

Daily Delight

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National Hedgehog Day

As you're probably already aware, today is Groundhog Day, but did you know it's also Hedgehog Day? I'm going to guess you didn't because the poor hedgehog is forced to live in the shadow of the groundhog on this day. Hedgehogs are very interesting animals and actually make great pets because they are low maintenance, hypoallergenic, and are solitary creatures that don't mind if you leave them for extended periods of time.

Also known as urchin and hedgepig, hedgehogs got their name way back in 1450 because they love hedgerows. They are also quite fond of vegetables, crickets, cooked meats, and fruits. So, give the hedgehog some consideration today and celebrate these cute little creatures.



Today in History



In 1973, Tina Turner and Curtis Mayfield were among the performers in "The Midnight Special," a late- night rock music show on NBC-TV. Turner won a total of 12 Grammy Awards, including a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. She was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame twice.

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WORD SEARCH

Worn and Bent

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Books

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Paperback

Popular

Portable

Smaller

Torn

Yellowed

Frayed

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DID YOU KNOW?

Sky-High Buzzers

You might imagine bees only hovering over garden hedges, but some are secret mountaineers! Scientists discovered Alpine bumblebees capable of flying at altitudes exceeding 29,527 feet. That is higher than the peak of Mount Everest! To survive the thin, freezing air, these resilient insects don't flap faster; they sweep their wings in wider arcs to generate lift. It is a breathtaking feat for such tiny fuzzy adventurers.

TRIVIA

What is the most popular cheese in America?

- A** Mozzarella cheese
- B** Provolone cheese
- C** American cheese
- D** Parmesan cheese

TODAY'S FUNNY

What do groundhogs put on pancakes?

Hog Cabin Syrup!

TODAY'S WISDOM

"The groundhog is like most other prophets; it delivers its prediction and then disappears."

- Bill Vaughan

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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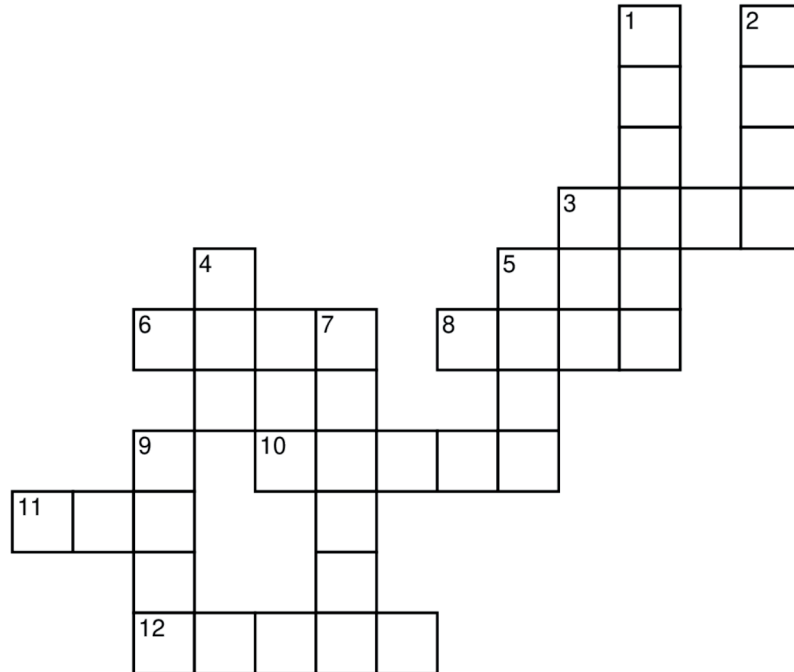
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Helpful Tip:

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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Homophones



