

Daily Delight

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Serendipity Day

You didn't stumble onto this holiday by accident. It wasn't a fluke or a stroke of dumb luck that brought you here. Whether you realize it or not, it was a moment of serendipity, which makes sense because today is Serendipity Day.

The word "serendipity" was coined by Horace Walpole in 1754, inspired by the Persian fairy tale The Three Princes of Serendip. According to Merriam-Webster, serendipity is "the faculty or phenomenon of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for."

Best of all, serendipity can happen any day of your life. Think of it as a blessing in disguise. On this August 18 holiday, keep your eyes open. You never know what unexpected joys might come your way.



Today in History



In 1956, "Hound Dog" and "Don't Be Cruel" by Elvis Presley reached #1 on the charts and stayed there for 11 weeks. Referred to as the "King of Rock and Roll", he was also an actor, making his film debut in "Love Me Tender" in 1958. Elvis relaunched his recording career 2 years later.

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DID YOU KNOW? Sounds before the Samurai were Abolished

The first sound recording predates the abolition of the samurai in Japan. While samurai symbolize a feudal past, sound recording emerged as a modern innovation. U.S. Navy Commodore Matthew C. Perry's arrival in 1853 marked the beginning of the end for the samurai, culminating in the Meiji Restoration. Although Thomas Edison's 1877 recording of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" is famous, French inventor Édouard-Léon Scott de Martinville made earlier recordings in the 1860s.

TRIVIA

How much are thoughts worth, according to a popular idiom?

- A** A dollar
- B** A penny
- C** Two cents
- D** A dime

TODAY'S FUNNY

Why did the coach go to the bank?

To get his quarterback.

TODAY'S WISDOM

*"As we work to create light for others,
we naturally light our own way."*

- Mary Anne Radmacher

WORD SEARCH

BALD IS BEAUTIFUL



Hairless

Bald

Striking

Smooth

Scalp

Bareness

Alopecia

Naked

Clean

Shiny

Shaven

Polished

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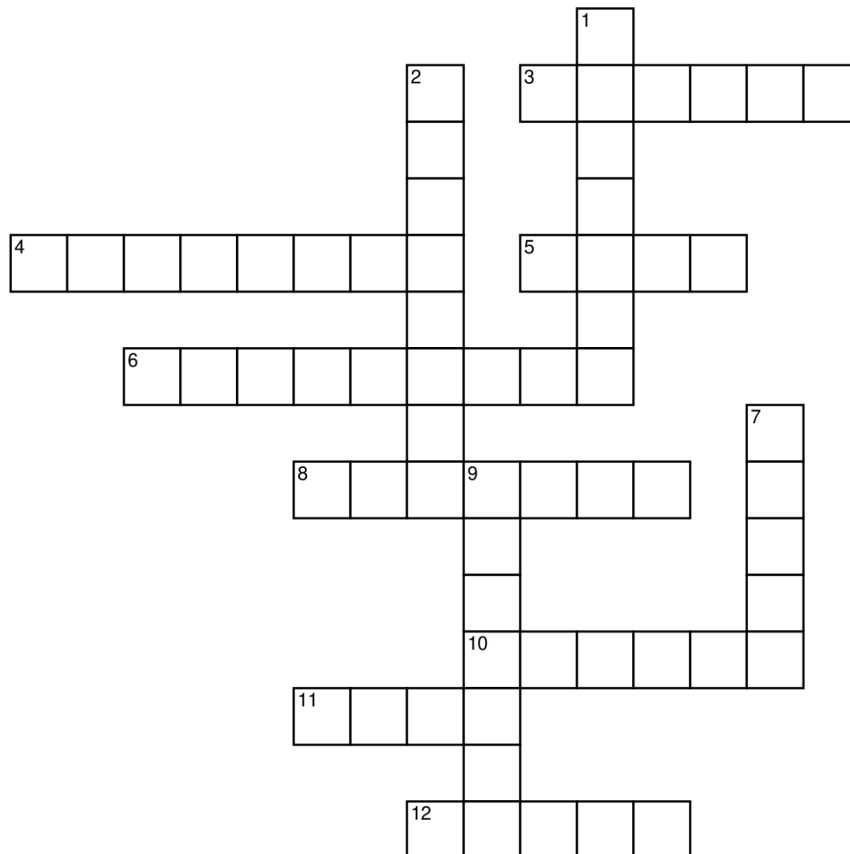
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		5						1
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			9	3	5	6	7	

