

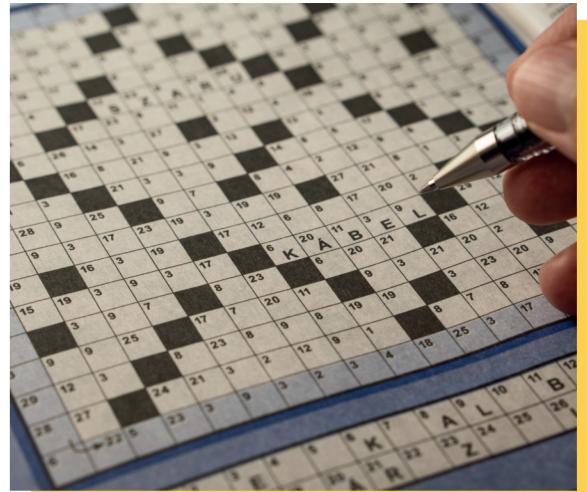
# Daily Delight

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## Crossword Puzzle Day

What is a nine-letter word for a type of puzzle that was created and published on this day in 1913? If you said “crossword,” you’re correct! Today is Crossword Puzzle Day, and it’s a celebration of the popular puzzle that took the world by storm over a hundred years ago! First published in the New York World newspaper, Arthur Wynne is credited with creating the modern crossword puzzle, which has become so popular over time that competitions are regularly held to see who is the fastest to complete them!

Crossword puzzles are great for one’s memory and mental health, as well as for learning new words and facts, so track one down and try to complete one today!



## Today in History



In 1968, Frank Borman, Jim Lovell, and William Anders were aboard Apollo 8, the first manned moon voyage. Borman was the commander of Apollo 8. The 3 astronauts orbited the moon ten times during the six-day mission. Borman became an executive at Eastern Airlines in 1970.



## DID YOU KNOW?

### A Story of Common Scents

Did you know that Grasse, France, the world's sweet-smelling perfume capital, once had a much less pleasant aroma? For centuries, it was a center for leather tanning, filled with the pungent smell of animal hides. In the 1700s, local glove makers began perfuming their wares with local flowers, such as jasmine and rose. When the leather industry declined, the town wisely pivoted, transforming its fragrant fields into a world-renowned, UNESCO-recognized cultural heritage site.

## TRIVIA

What rabbit appeared in many books in the 70s, as well as having a range of stationery and toys?

**A** Bugs Bunny

**B** Roger Rabbit

**C** Little Grey Rabbit

**D** Miffy

## TODAY'S FUNNY

What do you call a penguin in the Sahara Desert?

