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Walk on Stilts Day

Walking on stilts is celebrated every July 27th, and you might be surprised to learn that stilt walking has been around since about the 6th century. These long poles strapped to each leg were originally used for practical purposes like avoiding muddy or uneven ground in ancient Greece, and shepherds in France used them to help them keep watch over their flocks. Before the 15th century, stilts were even used in jousting tournaments in Belgium until they were banned in 1411.

Today, stilts are used in fruit harvesting, construction, parades, festivals, and, of course, the circus. Most recently, in October 2023, the world record for the tallest stilts was broken by Doug Hunt from Ontario, Canada, with a height of 55 feet from ground to ankle. That's just too tall.



Today in History



In 2018, Neil Diamond performed a surprise concert near his home in Colorado to thank firefighters battling the Lake Christine Fire. Selling more than 130 million records worldwide, he was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1984 and then the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2011.

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DID YOU KNOW? Water of Life

The word 'whisky' comes from the Gaelic term 'uisge beatha', meaning 'water of life'. Gaelic is the Celtic language spoken in Scotland's Highlands. Whisky has a long history of distillation in Scotland, dating back hundreds of years. While some suggest that Christian missionary monks introduced distilling techniques, it remains unproven whether Highland farmers independently developed the art of producing spirits from excess barley.

TRIVIA

What was the Eiffel Tower originally built for in 1889?



Monument to Napoleon

TODAY'S FUNNY

What's a feline's favorite novel?

The Great Catsby

TODAY'S WISDOM

"Blessed is he who has learned to admire but not envy, to follow but not imitate, to praise but not flatter, and to lead but not manipulate." - William Arthur Ward

WORD SEARCH

Watermelon!

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Pink	Refreshing	Rind
Summertime	Treat	Vines

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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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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

U.S. Authors



Across

[2] "The Catcher in the Rye" author

[4] "Moby Dick" author

[7] "The Scarlet Letter" author

[9] Harper, of literature

[10] Pulitzer Prize novelist Toni

[12] "In Cold Blood" author

Down

- [1] Southern Literary Giant
- [3] Poet Langston
- [5] "Samuel Clemens' pen name
- [6] Classic sci-fi author

[8] Coiner of the phrase "Beat Generation"

[11] Master of the macabre

MAZE





SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: C

The Eiffel Tower was originally built as the entrance to the 1889 World's Fair in Paris, also known as the Exposition Universelle.

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