

# Daily Delight

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## Mel Brooks' Birthday

Today, legendary writer, actor, producer, director, and all-around funnyman Mel Brooks has a birthday! The great mind behind "The Producers," "Young Frankenstein," "Blazing Saddles," and "Space Balls" is a member of the illustrious EGOT club, an entertainer who has won an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar, and a Tony. Only a handful of people have won the competitive EGOT, the "grand slam" of show business. In addition to Mel Brooks, other EGOT winners include Rita Moreno, Mike Nichols, and Audrey Hepburn.

Brooks also has a very distinctive star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. When he cemented his handprints into the concrete on the walk, he added a prosthetic finger, so his handprints reflect eleven fingers, in typical goofy Brooks fashion.



## Today in History



In 1776, the Continental Congress received the final draft of the Declaration of Independence. It was unanimously adopted by the 56 delegates of the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The delegates who signed it came to be known as the nation's Founding Fathers.

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## **DID YOU KNOW?** **Presidential Poltergeist Party**

From 1817 to 1821, Tennessee's Bell Witch terrorized the Bell family with shapeshifting and eerie speech. This entity was so notorious that Andrew Jackson visited to investigate. When a boastful "witch slayer" was humiliated by the spirit, Jackson was delighted. He famously cheered, "By the eternal, boys, I never saw so much fun in all my life!" proving even future presidents couldn't resist a good haunting.

## **TRIVIA**

What company is Sundar Pichai the CEO of?

- A** Microsoft
- B** Apple
- C** Virgin Atlantic
- D** Google

## **TODAY'S FUNNY**

My landlord says he needs to come talk to me about how high my heating bill is.

*I told him, "My door is always open".*

## **TODAY'S WISDOM**

*"Let every man sweep in front of his own door,  
and the whole world will be clean."*

*-Author unknown*

# WORD SEARCH

## American Writers



Story

Classics

Poets

Authors

Steinbeck

Hemingway

Faulkner

Fiction

Discussion

Memoirs

Genre

Escape

Literature

Novels

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## 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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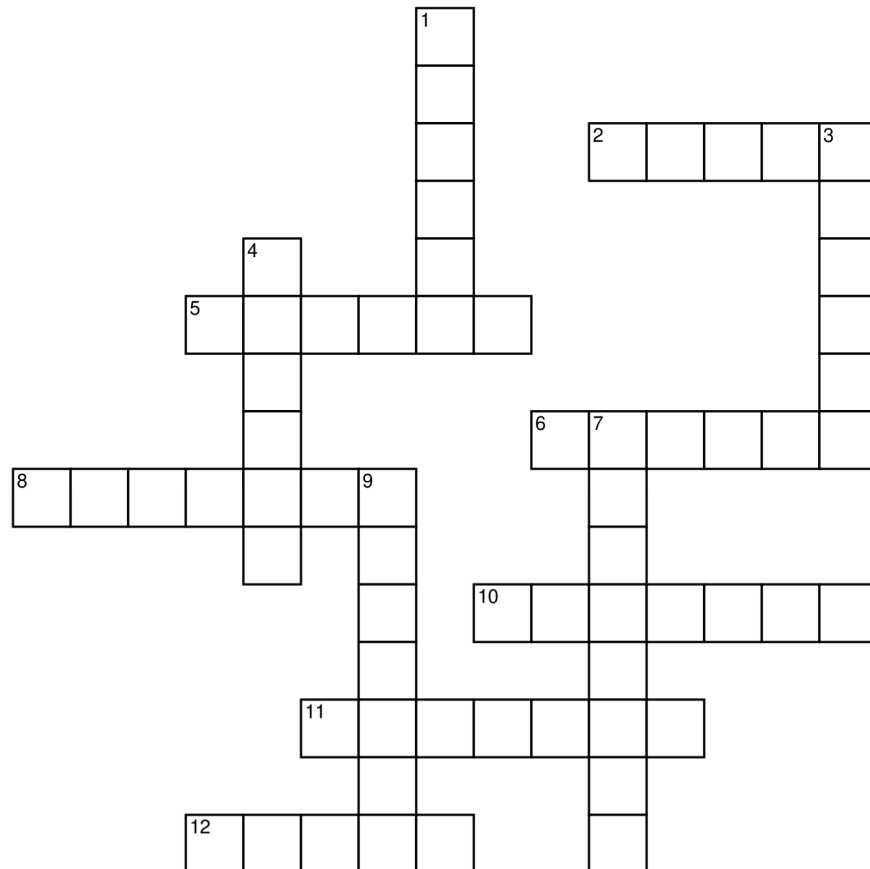
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## Helpful Tip:

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.

# MINI CROSSWORD

## Famous Scientists



### Across

- [2] Radium discoverer
- [5] Peanut pioneer
- [6] Apple-falling scientist
- [8] Author of "A Brief History of Time"
- [10] Vaccine pioneer
- [11] Inventor of the telescope
- [12] Rival of Edison

### Down

- [1] Astronomer known for his telescope
- [3] Phonograph inventor
- [4] Evolutionary theorist
- [7] Physicist with wild hair
- [9] Jane who studied chimps

# Test Your Knowledge

**Solve the questions below to test your knowledge and give your brain a workout!**

What South Asian country emerged in 1971 as a result of civil war and foreign invasion?

- A. Pakistan
- B. India
- C. Bangladesh

At the height of the Great Depression, what percentage of Americans were out of work?

- A. 24.9%
- B. 37.7%
- C. 58.2%

Solve the math problems:

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ \times 20 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ + 458 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 562 \\ - 65 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 84 \\ \div 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

True or False?

The Tennessee Valley Authority still exists today, and only serves/served people in the state of Tennessee?



# SOLUTIONS

## Trivia Answer: D.

Sundar Pichai is an Indian-born American business executive. He is the chief executive officer (CEO) of Alphabet Inc. and its subsidiary Google.

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**Answer:**  
C. Bangladesh

**Answer:**  
A. 24.9%

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ \times 20 \\ \hline 180 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ + 458 \\ \hline 466 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 562 \\ - 65 \\ \hline 497 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 84 \\ \div 3 \\ \hline 28 \end{array}$$

**Answer:**

True, the TVA still exists today, providing energy and environmental protection to the 10 million people in the Tennessee Valley.