

# Daily Delight

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## Games Day

People have enjoyed playing games since the beginning of time, and for good reason. Games are fun, and everyone can use a bit more fun in their lives! Every year on this day since 1975, the Games Day convention has taken place in Birmingham, UK. Created by the British game company Games Workshop, Games Day came about when another games convention had been canceled. Games Day quickly filled this need and, in the process, became a very popular showcase for gamers, their skills, and the gaming industry at large.

So, on Games Day, pull out your favorite game and play it. From card and board games to field and video games, there's no shortage of games to play, so let the games begin!



## Today in History



In 2005, “The Breakthrough” was released by Geffen Records. It was the 7th studio album by Mary J. Blige. The album won 3 Grammy Awards and sold over 3 million copies. She has won 9 Grammy Awards, a Primetime Emmy Award, 4 American Music Awards, and 12 Billboard Awards.

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## DID YOU KNOW? Tomato's Transformation

Before the early 16th century, tomatoes were only found in South America. Spanish colonizers introduced them to Europe, where they became widely cultivated. In France, tomatoes were called "pomme d'amour," or "love apples," due to the belief that they were aphrodisiacs, possibly because they were classified as a type of mandrake, which was considered an aphrodisiac in 16th-century Europe. This belief likely stemmed from the assumption that the Spanish tomatoes shared the aphrodisiac properties of biblical mandrakes.

## TRIVIA

Cartoonist Gary Larson illustrated a satirical comic about a made-up phobia called anatidaephobia. What is anatidaephobia?

- A** Fear of bending or stooping
- B** Fear of animals
- C** Fear of cats rubbing your legs
- D** Fear of ducks or geese watching you

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## TODAY'S FUNNY

Why couldn't the candle get any sleep?

*There's no rest for the wicked.*

## TODAY'S WISDOM

*"It's Christmas Eve and we are going to go celebrate being young and being alive."*

*- Miles, "The Holiday"*

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# WORD SEARCH

## IT'S A CASSEROLE!

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

BREADCRUMBS

CASSEROLE

CHEESE

CREAM

EGGS

FLOUR

HAM

NOODLES

PASTA

PEPPER

SALT

SPAGHETTIOS

PEAS

# SUDOKU

## How To Play:

Each 9x9 box is comprised of 9 smaller 3x3 boxes. Each of these smaller boxes must be filled in with numbers from 1-9. Each row and column of the larger 9x9 box should not have any numbers repeated.