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

Leather Things



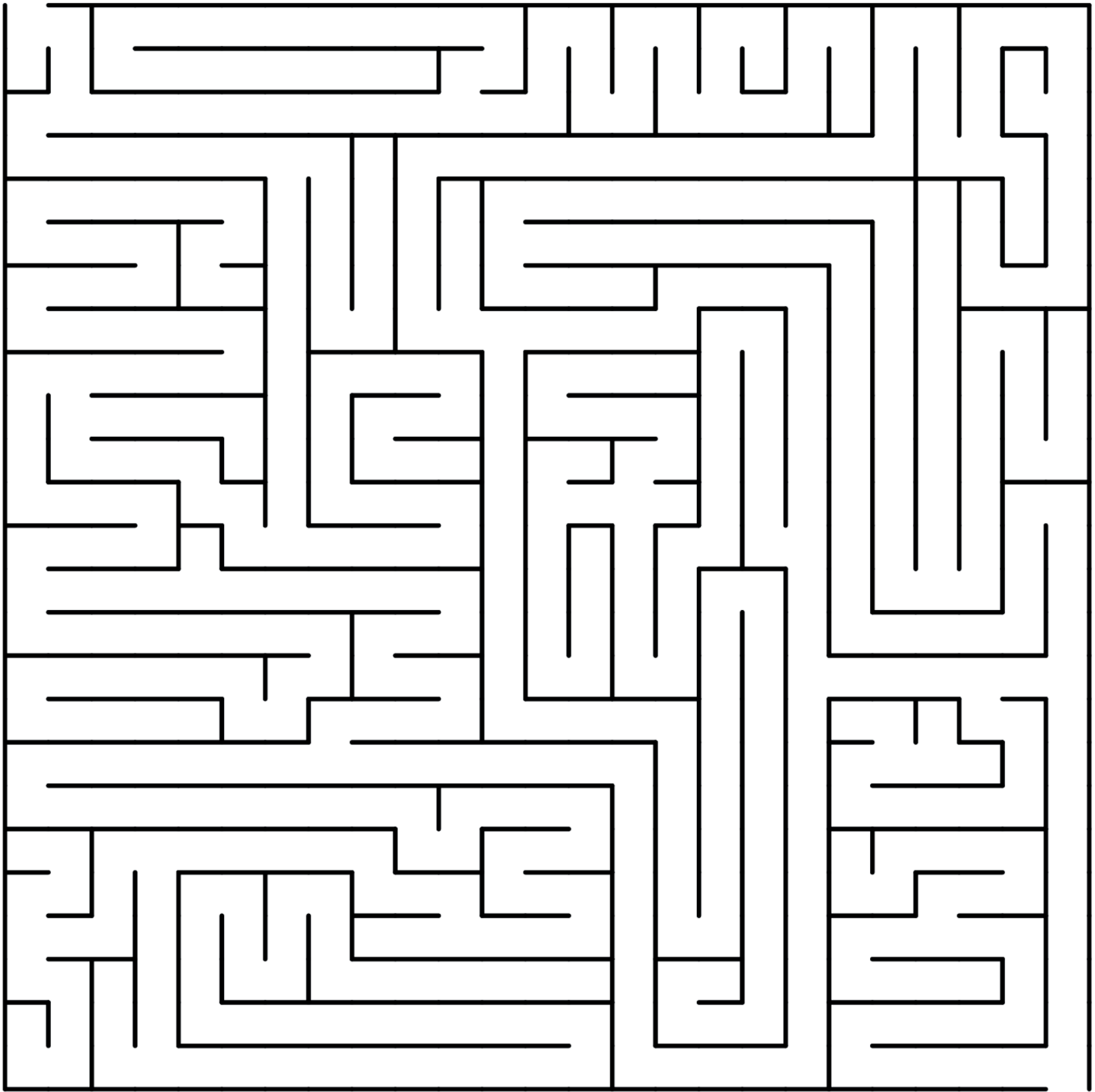
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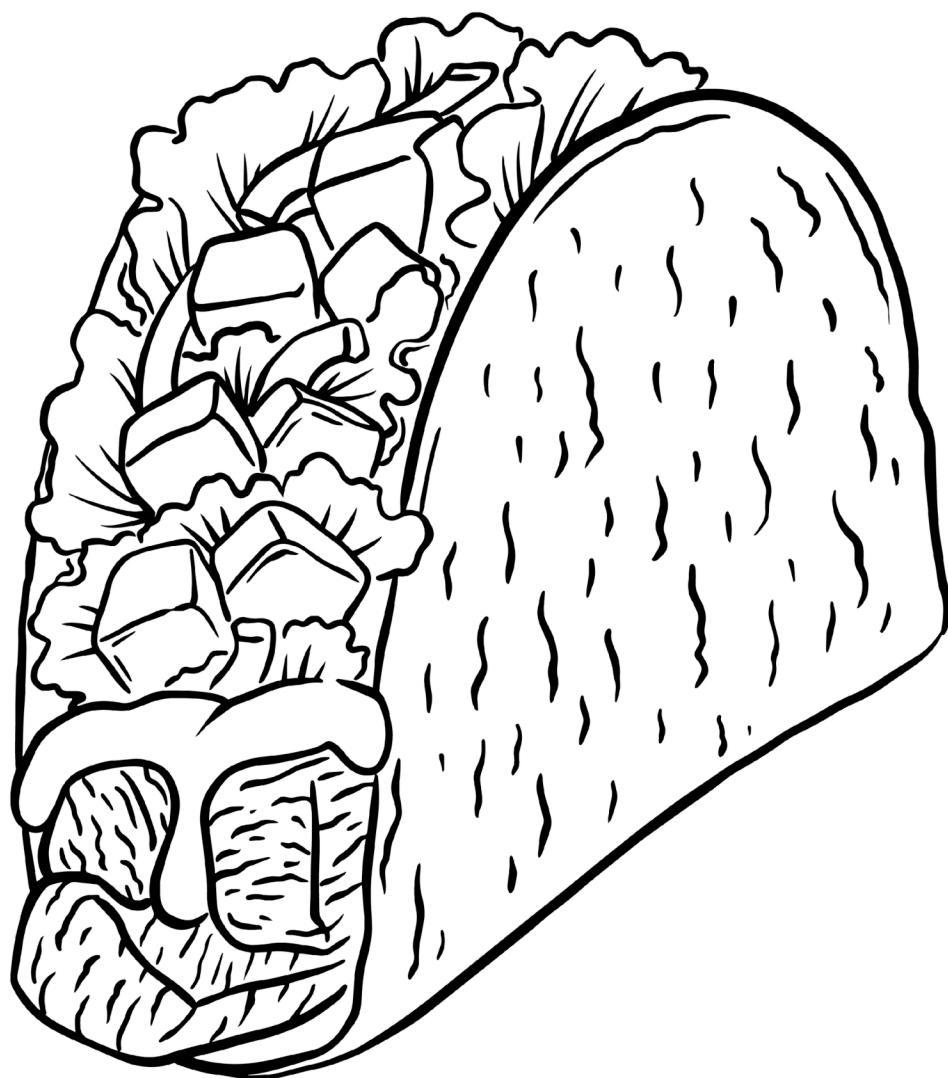
- [3] Tack room item
- [4] "Home Improvement" prop
- [5] Suspenders alternative
- [6] For your door opener
- [8] Money holders
- [10] Boxer's gear
- [11] Parlor piece
- [12] Dog lead

Down

- [1] Short coat
- [2] Pigskin
- [7] Ants in them
- [9] Suitcase

MAZE





SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: B

“A penny for your thoughts” is a quaint way of prompting someone lost in thought to share what’s playing on their mind. Sir Thomas More is attributed with the phrase’s initial usage in 1522.



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