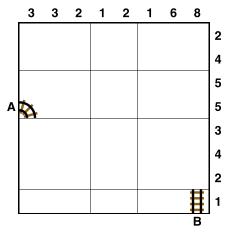
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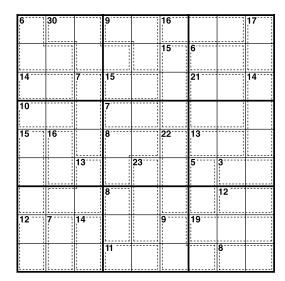
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# Sudoku fiendish

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# **Killer** tricky

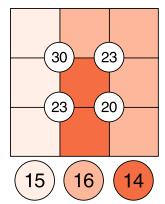
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# Suko

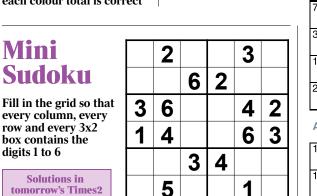


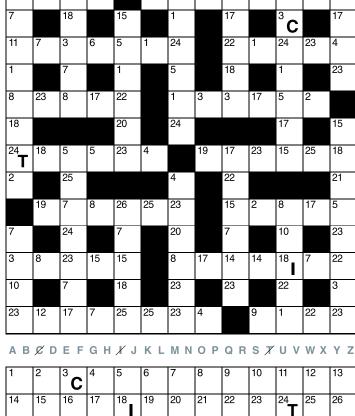
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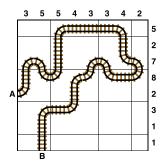
# Yesterday's solutions

### **SAMURAI**

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### **TRAIN TRACKS**



### **FUTOSHIKI**

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#### **CODEWORD**

