

Daily Delight

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National Get a Different Name Day

Do you like your name?

Have you ever wished you had a different name but didn't want to take the time and effort to change it? If so, today is the day you've been waiting for! Get a Different Name Day was created by Ruth and Tom Roy as a fun holiday for those of us who have never liked or perhaps even despise the name our parents gave us at birth. One of the earliest and most famous examples of someone who decided they wanted a different name is found in the Bible, where Abram changed his name to Abraham. For those who don't want to change their name permanently, today is a great day to temporarily choose to be called whatever you like. Have fun!



Today in History



In 1974, James “Cool Papa” Bell was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. He was known for his speed and as a base-stealer, presuming to have stolen 175 bases in a 200-game season. Bell ranked 66th on a list of the greatest baseball players published by The Sporting News.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Why "Sweet" Potato

Sweet potatoes were cultivated before the white (Irish) potato, with records dating to 750 BCE in Peru. By the late 15th century, they were well established in South and Central America when Columbus brought them back to Spain. Europeans initially referred to sweet potatoes as "potatoes," confusing old recipes. It wasn't until after the 1740s that American colonists began using the term "sweet potato" to differentiate them from white potatoes.

TRIVIA

What is a narrow passage of water connecting two bodies of water called?

A Furrow

B Bight

C Strait

D Cove

TODAY'S FUNNY

The guy who fell off the Ferris wheel is at the hospital...

He's in fair condition.

TODAY'S WISDOM

"Music can take you back in time to that place when you first fell in love and really haunt you."

- Taylor Swift

WORD SEARCH

Elements On The Tables



Argon

Barium

Boron

Calcium

Carbon

Cobalt

Copper

Gold

Helium

Iodine

Iron

Nickel

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.

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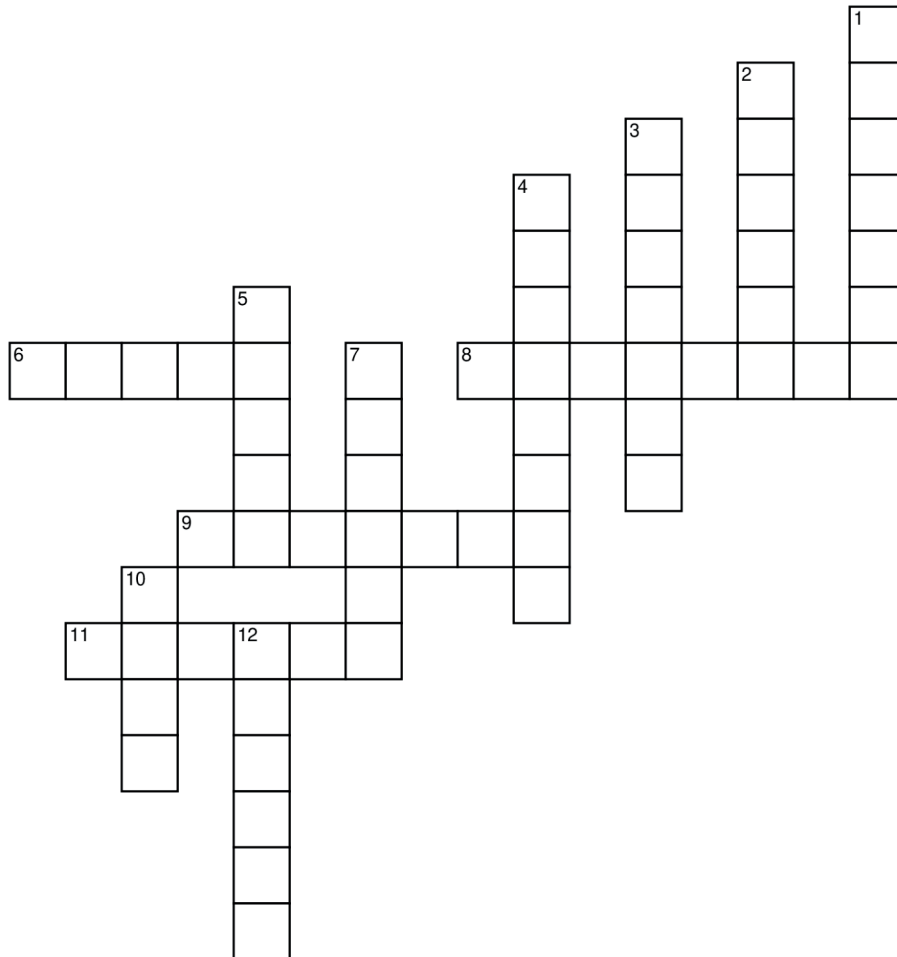
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7		3	6	5				2
	8			6		7		
4	7	5	3					1
2	3	6	5				8	

