

# Daily Delight

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## National Ellis Island Family History Day

Today is a day to celebrate and honor our ancestors who once passed through Ellis Island. The day also serves as an encouragement for people to research the history behind their family names. The holiday was established in 2001 when Ellis Island made its records available online, allowing millions of Americans to research their family history. Ellis Island was originally a place used to hang pirates during the early 19th century, and the first new arrivals at Ellis Island were on New Year's Day in 1892.

Observe this holiday by researching famous immigrants who have come through the "Golden Door" to America, visiting the Statue of Liberty History Center if you are nearby, or searching online for your family using [ellisland.org](https://ellisland.org).



## Today in History



In 1987, Julius Erving became the 3rd NBA and ABA player to score 30,000 points. He won 3 championships, 4 MVP awards, and 3 scoring titles. Erving was inducted into the Nassau County Sports Hall of Fame, and he was honored as one of the league's greatest players of all time.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

### Must Have a Mustache

In 1907, a unique strike in France emerged, where waiters protested not only for better wages and working conditions but also for the right to grow mustaches. During this time, mustaches symbolized masculinity, while clean-shaven faces marked lower-class status. On April 17, around 500 servers walked off the job, gaining support from figures like Socialist Deputy Antide Boyer. After 16 days, the strike concluded without the one day off requested but resulted in fairer pay and the right to mustaches.

## TRIVIA

What do the initials HB on a pencil stand for?

- A** Hard black
- B** Hard border
- C** Hollow border
- D** Hollow black

## TODAY'S FUNNY

What happened to the sardines when they showed up late for work?

*They got canned!*

## TODAY'S WISDOM

*"Always borrow money from a pessimist.*

*They won't expect it back."*

*- Oscar Wilde*

# WORD SEARCH

## SCRABBLE

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

HASBRO  
CHALLENGE  
CROSSWORDS  
DICTIONARY  
DOUBLE DOUBLE

DOUBLE LETTER  
ENDGAME  
GAME  
GRID  
PASS

POINTS  
SCORE  
TILES  
TRIPLE LETTER  
WORDS

# 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.

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

7	9					2		
	4		2	6				
				5	4	1	6	
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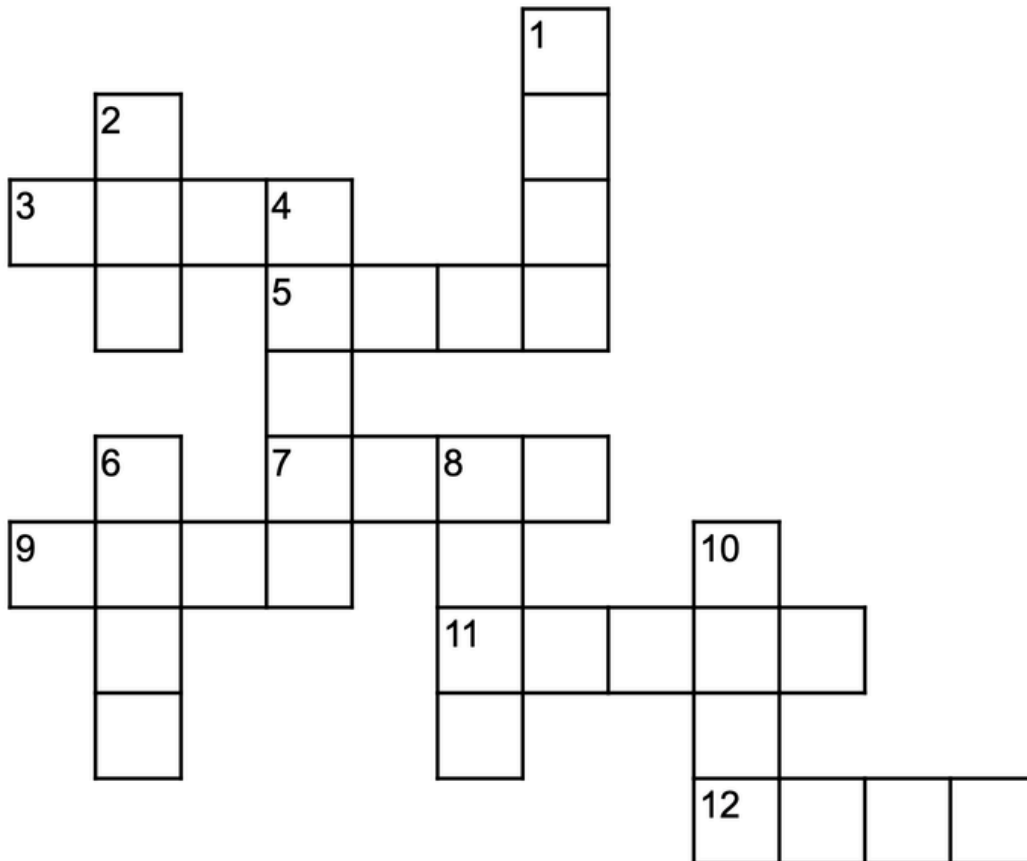
## Helpful Tip:

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:

**PAPIER MACHE**



## Down

- 1. Wealthy, elite
- 2. Pig, lunch meat
- 4. Unity, together
- 6. Couple, set
- 8. Small rodent
- 10. Strand, locks

## Across

- 3. Slope
- 5. Individual
- 7. Tent, base
- 9. Female horse
- 11. Low-cost
- 12. Marathon

# CRYPTOGRAM

Each number stands for a letter. The correlating number for 3 of the letters has been provided as a starting point. Find the numbers in the puzzle and write the assigned letter. Single letters and word length are all hints. Be sure to keep track of what numbers are used for each letter to decode the message!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
12							2					

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1												

8	14	21	16		14	23		20	2	12	15
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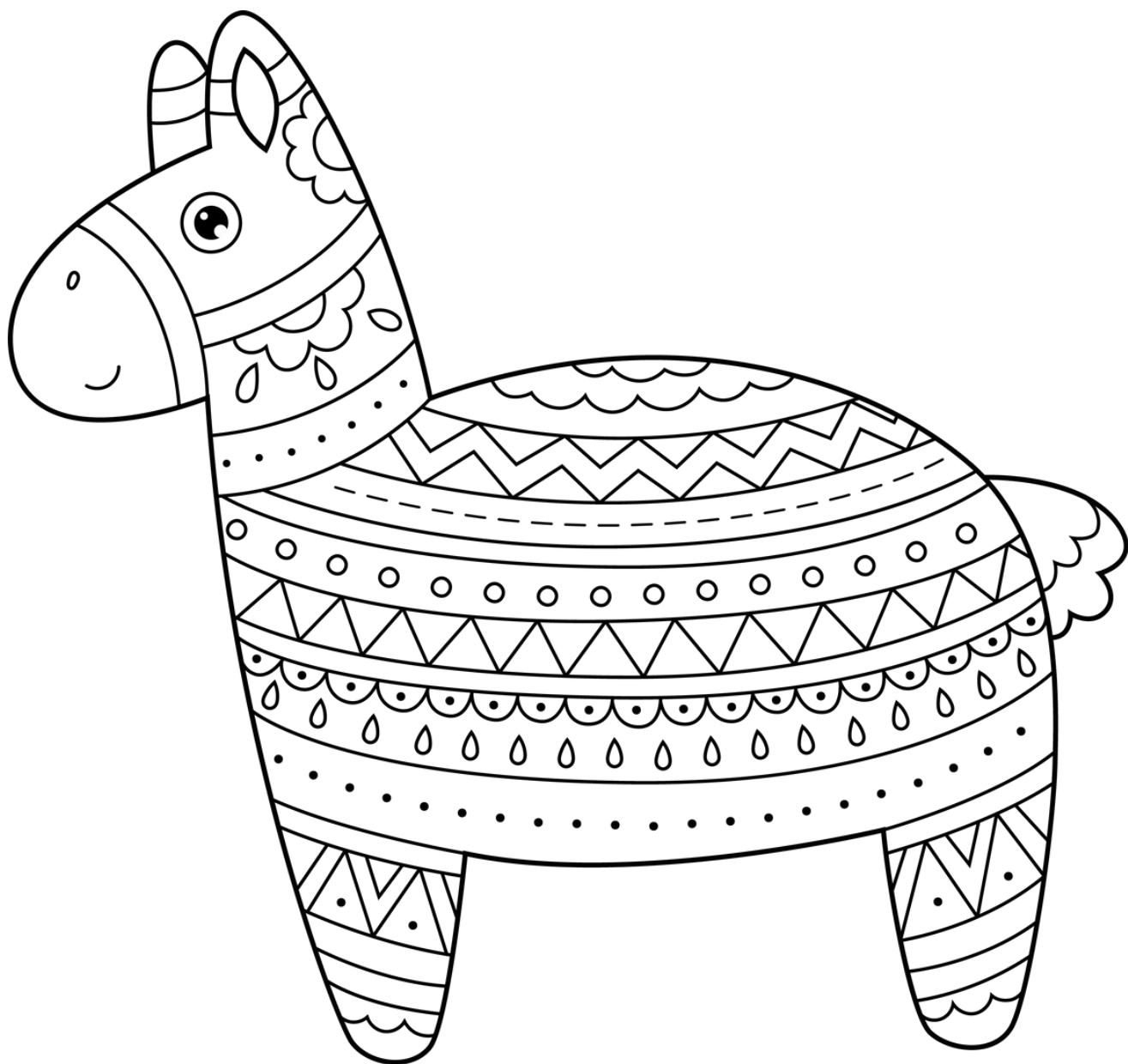
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7	22	3	25	16		11	3	23	7
