Daily Delight

National Poetry Reading Day

Poetry is one of the oldest art forms in human history. In ancient times, poetry was used to convey historical facts, culture, and traditions. It was also a way to settle scores with competitors and gain popularity. Kings and queens had poets in their courts who would sing praises of the rulers and demean their enemies. The structure of poetry made it easier to memorize, which helped pass on information from generation to generation.

Poetry was recorded on stones, monoliths, or simply in human memory, using selected words, rhymes, and meter in a set structure. Ballads became popular in the 11th and 17th centuries, while sonnets were produced in the 13th century. Modern poetry evolved four centuries later. Try writing some poetry of your own!

Today in History

In 2018, Mayor John Moor announced November 17th would be declared Danny Devito Day in Asbury Park, where Devito grew up. His breakthrough role came in 1978 as Louie De Palma in the sitcom "Taxi." In addition to acting, Devito has also directed films and TV shows.

TRIVIA

What does the internet slang "LOL" mean?

A Leaving our love

B Left on list

C Laughing out loud

D Last one left

DID YOU KNOW?
Blinking Babies' Benefits

Adults blink about 15 times a minute to lubricate their eyes and refocus attention, while babies blink only two to three times per minute. This difference may be linked to developing dopamine levels in the brain, which influence blinking frequency. Additionally, babies' smaller eyes may require less lubrication, and their focus on gathering visual information for survival could leave less energy for blinking. Ultimately, infants are busy working towards becoming active members of society.

TODAY'S FUNNY

Why don't elephants use computers?

Because they are afraid of the mouse!

TODAY'S WISDOM

"Breathe. Let go. And remind yourself that this very moment is the only one you know you have for sure."
- Oprah Winfrey

WORD SEARCH

FERRETS

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D  W  G  G  C  X  B  Y  E  U  T  B  X  A
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ALBINO	BLAZE	FURRY
ANGORAS	CUTE	MAMMALS
BLACK FOOTED	DOMESTIC	MUSTELA
BLACK SABLE	FUNNY	PAWS
WEASEL	STEPPEPOLE CAT	SIBERIAN

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.

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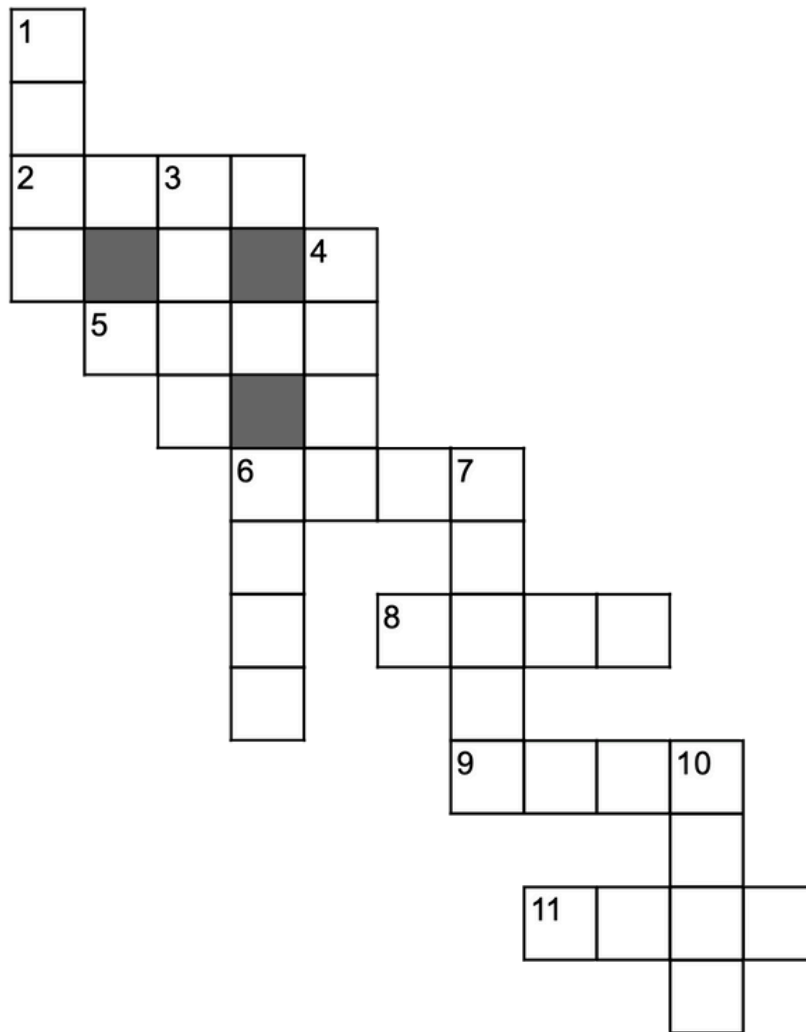| 6	4			1			2	
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Helpful Tip:

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:
CONTEMPORARY

Down

1. Down and out
3. Work for
4. Computer writing
6. Area, space, chamber
7. Soldiers, company
10. Squad, unit

Across

2. Spiritual warning
5. Ask for blessings
6. Bohemian musical
8. Dog's fur
9. Verse writer
11. No escape

Conversation Starters

Use the following conversation prompts to start a discussion with friends or family! You may also use the provided lines to answer the questions on your own if you prefer.

What were your best/most challenging subjects in school?

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Do you have an interesting end-of-school year story?
Were you involved in any hijinks?

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Did you end up going into the field you studied, or become what you wanted to be in your youth?
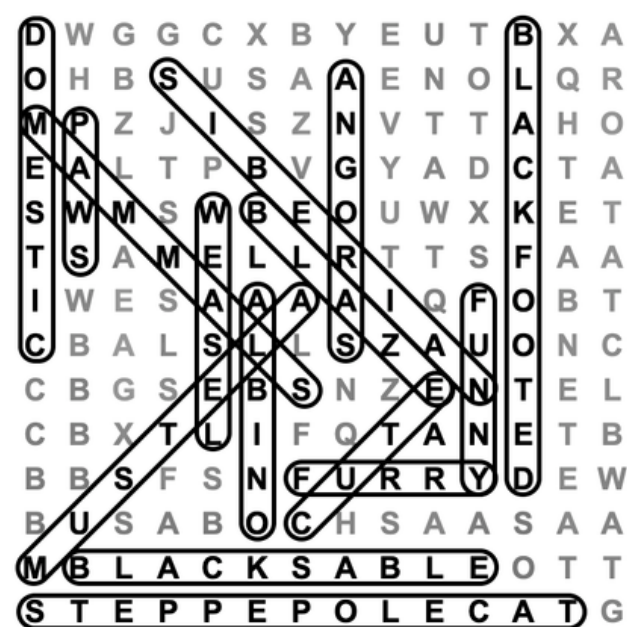
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SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: C.

LOL, or lol, is an initialism for laughing out loud and a popular element of Internet slang.

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