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

Mythical Creatures Puzzle



Across

- [6] Dragon with multiple heads
- [8] Body of a man, head like a bull
- [9] One-eyed monster
- [11] Giant fire-breathing lizard

Down

- [1] Half man, half horse
- [2] Snake-haired woman
- [3] Magical horse with a horn
- [4] Reptile with lethal look
- [5] Tinker Bell e.g.
- [7] Halloween visitors
- [10] Shrek, e.g.
- [12] Legendary creature of Jewish lore

CRYPTOGRAM

Quotes that are turned into cryptograms usually have repeated or similar words, so search for strings of common characters throughout the puzzle. Once you solve one of the words, substitute as many of the letters as you can in the other word to get a better idea of what it might be.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
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N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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19 _____ 26 _____ 16 _____

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16 3 23 20 21 8 17 16 3 23

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10 8 10 19 13 15 19 3 26 12 3 26

3 25 10 16 3 23 4 18 21 ?



SOLUTIONS

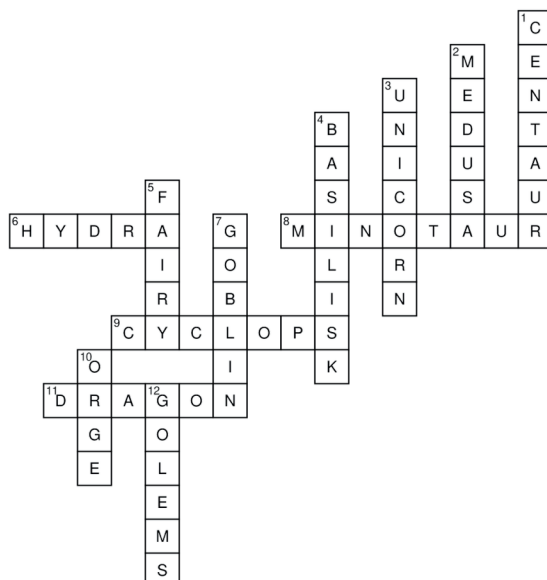
Trivia Answer: C.

Straits typically connect two seas or oceans and are crucial to world trade and transportation. One of the most important straits in the world, the Strait of Gibraltar, connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea.

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F Z H C X N C C N R Z Q F Z J D N K
X Z F C A R B O N B E G E P F E A Z
M W A N P S G P M K H U B C Z D L M
A S T C I R M T F L I F W O Q A U X
L L K Q A P U U E U H P P I G U A G
V C Z B O X I K G V B W F E R N F M
C R M K A C C C O B A L T J E O E R
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J D O Y C H E L I U M A E G C U O M
F H N W E Z D U W M P U P A C Z I G
Z J Q S D S O E V Y W M P S A C B X
R J O L A I W L S J C C O I W D O M
H H J D V X D R N R F P C V Q C Z Z
U C C S O J H U F X G B Z H I Z I K
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9	8	1	2	6	4	7	5	3
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2	3	6	5	1	7	4	8	9



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
4	20	24	10	21	17	2	12	8	22	15	25	7
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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