

Daily Delight

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National Roller Coaster Day

Life is like a roller coaster, full of ups and downs. Sometimes it's a little scary and intimidating, but it's also incredibly exciting. It's late summer, and today is National Roller Coaster Day. Let's not let this beautiful day pass without recognizing one of the great thrills of summertime. This date marks the anniversary of the first patent issued for a roller coaster ride.

Some people love roller coasters, while others can't stand them it might have something to do with brain chemistry. Those with higher dopamine levels often enjoy sensation-seeking experiences.

By the way, the world's longest roller coaster is The Beast at Kings Island, stretching about a mile and a third. And the tallest? That's "Kingda Ka" at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey.



Today in History



In 2018, according to *Forbes*, Scarlett Johansson became the best-paid actress of the year after earning \$40.5 million and has been featured multiple times on the *Forbes* Celebrity 100 list. In 2021 and 2025, she was named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by *Time*.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Ackee

The Ackee tree, native to West Africa, produces a fruit that is both delicious and potentially dangerous. The fruit resembles a peach, containing three white arils and a black seed. Unripe ackee can cause poisoning, so caution is necessary. In Jamaica, ackee is cherished, especially in the national dish, ackee and saltfish, where the boiled fruit resembles scrambled eggs and is served with fried saltfish and various garnishes.

TRIVIA

What does a lexicographer work on?

- A** Music
- B** Paintings
- C** Buildings
- D** Dictionaries

TODAY'S FUNNY

Why do bees have sticky hair?

Because they use a honeycomb.

TODAY'S WISDOM

*"Perplexity is the beginning of knowledge."
- Khalil Gibran*

WORD SEARCH

NATURAL & BEAUTIFUL



Afros

Natural

Hairstyle

Curls

Pride

Stigma

Biases

Culture

Beauty

Standards

Empowerment

Textured

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.

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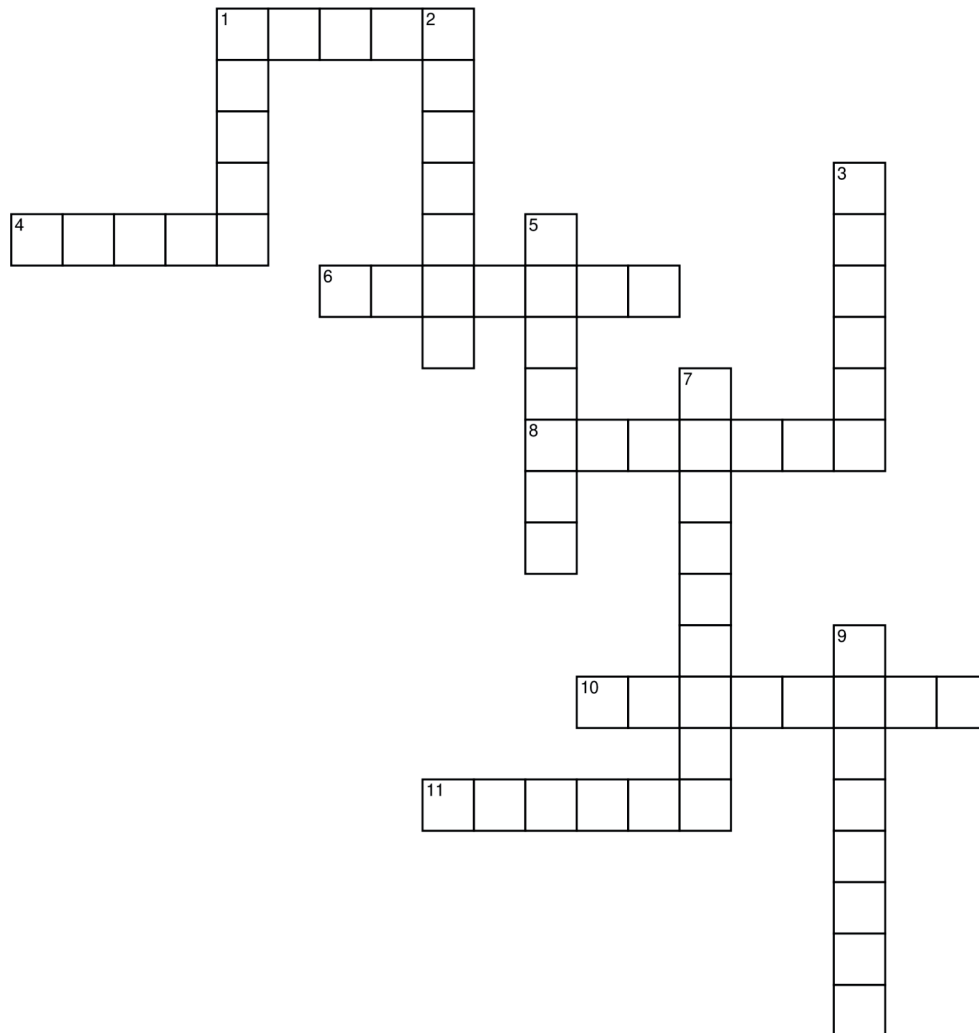
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Helpful Tip:

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.

