

Daily Delight

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National Polar Bear Day

Today, we celebrate the world's largest carnivore, the polar bear! A favorite of many at zoos, polar bears are mostly found in the wild in the North Pole region and are native to Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Norway, and Russia, while also being found in Antarctica. Since they live in one of the harshest environments in the world, polar bears have a heavy layer of blubber under their skin to stay warm. They make dens deep in the snow and can smell food from far away. They can grow up to nine feet tall when standing and weigh up to 1,400 pounds! Although you wouldn't think it, polar bears are actually considered marine mammals because they spend a lot of time in the ocean. Celebrate these amazing animals today by learning more about them.



Today in History



In 1984, Olympic sprinter and long jumper Carl Lewis beat the world record for jumping 8.675 meters indoors. Winning nine gold medals and one silver across four Olympic Games, he is one of the most successful Olympians in history, becoming a dominant force in track and field.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Calendar's Great Leap

In 1752, the U.K. transitioned from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar, shortening September to just 19 days by skipping from September 2 to September 14. This change, prompted by the Calendar (New Style) Act of 1750, aimed to correct the Julian calendar's inaccuracies. Despite protests from some, the switch was made without delay. Eastern Orthodox countries like Russia and Greece resisted longer, adopting the Gregorian calendar in 1918 and 1923, respectively, skipping 13 days in the process.

TRIVIA

Which of these punctuation marks is called a caret?

A !

B *

C ^

D /

TODAY'S FUNNY

How does dry skin affect you at work?

You don't have any elbow grease to put into it.

TODAY'S WISDOM

"The game isn't over till the clock says zero."

- Paul Pierce

WORD SEARCH

Names That Start With R

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

Rachel

Ralph

Randy

Raul

Raven

Reese

Reeves

Regina

Reid

Rene

Rex

Rhea

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

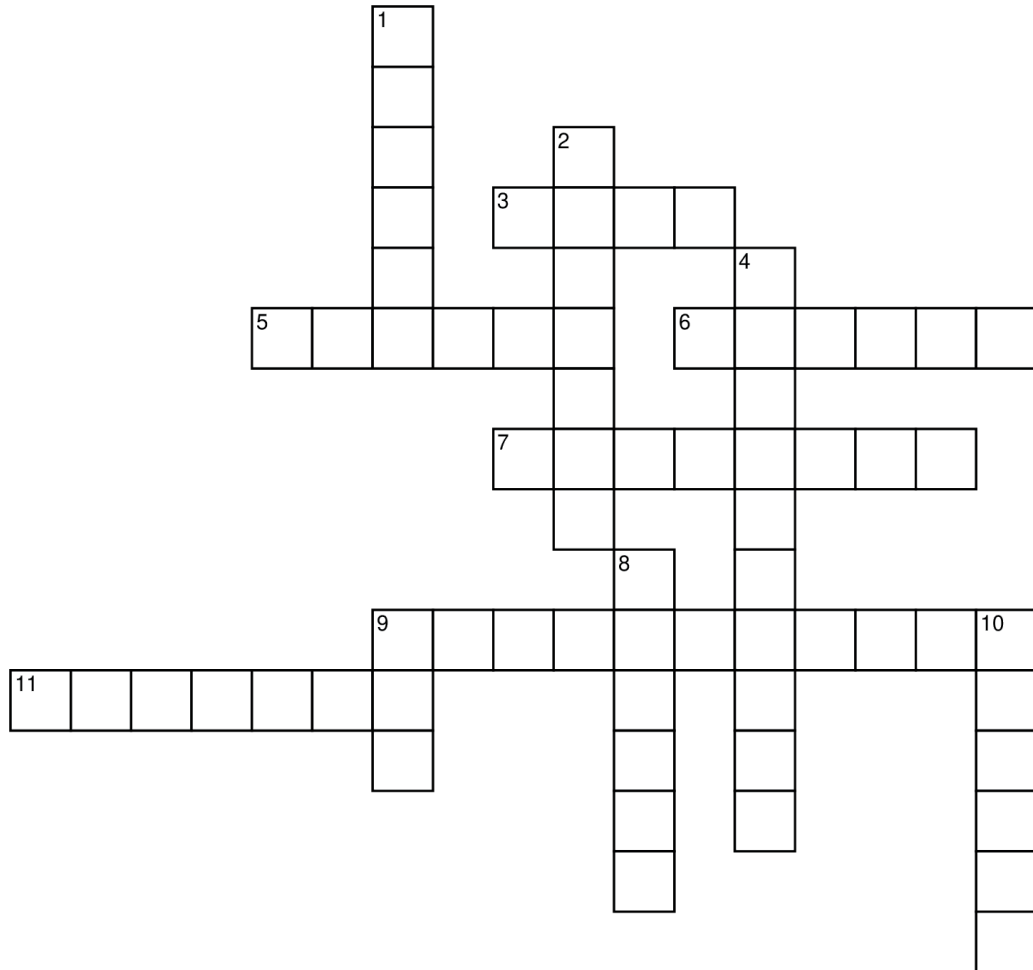
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1	6		8			3		
	4	2				6	8	
			2		7			
		7	5	4	3			
5	9			6				3
							5	1
	2				6	4		9
9		3		8	1		7	

