

Sudoku Mild No 15,216

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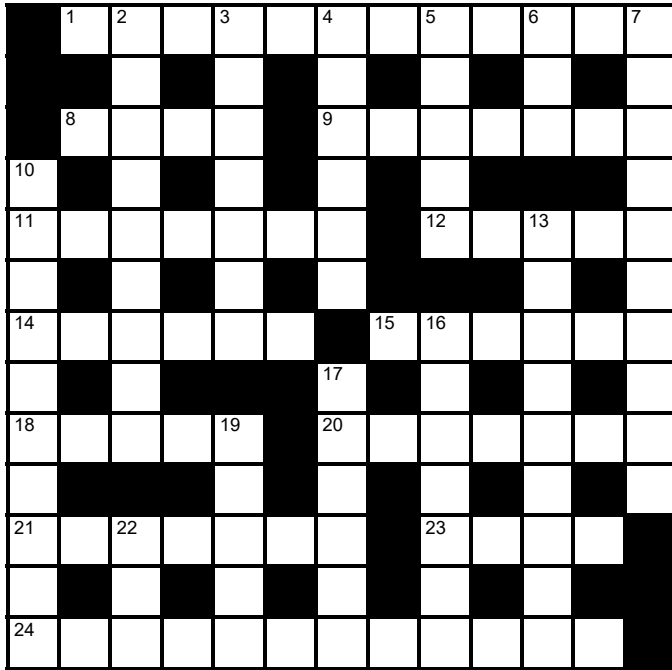
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The Times Quick Cryptic No 2777 by Mara



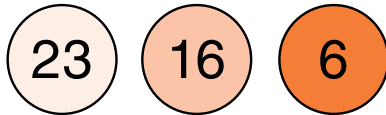
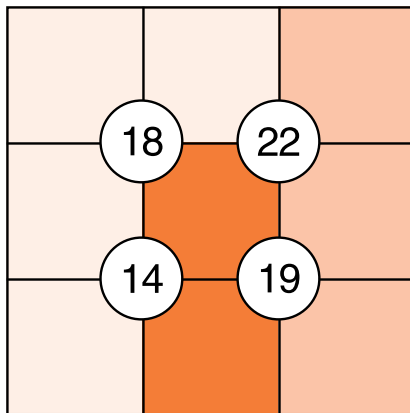
Across

- 1 A line to one side? (5,7)
- 8 Celebrity beginning without ending (4)
- 9 Sensed, advice for writer (4,3)
- 11 Bag that's worn-out in large room (7)
- 12 Turner taking some Miro to Raphael (5)
- 14 Ring launderer (6)
- 15 Motor's gauge deep, so adjusted (6)
- 18 Severe rash turned hot (5)
- 20 Better bags right for waste (7)
- 21 Iron clothes clerk ordered for Mark (7)
- 23 Nippy, while temperature beyond freezing, initially (4)
- 24 Flying KLM's safer tho' it maintains a constant temperature (7,5)

Down

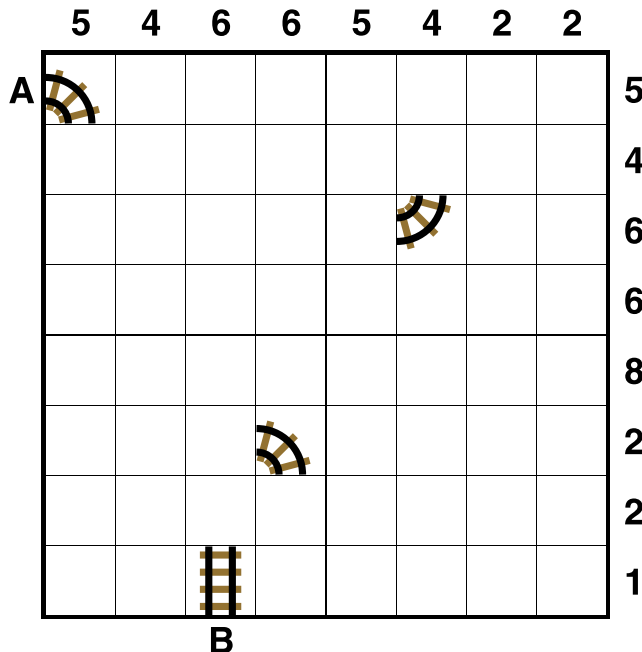
- 2 Calculator Aristotle broke (9)
- 3 Relevant language, English (7)
- 4 Gas on for potato cake (6)
- 5 Loafer in crimson I raised, heel finally slipped into it (5)
- 6 Lifted, first prize (3)
- 7 Body of work reporter and I reviewed, ending in article (10)
- 10 Eat lard and rabbit! (4,3,3)
- 13 A setter is composing pieces of written work (9)
- 16 Messed up final agonising (7)
- 17 Where "ugary" is in sugary pudding! (6)
- 19 Smell about right for garbage (5)
- 22 First Lady never hugs! (3)