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All About the Netherlands



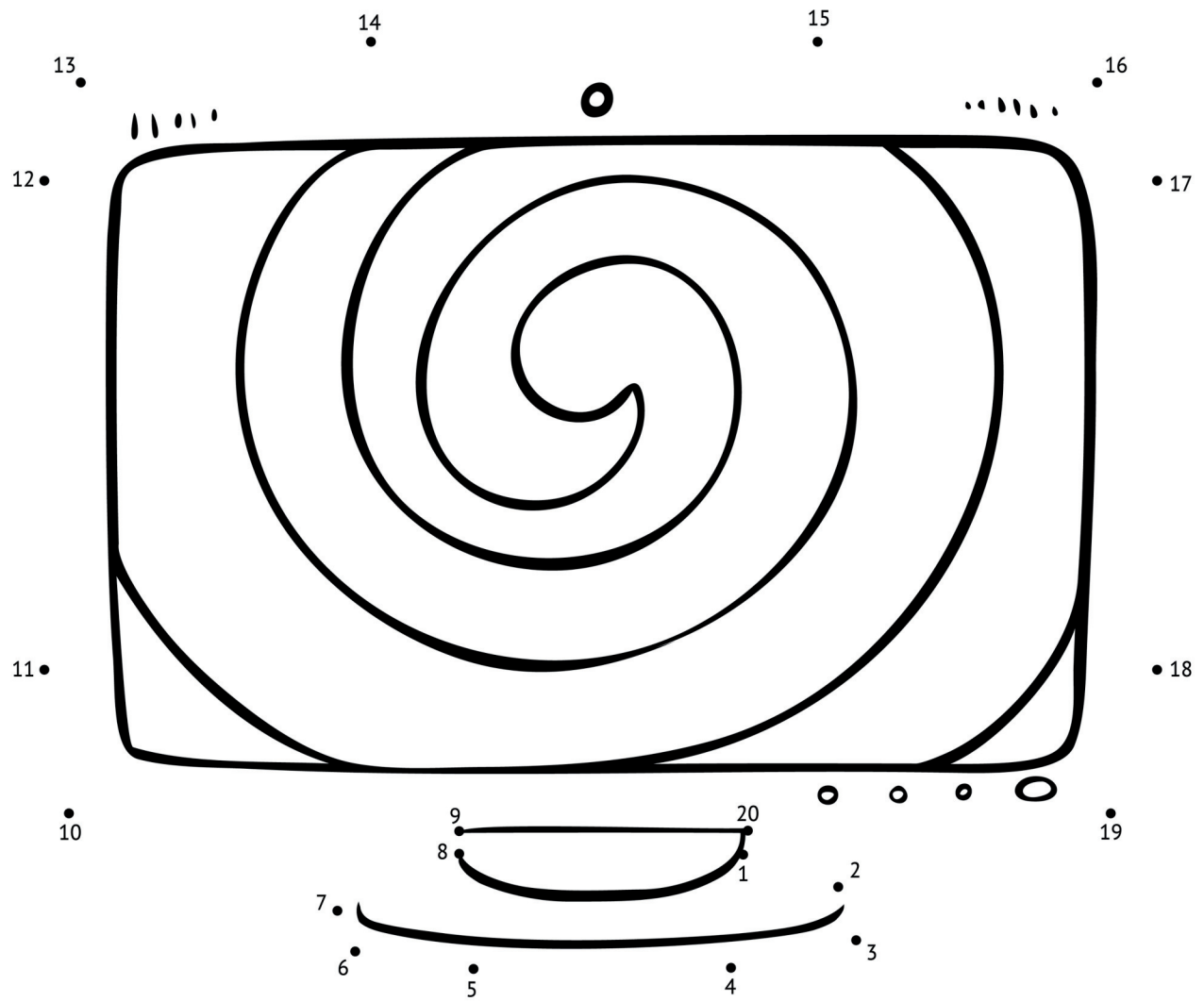
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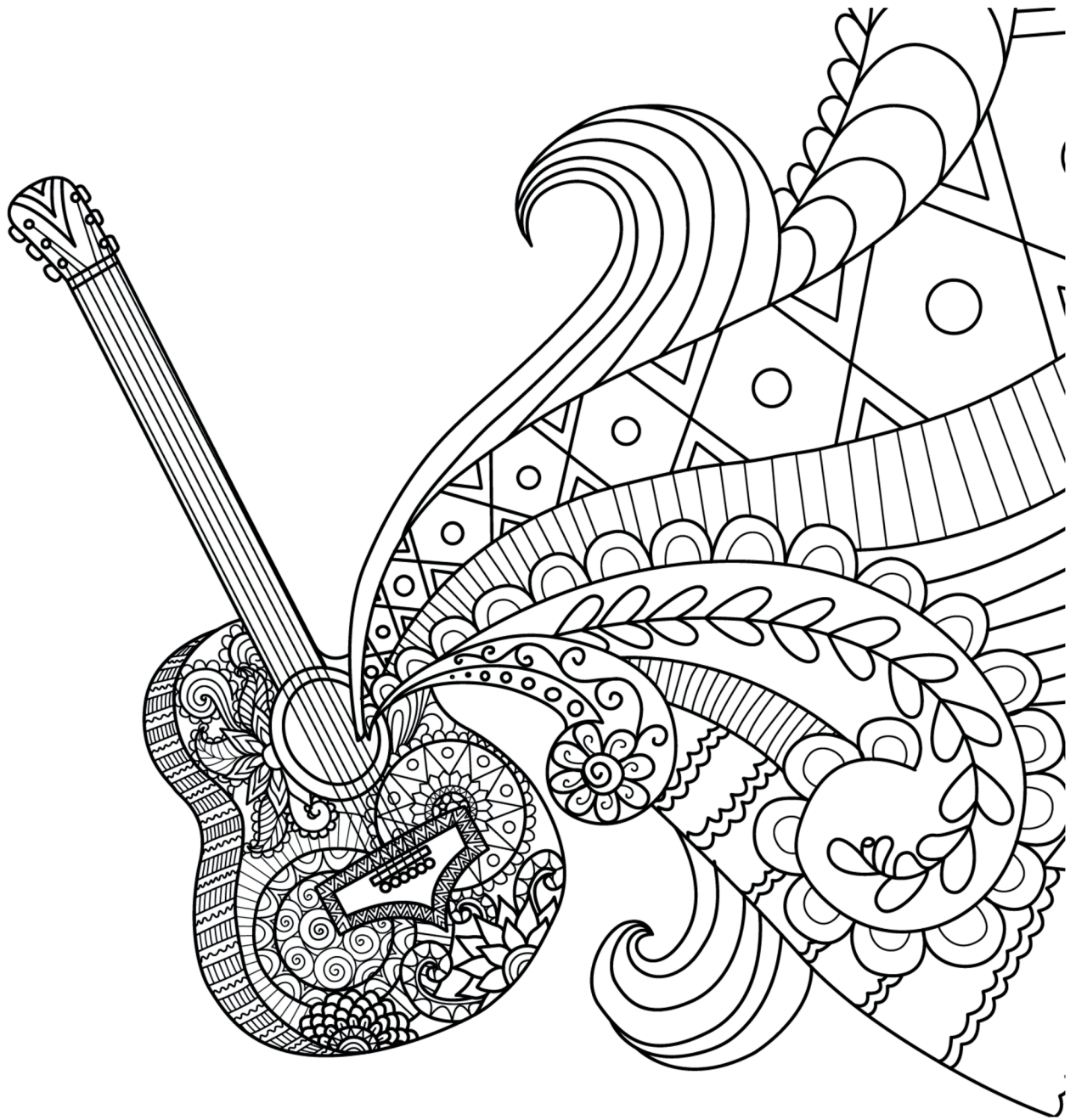
- [1] Pres. Reagan's Nickname
- [4] Wooden shoes
- [6] "The Potato Eaters" painter
- [8] Night lights
- [10] Polder, Grist, or Saw e.g.
- [11] Gouda and Edam e.g.

Down

- [1] Flood stoppers
- [2] Eat like sardines
- [3] Five points
- [5] Lava source
- [7] Indulgence
- [9] Popular way to travel

Connect the Dots





SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: D

Lexicographers monitor and record developments in the English language to write, compile, and edit both online and printed dictionaries.

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

N X R R O N A V E X E Z V Z K C R W
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L J T E S T A N D A R D S A R L V Y
A Z Q R V F Y V S O J O Q X F T U T
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