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18	12	17	14	1	9		22	15	2	16	25
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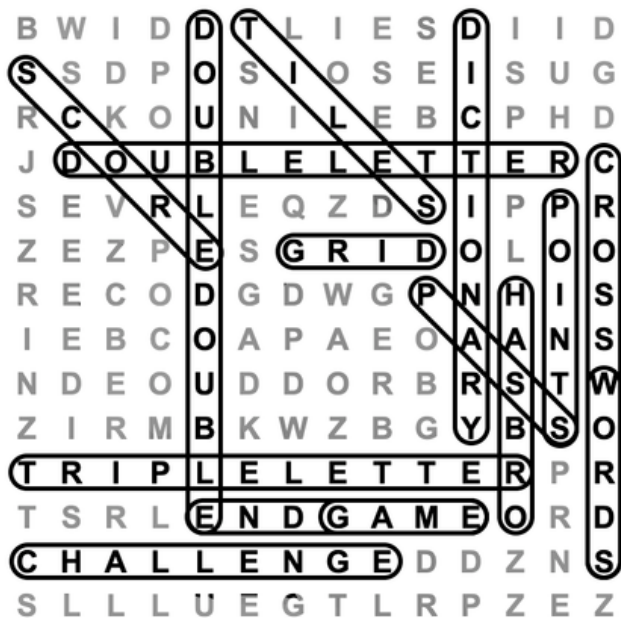
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# SOLUTIONS

## Trivia Answer: B.

The degrees of hardness of pencils are roughly divided into four groups: B stands for "black". These pencils are soft. H stands for "hard". HB stands for "hard black", which means "medium hard".



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

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

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
12	11	5	4	16	21	9	2	14	19	17	8	18

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	22	13	10	25	23	15	3	6	20	24	7	26

L	I	F	E	I	S	W	H	A	T
8	14	21	16	14	23	20	2	12	15

H	A	P	P	E	N	S	W	H	E	N
2	12	13	13	16	1	23	20	2	16	1

Y	O	U	R	E	B	U	S	Y
7	22	3	25	16	11	3	23	7

M	A	K	I	N	G	O	T	H	E	R
18	12	17	14	1	9	22	15	2	16	25

P	L	A	N	S
13	8	12	1	23