Suko No 4217



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 2343



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

Brainish

- a Impulsive, impetuous
- b Moderately intelligent
- c To polish to a shine

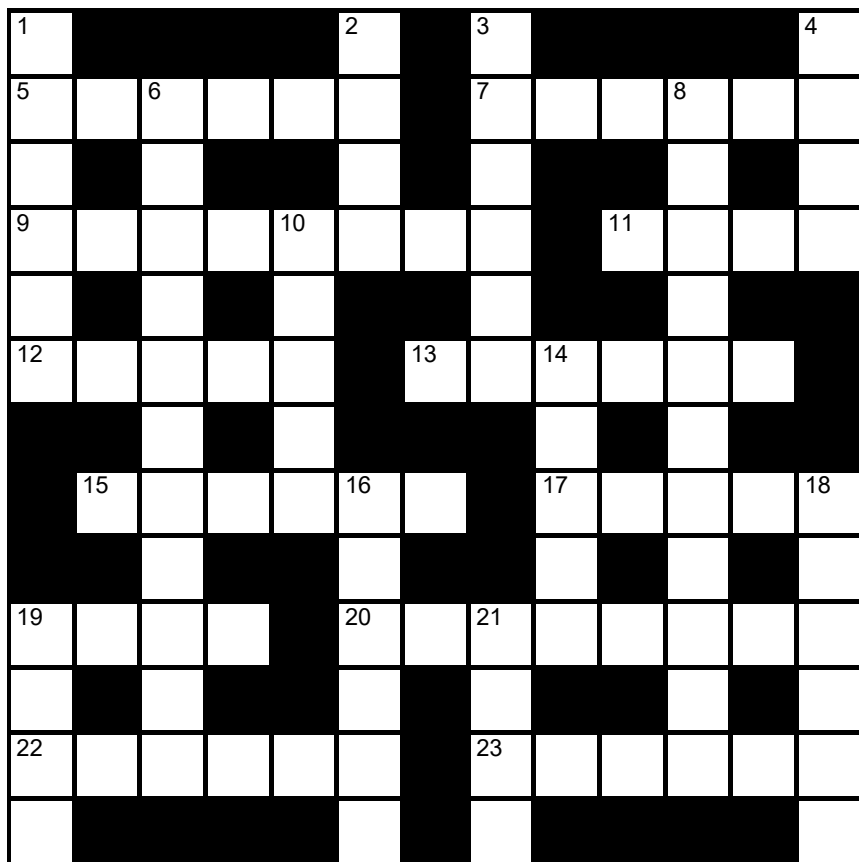
Pleiomorous

- a Composed of plastic
- b Having more parts than normal
- c A prehistoric aquatic reptile

Hecatamped

- a A great movement of animals
- b A hundred feet square
- c Walking on six legs

times2 Crossword No 9632



Across

- 5 Buzz ---, US astronaut (6)
- 7 City of northwest Wales (6)
- 9 Calamity (8)
- 11 Shellfish (4)
- 12 Caused by (3,2)
- 13 Fully developed, grown up (6)
- 15 Palm stems used to make furniture and baskets (6)

- 17 Immobilising weapon (5)
- 19 Released trapped air from (a radiator) (4)
- 20 Memorised again (8)
- 22 Make (staff) redundant (3,3)
- 23 Superficial appearance (6)

Down

- 1 Open, frank (6)
- 2 Tiny biting insect (4)
- 3 Southern European peninsula (6)
- 4 Cut into a neat shape (4)
- 6 As a last resort (11)
- 8 Stock of bullion held by a central bank (4,7)
- 10 Protruding nose and jaws of an animal (5)
- 14 Ecclesiastical levy (5)
- 16 Floating aimlessly (6)
- 18 Give back (6)
- 19 Onion or shallot, eg (4)
- 21 Broadcasting in real time (4)

Solution to Crossword 9631

L	A	M	P	P	O	S	T		F	U	N	D	
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Need help with today's puzzle? Call 0905 757 0143 to check the answers. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge. SP: Spoke, 0333 202 3390 (Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm).

