

# Daily Delight

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## National Ferris Wheel Day

A landmark at carnivals, fairs and theme parks, the Ferris Wheel is one of the most popular amusement park rides and has been since civil engineer George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr. invented and showcased it in 1893 at the World's Columbian Exhibition in Chicago. Originally called "the Chicago Wheel," it took Ferris two years to plan and construct the world's first Ferris Wheel, costing \$700,000 and consisting of over 100,000 parts! Once fully built, Ferris' wheel stood 264 feet high, which nowadays pales in comparison to the world's largest Ferris Wheel, Las Vegas' High Roller, which is 550 feet tall! Coinciding with Ferris' birthday, National Ferris Wheel Day celebrates the birth of a great inventor and his wonderful invention. If you can't ride a Ferris Wheel today, think about a time when you did ride one.



## Today in History



In 1985, Whitney Houston's self-titled debut album was released. It won the Grammy Award for Best Pop Vocal Performance, Female, and Billboard Album of the Year in 1986. "Whitney" was her 2nd album, and it had 7 number one hits. Houston won more than 400 career awards.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

### How Pickleball Came to Be

Three fathers from Bainbridge Island, Washington, invented pickleball in 1965 to entertain their kids. They combined a wiffle ball, ping pong paddles, and a lowered badminton net. The sport was named after Pritchard's golden retriever, Pickles, who liked to chase the pickleball balls. Pickleball is a great workout that can help you raise your heart rate, burn calories, and promote healthy well-being. It's easy on the joints and a good way to increase your step count.

## TRIVIA

How many Emmy nominations did the TV show ER get?

**A** 124

**B** 65

**C** 48

**D** 29

## TODAY'S FUNNY

What should you do to a blue hippopotamus?

*Tell it funny jokes*

## TODAY'S WISDOM

*"Those who remember the past tend to get the story really screwed up."*

*- Chuck Palahniuk*

# WORD SEARCH

## Starts With Y

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

		7			1		4	6
6			5	9	2		3	
5	1		7				9	
				2	3			4
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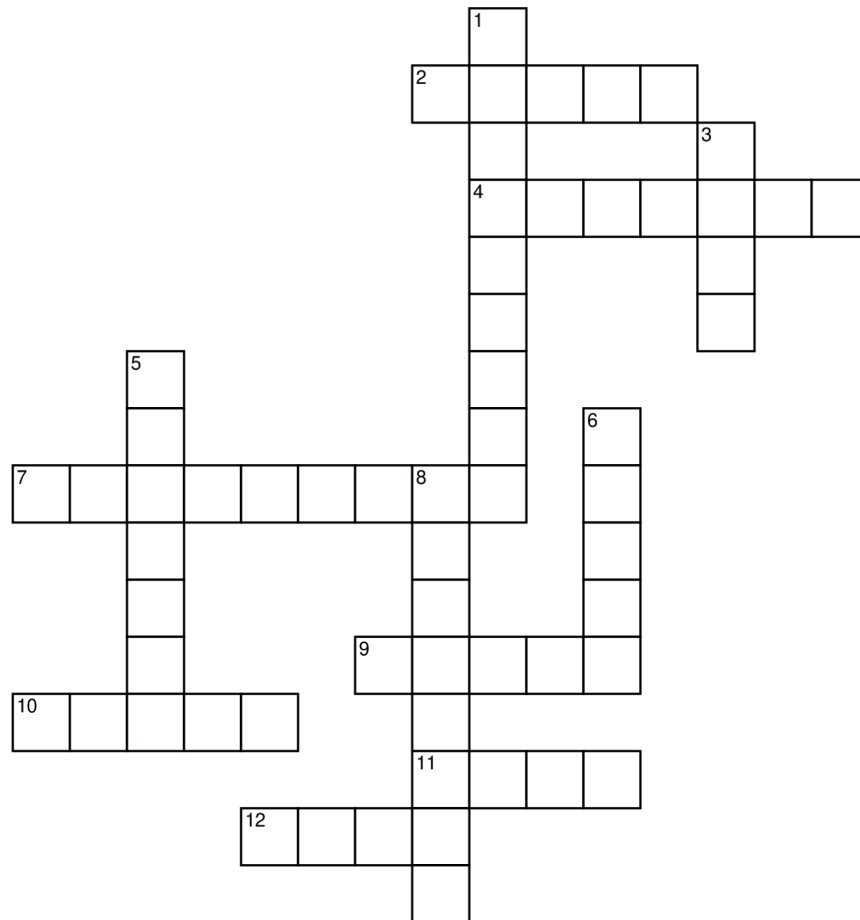
## Helpful Tip:

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.



