

Daily Delight

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International Mahjong Day

Break out the Mahjong game board and tiles. The game of Mahjong originated in Shanghai, China. Mahjong is played by millions. Many people speculate that Confucius created Mahjong thousands of years ago. Over many centuries, Mahjong became popular in many countries in Asia and arrived in America in the early 1920s. It took the country by storm and quickly became the rage. Mahjong is a four-player game of strategy. There is a solitary version as well. While the original version is Chinese, there are other varieties, most notably Japanese and American. The game has 144 beautifully decorated, domino-like tiles made of ivory or bamboo (newer American game pieces are plastic). There are five categories of tiles: simples, winds, dragons, flowers, and seasons. Let the game begin!



Today in History



In 1911, aviator, journalist, and screenwriter Harriet Quimby became the first American woman to earn an Aero Club of America aviator's certificate. She was also the first woman to fly across the English Channel. Quimby also worked as a theater critic and wrote numerous articles.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Birds of a Feather

Colombia is renowned for its avian diversity, hosting around 1,900 bird species, nearly 20% of the world's total. Its unique species are the critically endangered blue-billed curassow and the rare Cauca guan. As a biodiversity hotspot, Colombia is committed to protecting 30% of its land by 2030, achieving this goal early. Although facing threats like deforestation, the country actively integrates biodiversity protection into various policy initiatives.

TRIVIA

What is the first sport to have been played on the moon?

- A** Football
- B** Golf
- C** Badminton
- D** Darts

TODAY'S FUNNY

What cheese goes around a castle?

moat-zzarella!

TODAY'S WISDOM

"Remember to be gentle with yourself and others. We are all children of chance, and none can say why some fields will blossom while others lay brown beneath the August sun."

- Kent Nerburn, American writer

WORD SEARCH

BLOWING BUBBLES

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

Chewing

Bubble

Gum

Pack

Resin

Wax

Wrigleys

Big Red

Black Jack

Beemans

Chiclets

Dentyne

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.

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

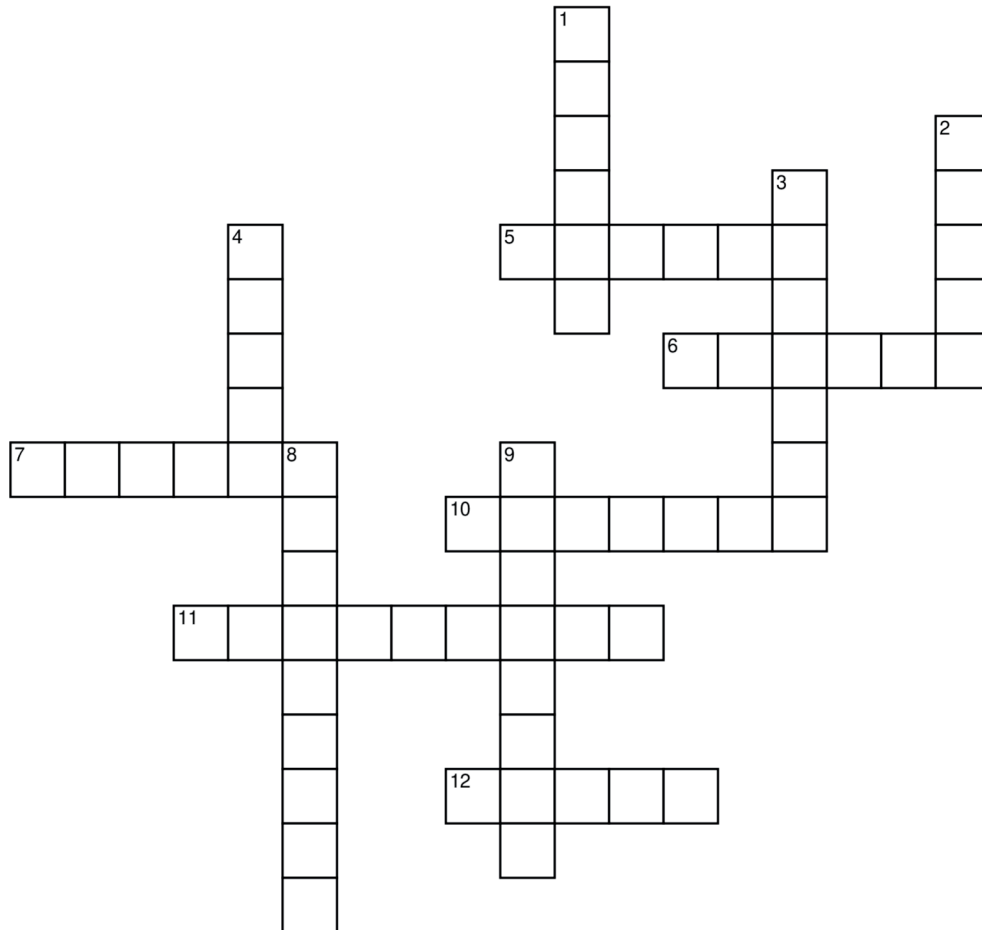
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				8	3		2	5
		5			2			9
	5	7	3		1		8	4
		4	8			9		
		3			4			6

