

Daily Delight

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National Ellis Island Family History Day

Today is a day to celebrate and honor our ancestors who once passed through Ellis Island. The day also serves as an encouragement for people to research the history behind their family names. The holiday was established in 2001 when Ellis Island made its records available online, allowing millions of Americans to research their family history. Ellis Island was originally a place used to hang pirates during the early 19th century, and the first new arrivals at Ellis Island were on New Year's Day in 1892.

Observe this holiday by researching famous immigrants who have come through the "Golden Door" to America, visiting the Statue of Liberty History Center if you are nearby, or searching online for your family using ellisland.org.



Today in History



In 1999, the Rainforest Foundation International's "Rock for the Rainforest" benefit concert took place at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Performers included Tony Bennett, Elton John, Billy Joel, Sting, and James Taylor, singing Frank Sinatra covers.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Fresh and Salt Water, If You Please

Seagulls, like other seabirds, have a desalination filter in their bills and a salt gland above their eyes, allowing them to drink both fresh and salt water. This system needs regular use to remain effective. Seabirds in rehab centers and zoos are kept in salt water to maintain their salt glands for future release into the wild.

TRIVIA

If you send someone away with "a flea in their ear", what have you done?

- A** Shouted at them
- B** Praised them
- C** Reprimanded them
- D** Irritated them

TODAY'S FUNNY

So what if I
don't know what
Armageddon means?

*It's not the end of
the world.*

TODAY'S WISDOM

*"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."
- George Bernard Shaw*

WORD SEARCH

Countries of Europe



Austria

Croatia

Denmark

Finland

Germany

Iceland

Italy

Norway

Russia

Spain

Sweden

Poland

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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		4	8				2	
2	3				5	8		1
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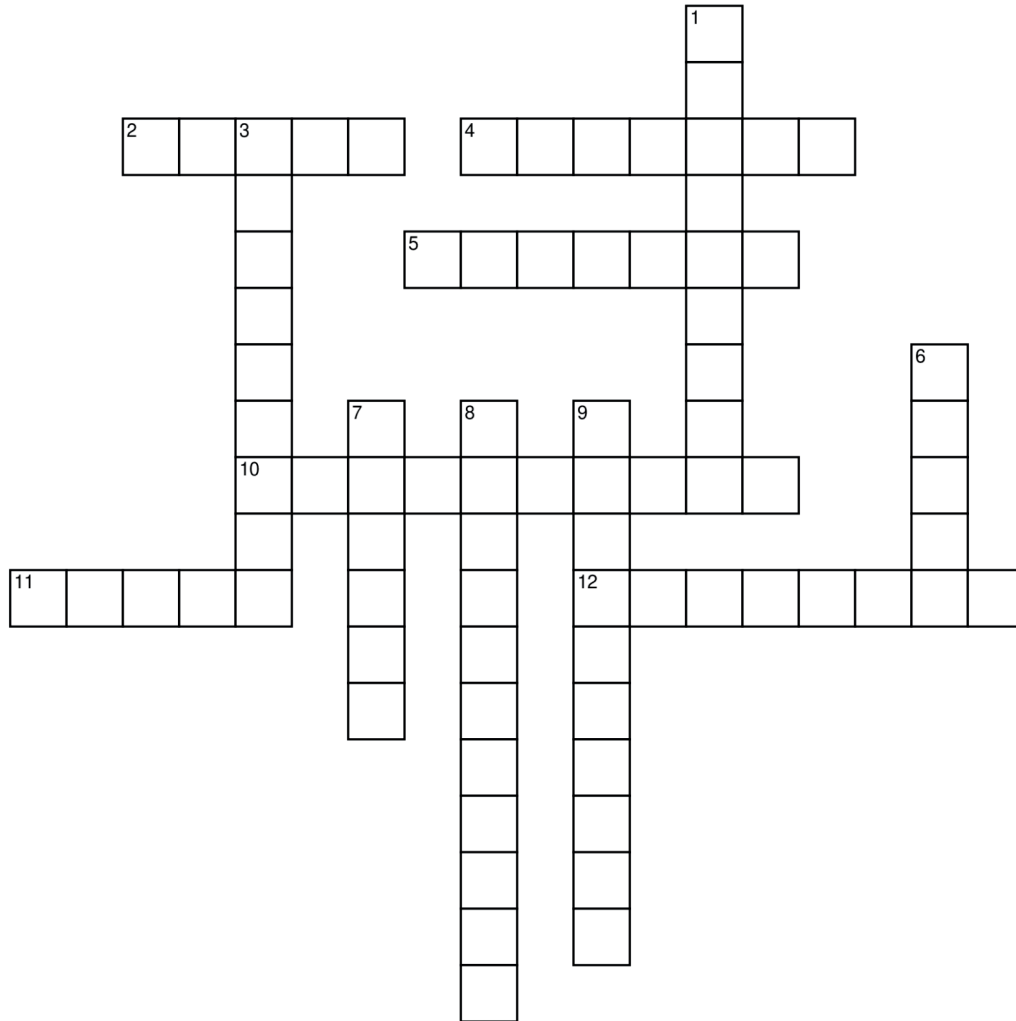
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Helpful Tip:

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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Countries in Asia