# MINI CROSSWORD

## Love



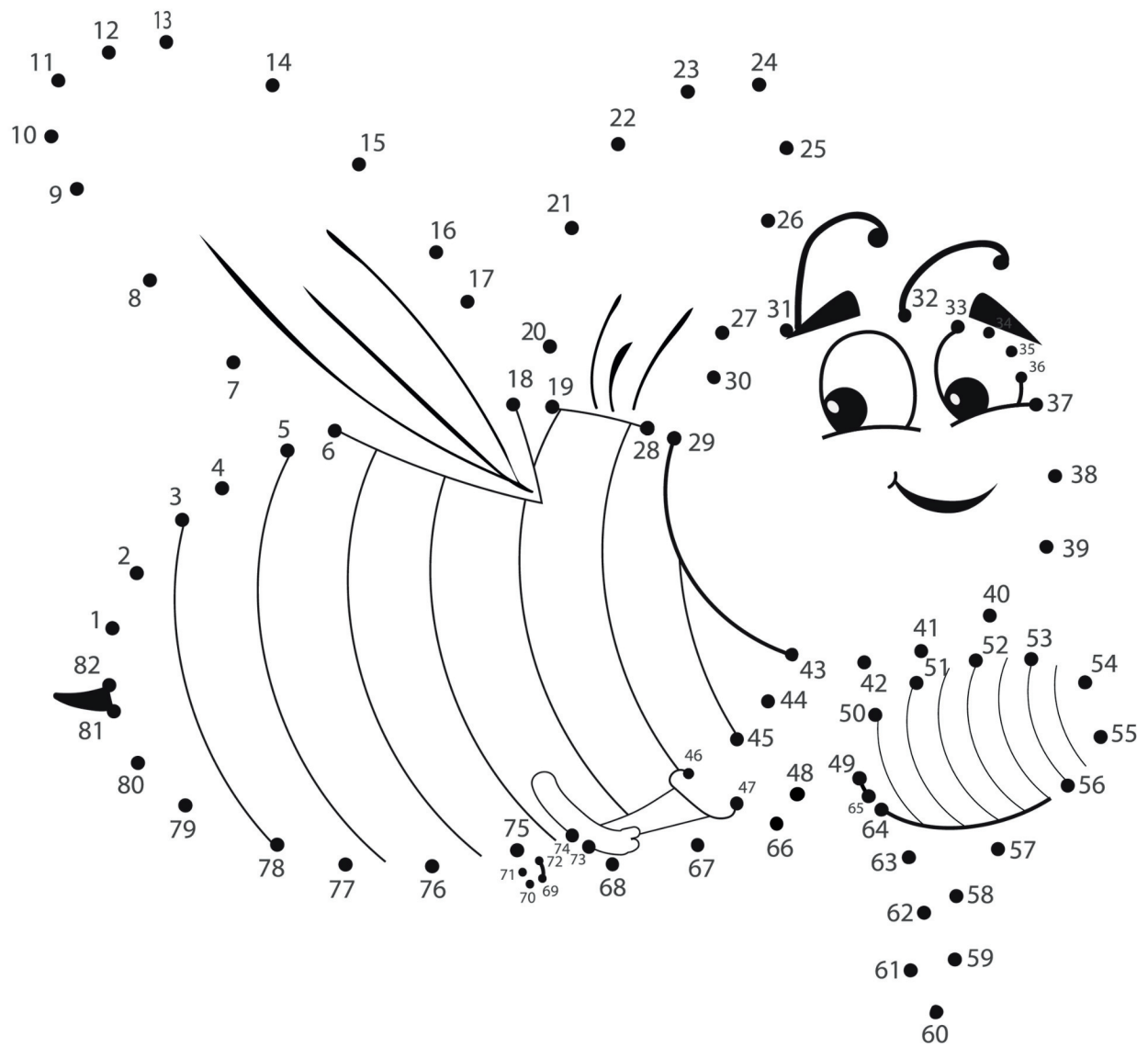
### Across

- [2] M&M's e.g.
- [4] Joy, sadness, or anger
- [7] Made from the cacao plant
- [9] Symbol of love and affection
- [10] Stop and smell the...
- [11] Warm embrace
- [12] Deep affection

### Down

- [1] Sweetheart
- [3] A peck on the cheek
- [5] Flora blooms
- [6] Shout of approval
- [8] United in purpose or action

# CONNECT THE DOTS





# SOLUTIONS

## Trivia Answer: A.

Despite being on the air from 1994-2009 and receiving a whopping 124 Emmy nominations throughout its run, "ER" failed to win almost all of its major category nominations, taking home Outstanding Drama Series only once.

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

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