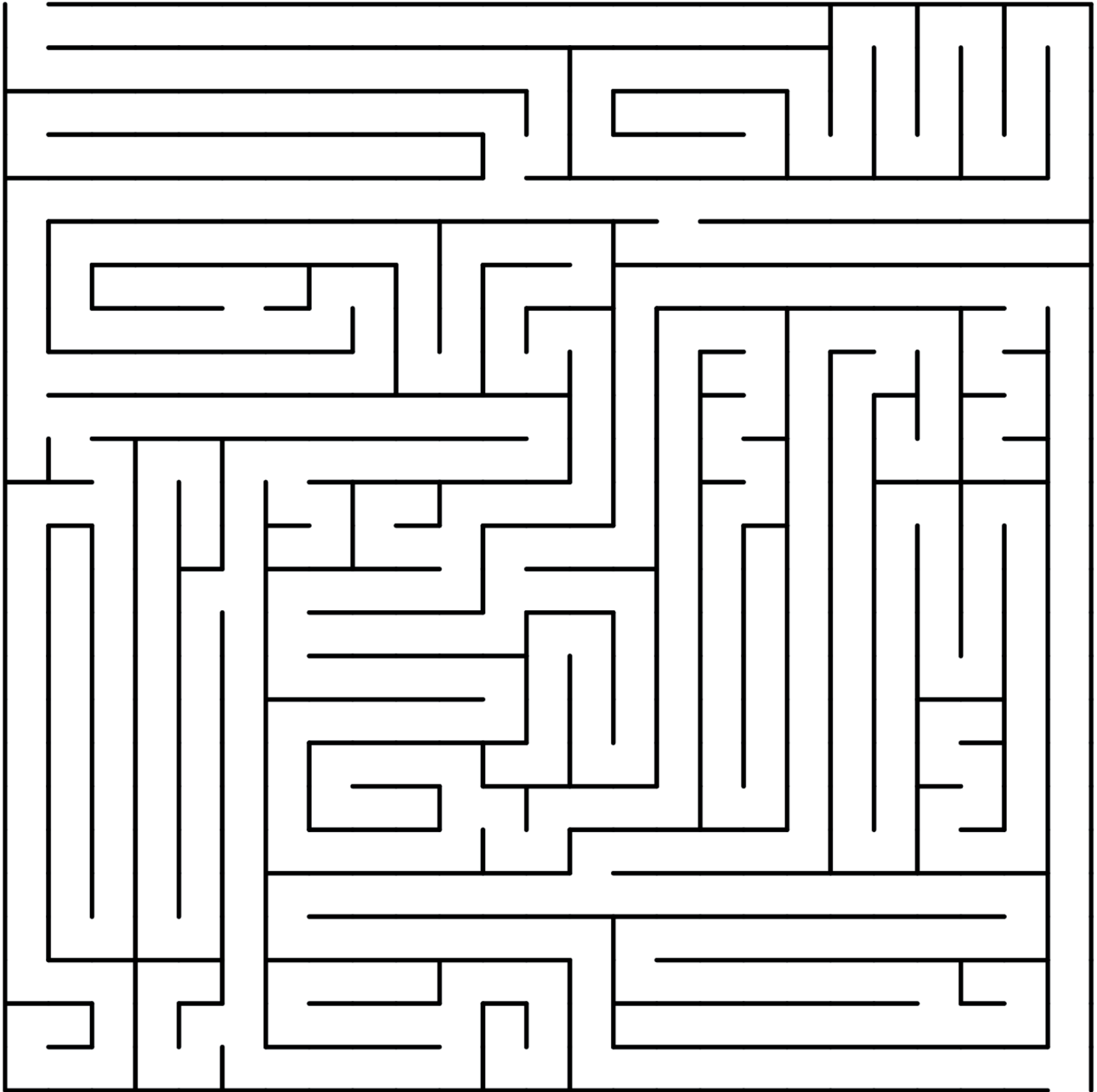
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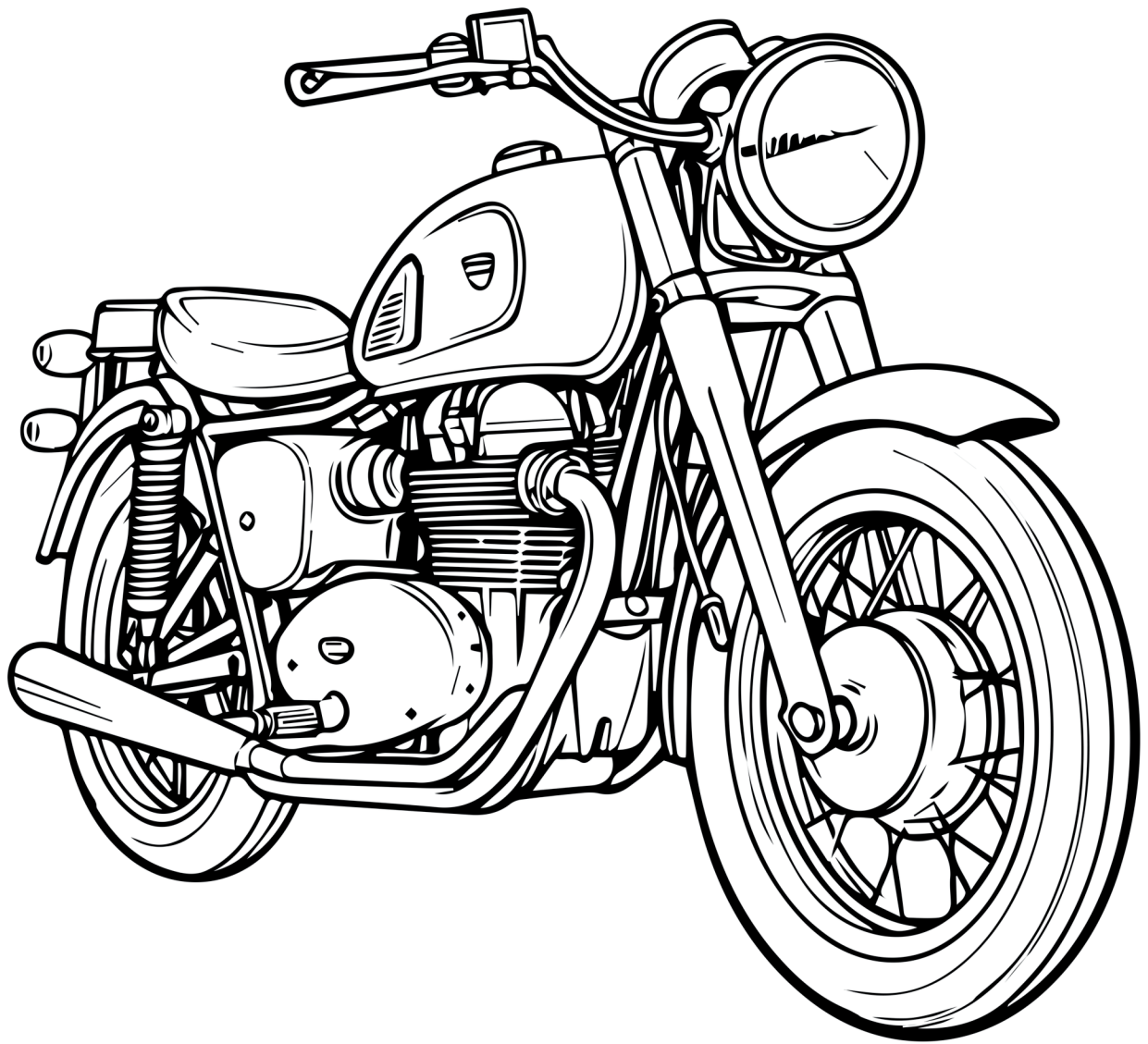
- [3] Lend an ear
- [6] Egg's center
- [8] Spool for film
- [10] Skating maneuver
- [11] Took the gold
- [12] Pen

Down

- [1] Breakfast grain
- [2] Hog
- [4] Male offspring
- [5] Smallest U.S. coin
- [7] Spool for film
- [9] Understand

MAZE





SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: A. Mozzarella

In the 1960s, due to the popularity of pizza, mozzarella cheese began to skyrocket

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