Brain Trainer

EASY	3	CUBE IT	+ 15	÷ 7	$\frac{2}{3}$ OF IT	x 9	- 8	HALVE IT	x 3	- 9	ANSWER	
MEDIUM	12	SQUARE IT	+ 162	$\frac{1}{9}$ OF IT	x 7	- 76	$+\frac{1}{3}$ OF IT	+ 178	HALVE IT	- 89	ANSWER	
HARDER	14	SQUARE IT	$+\frac{5}{7}$ OF IT	x 7	- 294	HALVE IT	$+\frac{2}{3}$ OF IT	x 4	$\frac{1}{5}$ OF IT	+ 423	ANSWER	

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** 15 words, average; 20, good; 24, very good; 29, excellent

Yesterday's answers

eft, elf, felt, fie, file, filer, filet, filter, fir, fire, firer, fit, flier, flirt, flit, fret, frit, left, lief, life, lifer, lift, lifter, ref, refit, rife, rifle, rift, trifle, trifter

Cell Blocks No 5199

2			5	
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		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 3818

	+	x	= 28
x	■	+	■
4	x	÷	= 16
+	■	÷	■
	x	+	5
= 18	= 1	= 4	= 59

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 9670

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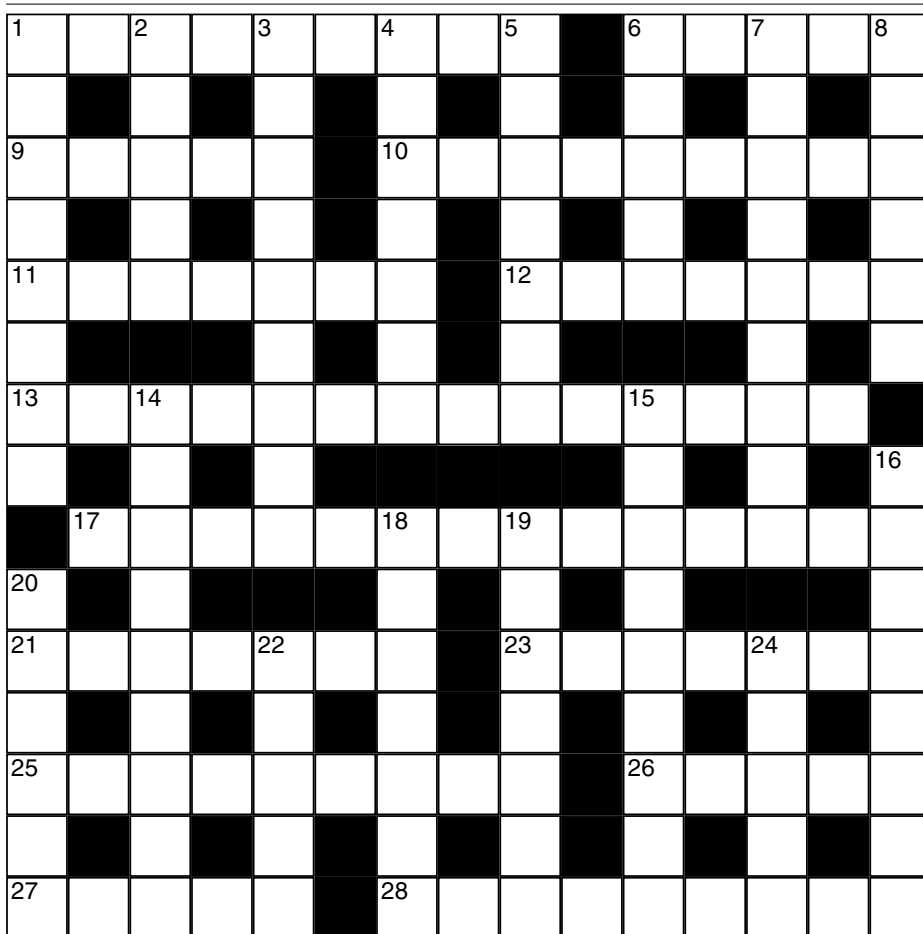
Killer Tough No 9671

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20			20		16	6	14

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 29,018



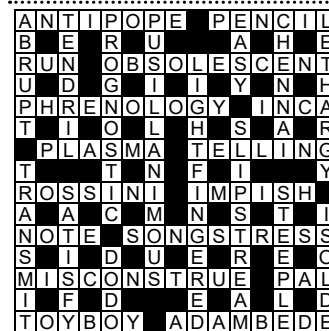
ACROSS

- 1 AC/DC featured in newspaper piece by E Bloom (9)
- 6 Loiner's locale has the advantage we hear (5)
- 9 Cassandra's edging away from Balearic island ward? (5)
- 10 Pie-eyed guy's precarious course (9)
- 11 In love's absence does couple hit rock bottom? (7)
- 12 Refusal to welcome Liberal is recalled in letter (7)
- 13 Writer's pleasure: this writer's off to tour Lake District initially (7,7)
- 17 Keeping a pretty busy axe shaped the battle record (6,8)
- 21 Long article about Astyanax's origin, Greek in Homer (7)
- 23 Many a witch's death here in question (2,5)
- 25 Different approach needed for penning year books (9)
- 26 Knight occupying space in which scutarius fought (5)
- 27 For one buried in fenland see mournful poem (5)
- 28 Good person with talk on a certain singer (9)