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.

MINI CROSSWORD

Las Vegas



Across

- [5] Home of Area 51
- [6] Liquid refreshments
- [7] Try one's luck
- [10] Namesakes of a salad
- [11] Casino game
- [12] Game with a bluff

Down

- [1] "Going to the ____"
- [2] Big Attractions
- [3] Betting settings
- [4] Rod Taylor 1967 film
- [8] Sword from the stone
- [9] Holiday, getaway

CRYPTOGRAM

Each number stands for a letter. The correlating number for 3 of the letters have 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
—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	—

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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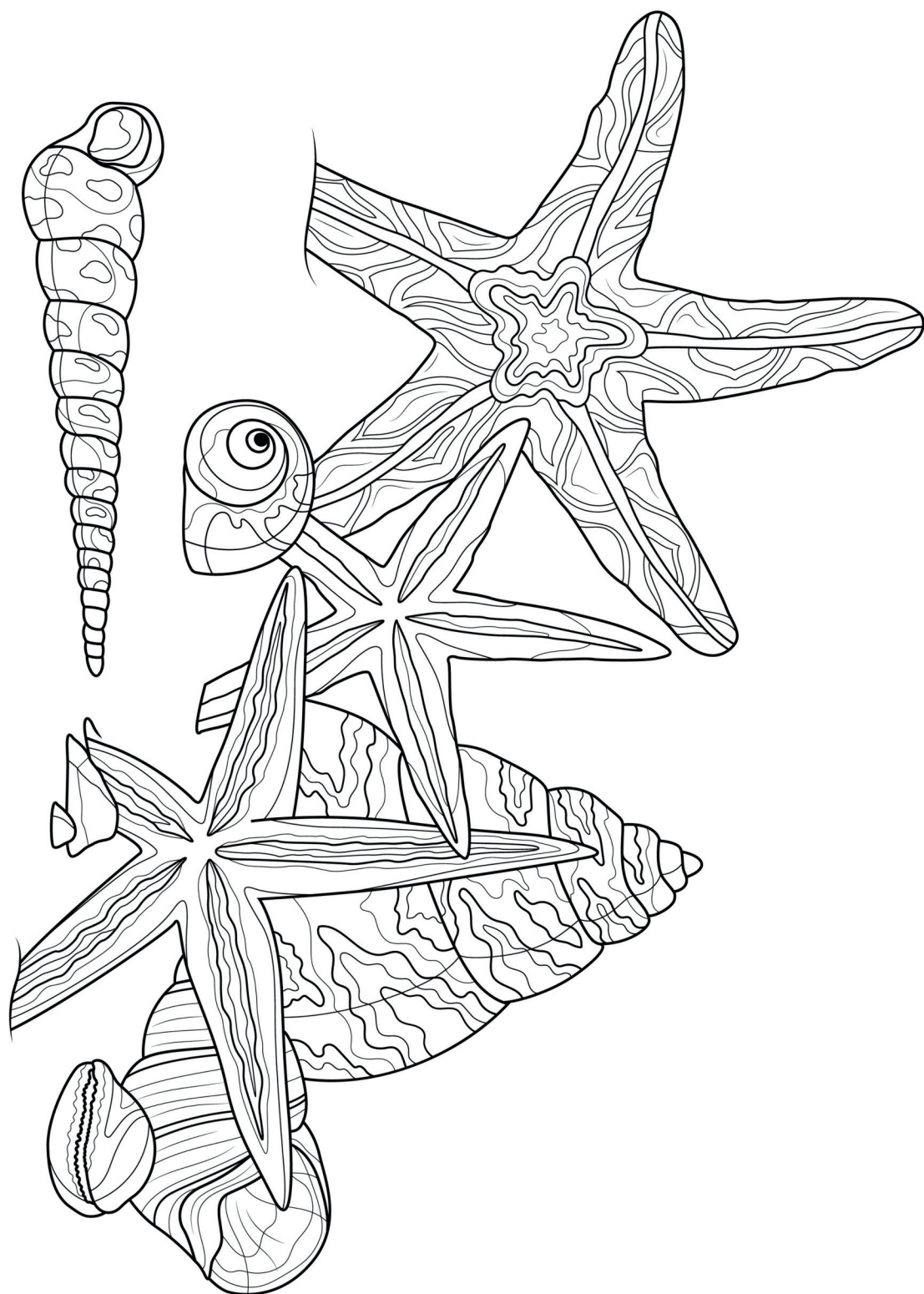
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3	7	23	23	17	26	18	21	14	11	7
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13	11	24	18	8	7	11	21	7	13	7
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26	7	11	26	15	6	8	?	7
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8	14	23	26	19	24	18	11	!
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SOLUTIONS