*Lost!*

## TODAY'S WISDOM

*"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"*

- Bob Hope

# WORD SEARCH

## Christmas Decorations

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

Tree

Ornaments

Tinsel

Garlands

Nutcrackers

Snowman

Santas

Snow

Lights

Reindeer

Presents

Ribbon

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

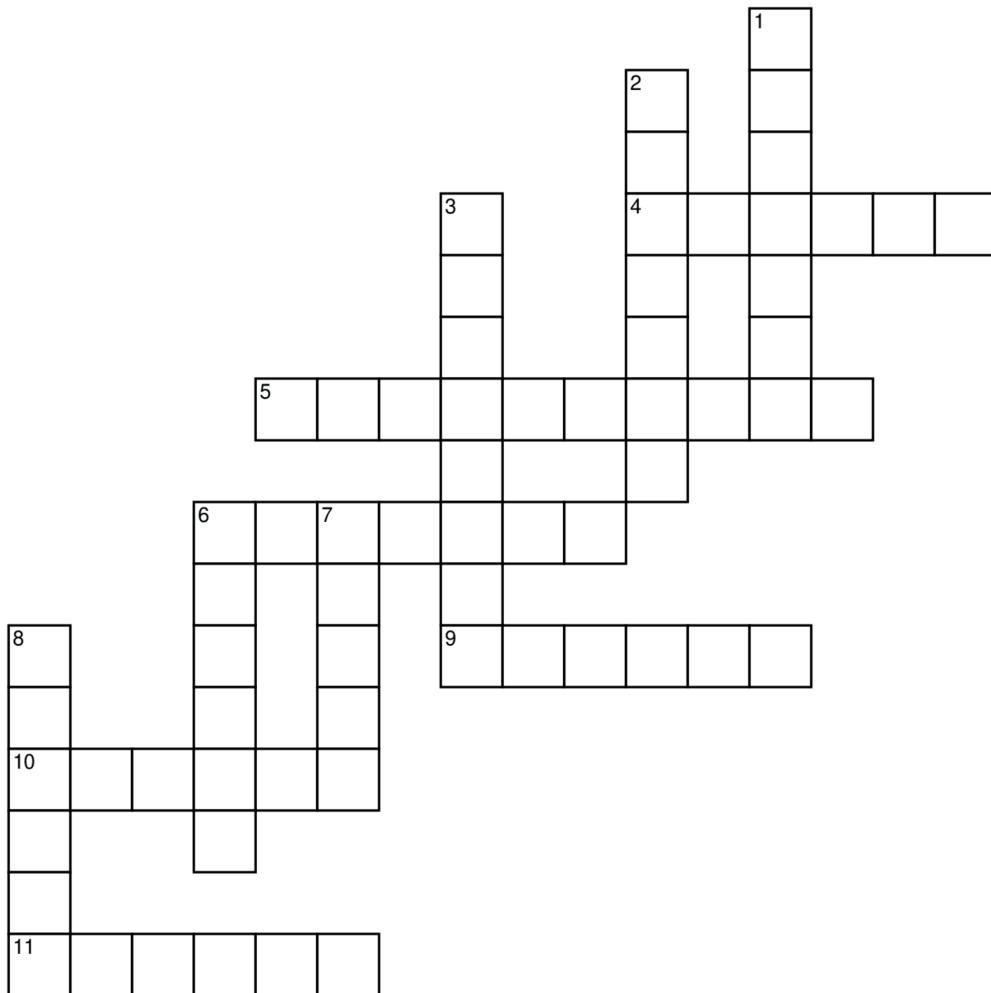
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			6	2	3		8	5
6		3		8	5		9	
4			9	6	1		3	
		9			4	1		6
1	6	5		2	9			
	6	4	2		8		1	9
2	1	3		6				7
3	5			9	7	6		

## 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.

# CROSSWORD

## Things You Replace



### Across

- [4] Inner coverings
- [5] Oral hygiene tool
- [6] Energy source
- [9] Cooking seasonings
- [10] Window cleaners
- [11] Bed coverings

### Down

- [1] Absorbent cleaners
- [2] Purifiers
- [3] Place for slumber
- [6] Slowing mechanisms
- [7] Vehicle's rollers
- [8] Drying cloths

## Test Your Knowledge

**Solve the questions below to test your knowledge and give your brain a workout!**

Who holds the record for most missed field goals in a regular-season game?

- A. Shaquille O'Neal
- B. LeBron James
- C. Joe Fulks

What is the third phase of the moon?