DOWN

- 1 Jest involving me now crushed in disappointment (8)
- 2 Joins course for coastal drivers? (5)
- 3 Soldier serving at sea must consume fish spread (9)
- 4 Temporary home — call to accommodate one (7)
- 5 Artist, composer and author lacking answer (2,5)
- 6 Sacred flower for all to see in quite a bunch (5)
- 7 Disease rampant on the way in alien world (9)
- 8 Warm reddish-brown colour new in Italian walled city (6)
- 14 Abhorrent to Holmes, criminally hiding ace (9)
- 15 Velocity's elevated rate in starless region (4,5)
- 16 Given similar roles, produce manuscript when entering court (8)
- 18 Ten work with nurse filling hopper (7)
- 19 Plain person, perhaps Scarlett carries old man around (7)
- 20 Kind of chop academician fed to a shrew? (6)
- 22 Almost beheaded — before dawn? (5)
- 24 Measure of acidity in beer for Phoenician character? (5)

Yesterday's solution 29,017



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Solutions

Quick Cryptic 2776

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Codeword 5315

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Kakuro 3814

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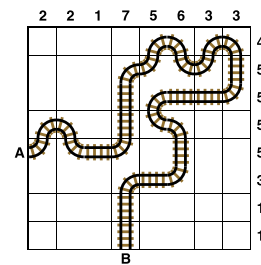
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GK Crossword 250

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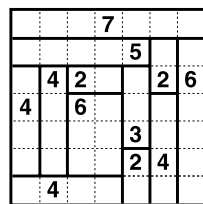
Train Tracks 2342



Sudoku 15,214

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Cell Blocks 5198



Set Square 3817

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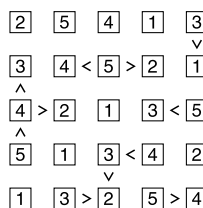
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Futoshiki 4855



KenKen 6307

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Lexica 7646

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Today's solutions

Killer 9668

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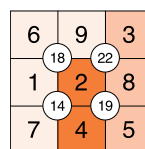
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9	6	3	7	2	4	1	5	8
8	5	2	1	9	6	3	7	4
1	7	4	3	8	5	2	9	6

Cryptic Quintagram

- 1 Toto
- 2 Witch
- 3 Garland
- 4 Dorothy
- 5 Scarecrow

Suko 4217



Brain Trainer

- Easy 33
- Medium 108
- Harder 1,795

Word watch

- Brainish** (a) Impulsive, impetuous (*Collins*)
- Pleiomeros** (b) Having more parts than normal (*Chambers*)
- Hecatomp** (b) A hundred feet square (*OED*)

Chess – Winning Move

After 1 ... Qxb1! 2 Qxb1 Nd2 Black is a queen for rook down but his forces are overwhelming. White has nothing better than 3 Qd3 when 3 ... Nf1+ 4 Kg1 Nxe3+ 5 Kh2 Bxf2 wins due to the threat of ... Rh1 mate

Samurai medium

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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.

	>		<		
		^	v		
	5				
	1	5		<	
		<		>	

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.

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

Sudoku fiendish

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

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.

16	8			11	17	14		13	
			21						15
17				11		6	11	9	
8									5
11		11		4			17		
11		14	7	8	17	8	15	14	
12									
	16			13					
4		17			14			10	

Suko

18	20	
16	12	

18	15	12
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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.

	16	24	1	17	24	18		22	21	22	14	
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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
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

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

Solutions in tomorrow's Times2

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MindGames Tuesday September 10 2024
Brain boost puzzles

Yesterday's solutions

SAMURAI

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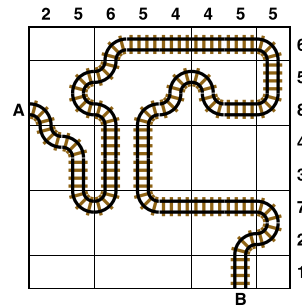
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5	4	6
7	1	8
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MINI SUDOKU

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

TRAIN TRACKS



FUTOSHIKI

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

SUDOKU

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

6	8	3	4	9	7	5	2	1
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CODEWORD

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