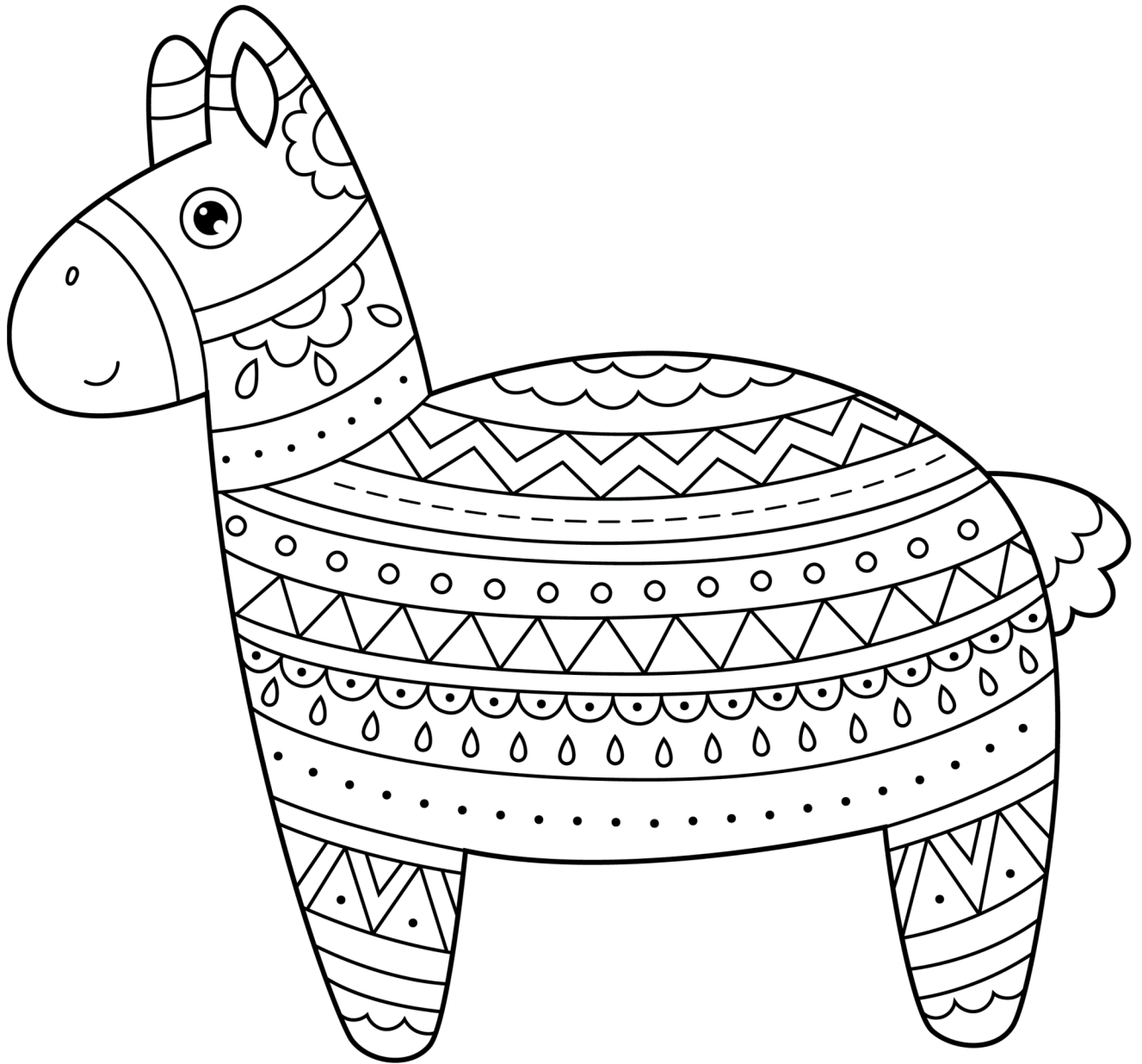


Across

- [2] The Great Leap Forward
- [4] Soviets and US fought here
- [5] Was originally Burma
- [10] A high-tech nation
- [11] Taj Mahal destination
- [12] Monarchy in Asia

Down

- [1] Both a country and a city
- [3] This is where Bali is
- [6] Land of the Rising Sun
- [7] A country and an entree
- [8] Spanish-American War
- [9] Tallest unoccupied building is here



SOLUTIONS

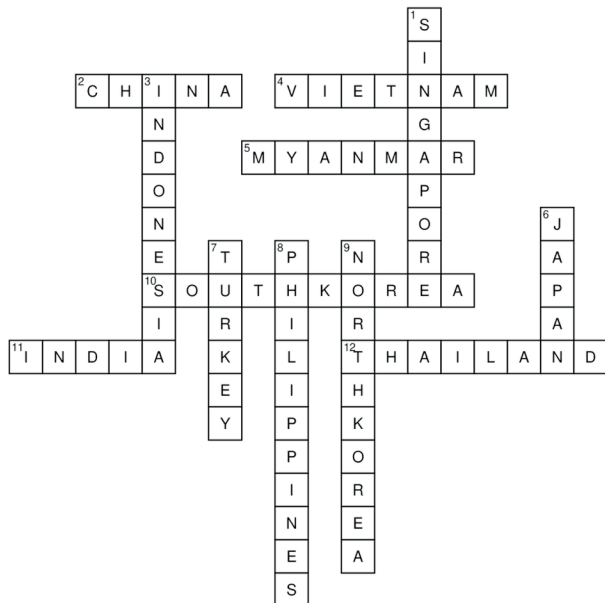
Trivia Answer: C. Irritated them

This means scolding or reprimand.

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 C M T P G P F X U J X V (N O R W A Y)
 C A V M N F M K N N D C A D J I U V
 Y M V (P S U R W D Q A) H M N Q T X Q
 T W S Z O G U F R Q U J X W V B Z K
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M
 12 11 5 4 16 21 9 2 14 19 17 8 18

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
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L I F E I S W H A T
 8 14 21 16 14 23 20 2 12 15

H A P P E N S W H E N
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Y O U ' R E B U S Y
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M A K I N G O T H E R
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P L A N S.
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