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

Famous Art Movements



Across

- [3] Rejected logic and reason
- [5] Lavishly ornate
- [6] Picasso's movement
- [7] Celebrated technology
- [9] Art with dots
- [11] Chrysler building style

Down

- [1] Art of the Middle Ages
- [2] Dramatic movement; Rembrandt
- [4] Dali's style
- [8] Graffiti e.g.
- [9] 60s art movement
- [10] Post impressionist

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

— — — — — 14 — — — — —

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

— — — — — 25 — — — — — 5 — — — — —

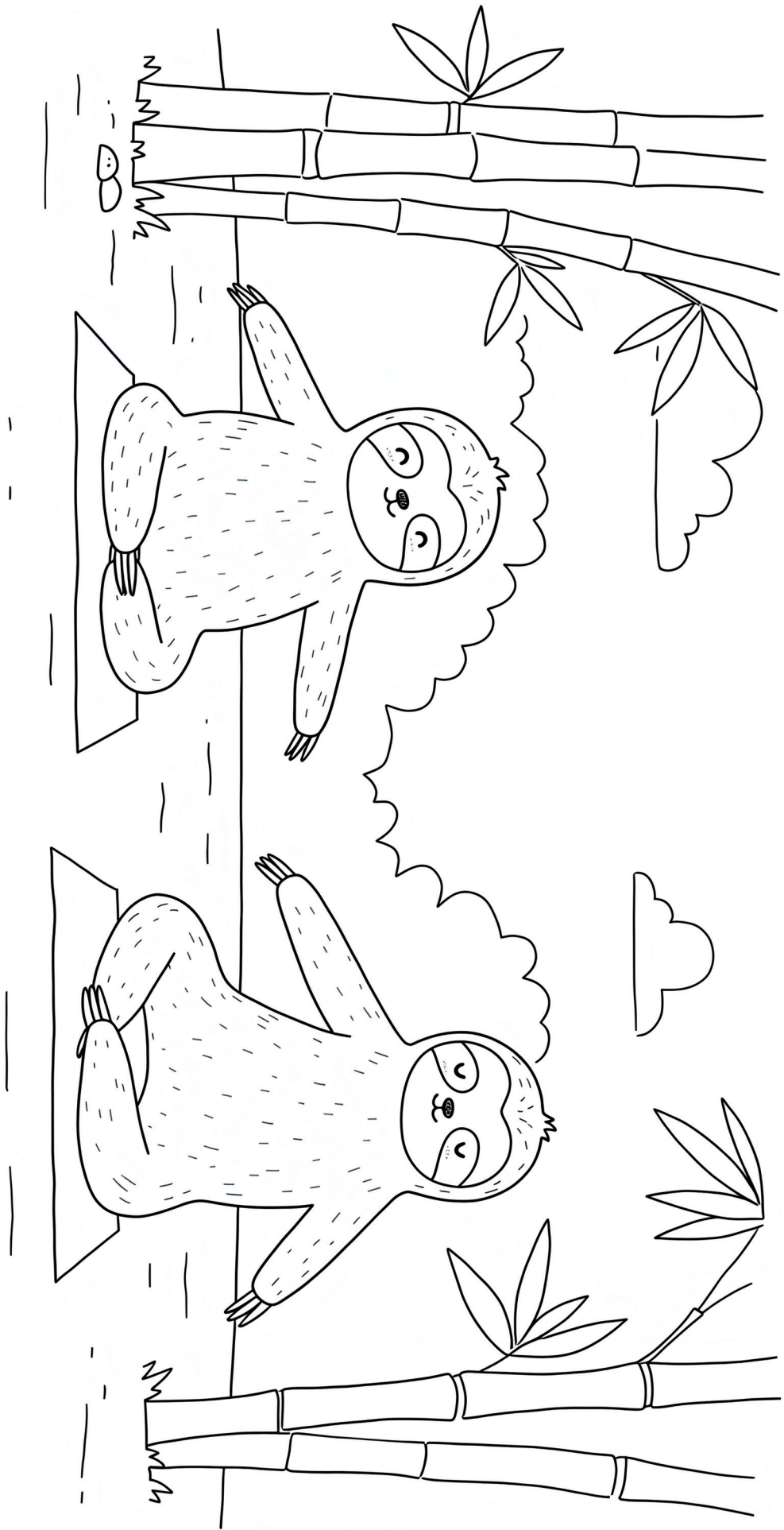
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9 15 6 11 1 21 3 14 9 1 25

3 14 24 5 2 12 3 24 25 ? 2 3

11 21 25 24 2 11 9 7 11 3 24 25

3 14 7 12 5 7 15 26 2 12 18



SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: C.

Caret is the name used familiarly for the character \wedge . The symbol has a variety of uses in programming and mathematics.

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

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

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

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
 7 19 13 4 24 9 18 14 2 10 26 15 23

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 12 1 20 8 25 11 3 21 16 5 17 6 22

W H Y D O B I R D S
 5 14 6 4 1 19 2 25 4 11
 F L Y S O U T H F O R
 9 15 6 11 1 21 3 14 9 1 25
 T H E W I N T E R ? I T
 3 14 24 5 2 12 3 24 25 2 3
 S U R E I S F A S T E R
 11 21 25 24 2 11 9 7 11 3 24 25
 T H A N W A L K I N G
 3 14 7 12 5 7 15 26 2 12 18