			4			3		5
	6		5	8	1			
	2	4				9		1
	4	1		5			2	9
		9	1	6			5	
6		2	8		4			
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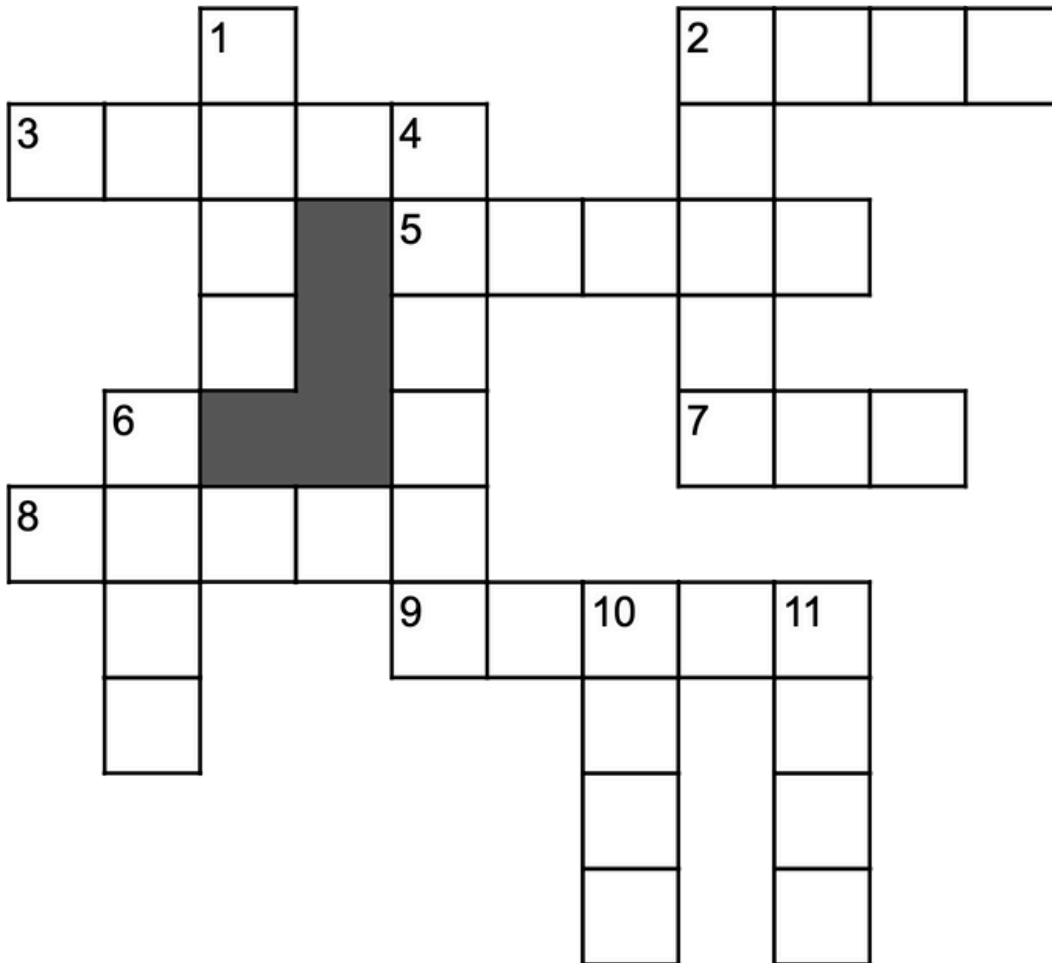
## Helpful Tip:

If you get stuck, try asking yourself "Where can I place number X in this row or column?" Scan to see if the number is already in that row, column, or box.

# WORD JUMBLE

Every answer uses only the letters in the word:

**REINDEERS**



## Down

- 1. Require something
- 2. Mocking indirectly
- 4. Give a service
- 6. Eat out
- 10. Buck/doe
- 11. Climb/ascend

## Across

- 2. Dispatch/deliver
- 3. Curled lip
- 5. Creepy/spooky
- 7. Close/final part
- 8. Flush
- 9. Passenger

# Connect the Dots



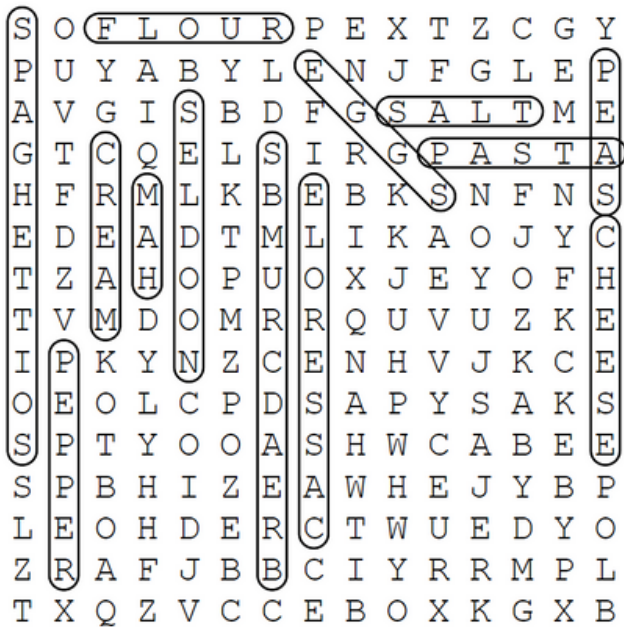




# SOLUTIONS

## Trivia Answer: D

It is from a "The Far Side" comic by Gary Larson. And it is the fear that somehow, somewhere a duck is watching you.



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