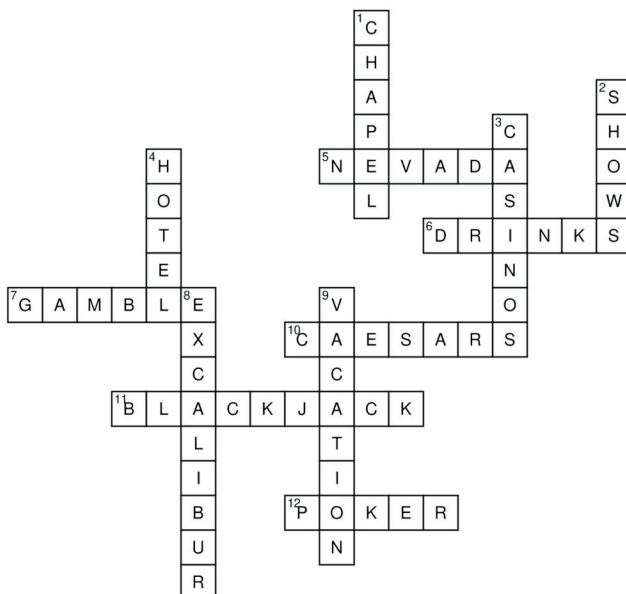
Trivia Answer: B

In 1971, Apollo 14 astronaut Alan Shepard swung a makeshift 6-iron on the moon's surface — and missed the ball. His second swing, however, connected, and the golf ball went flying "miles and miles and miles," as Shepard put it after his swing.

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

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

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



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
7	16	3	19	14	10	5	21	17	12	2	23	8
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
11	24	25	4	15	13	26	6	20	18	9	1	22

W H A T D O Y O U
18 21 7 26 19 24 1 24 6
C A L L I T W H E N A
3 7 23 23 17 26 18 21 14 11 7
S N O W M A N H A S A
13 11 24 18 8 7 11 21 7 13 7
T A N T R U M ? A
26 7 11 26 15 6 8 7
M E L T D O W N !
8 14 23 26 19 24 18 11