- A. First-quarter
- B. Full Moon
- C. Waxing crescent

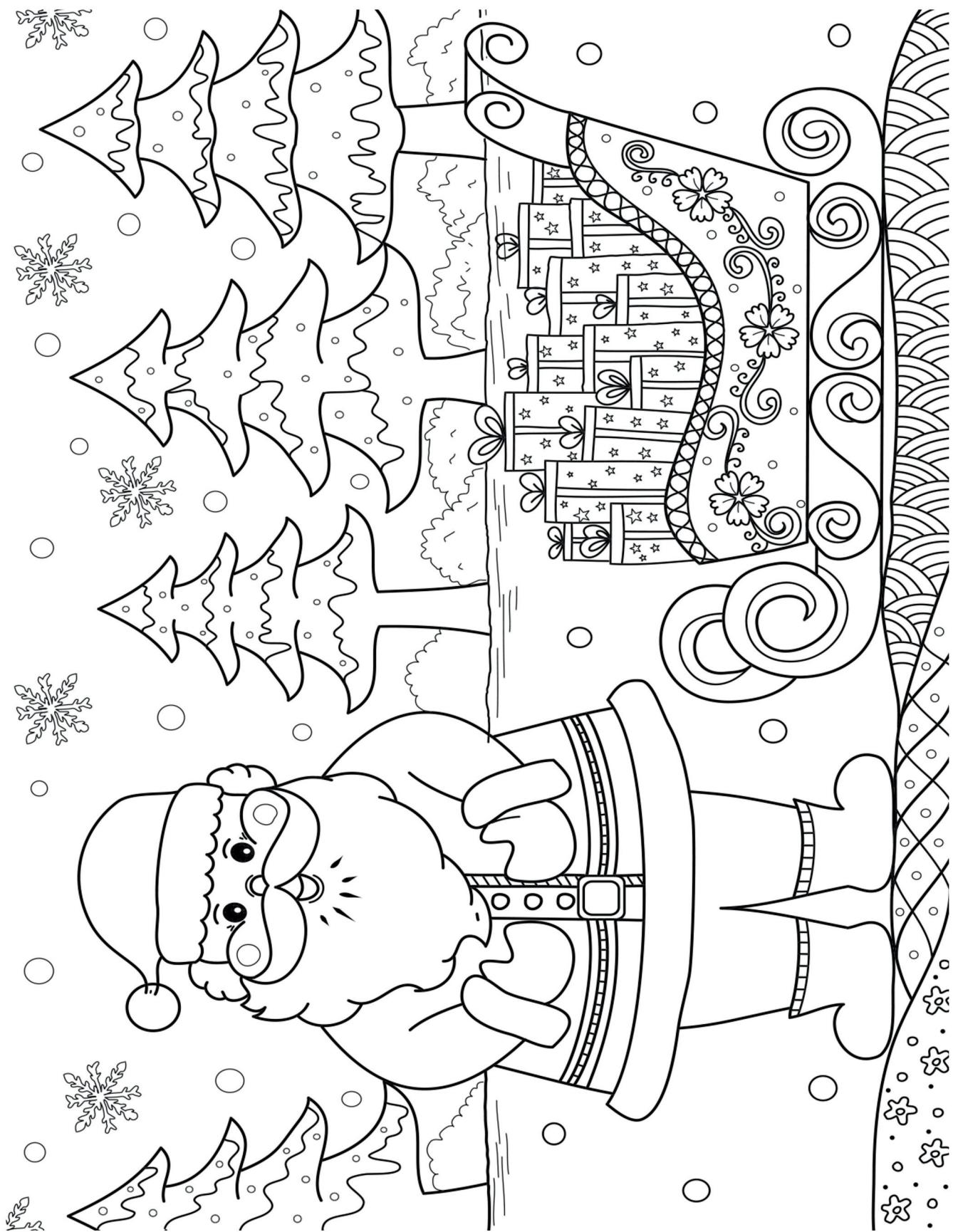
Solve the math problems:

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 64 \\ + 13 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 87 \\ - 63 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 256 \\ \div 32 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



# SOLUTIONS

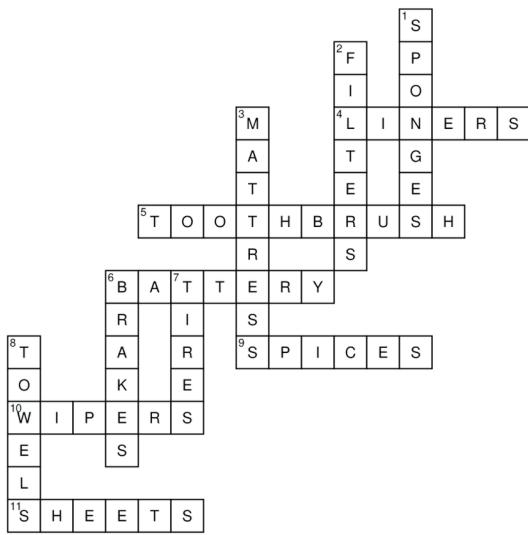
## Trivia Answer: D

Miffy was created in 1955 by Dutch author Dick Bruna, but was especially popular through the 60s and 70s.



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

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



## Answer:

**Answer:**  
A. First-quarter

$$\begin{array}{r}
 9 \\
 \times 3 \\
 \hline
 27
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{r}
 64 \\
 + 13 \\
 \hline
 77
 \end{array}$$

**Answer:**  
Cabbage Patch Kids.

There were stories of violence at locations selling the Cabbage Patch dolls, and people going to extreme lengths to acquire them.