

Daily Delight

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World Snake Day

Did you know that there are over 3,500 species of snakes that exist across the world? It's true! While snakes might have a not-so-great reputation, World Snake Day was created to help rebuild their reputation through education. Even though a friend who is a traitor can be called a 'snake', it's important to note that not all snakes are dangerous, nor should they be feared.

For example, the iridescent-bodied and endangered rainbow snake that lives in the streams and swamps in southern Maryland and eastern Virginia isn't venomous. And not only is it not venomous, but it's also not even aggressive, nor can it bite. For those who just can't handle snakes, we can all go to Antarctica, the only continent without them.



Today in History



In 1951, novelist J.D. Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye" was published by Little, Brown and Company. It was his only novel, but he did publish several short stories in "Story" magazine in 1940. Salinger's last published work appeared in The New Yorker in 1965, "Hapworth 16, 1924."

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DID YOU KNOW?

Our Mysterious Appendix

Some say it's like a little storage unit for good bacteria, and it "reboots" your digestive system after a round of diarrhea. Others say it's just a leftover remnant from our evolutionary past, like a useless appendix to a book. But here's a fun fact: even if you don't have an appendix, it won't affect your health much. It's like having a spare tire in the trunk of your car - it's nice to have, but you can still get around without it.

TRIVIA

What is a group of wolves called?

A kennel

B herd

C pack

D gang

TODAY'S FUNNY

There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator.

Only a fraction of the people will get this joke!

TODAY'S WISDOM

*"My friends are my estate."
-Emily Dickinson*

WORD SEARCH

Military Code Talkers

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

American

Native

Navajo

Johnston

Code

Historic

Invaluable

Contributions

Language

Military

Speak

Words

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.

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

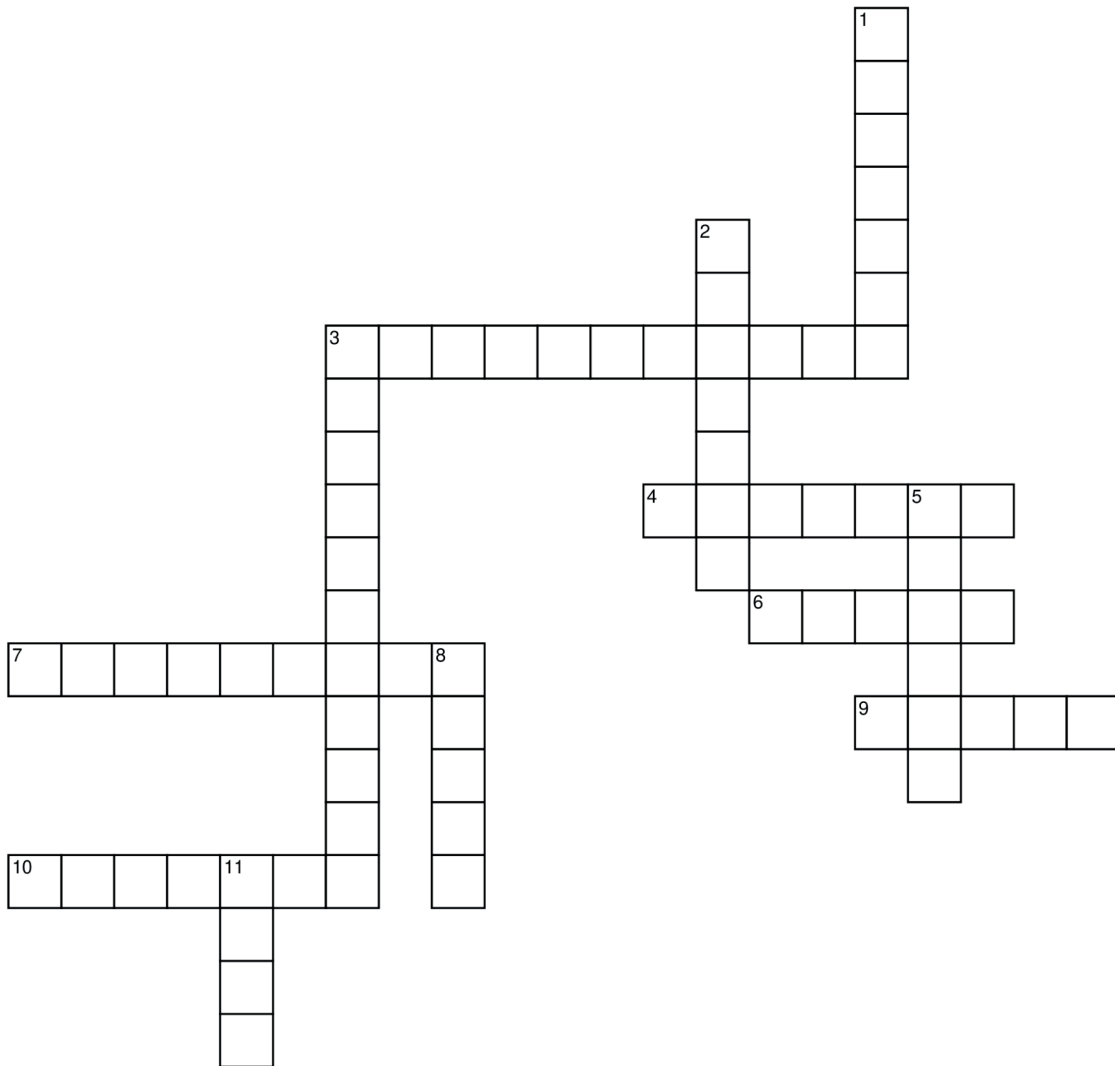
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2						4		
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	5		9		3	6	1	8
8			7	1			3	4
			2	5			4	
		8						
6				7	9		2	1

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

Shady Characters



Across

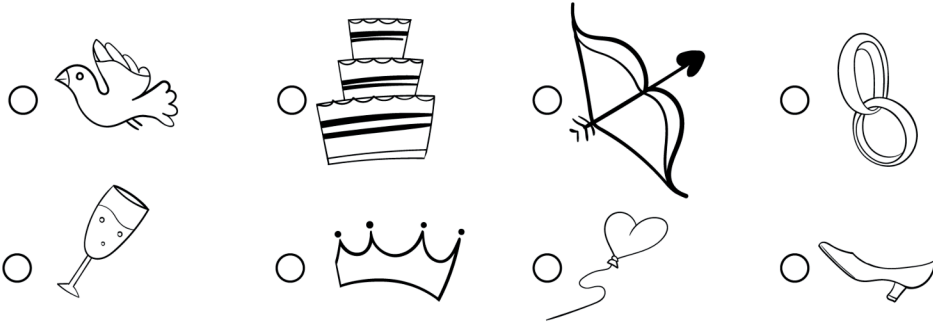
- [3] Extortionist
- [4] Vendor with a pushcart
- [6] Deceive
- [7] Stool pigeon
- [9] Property divider
- [10] Paul Newman movie, The

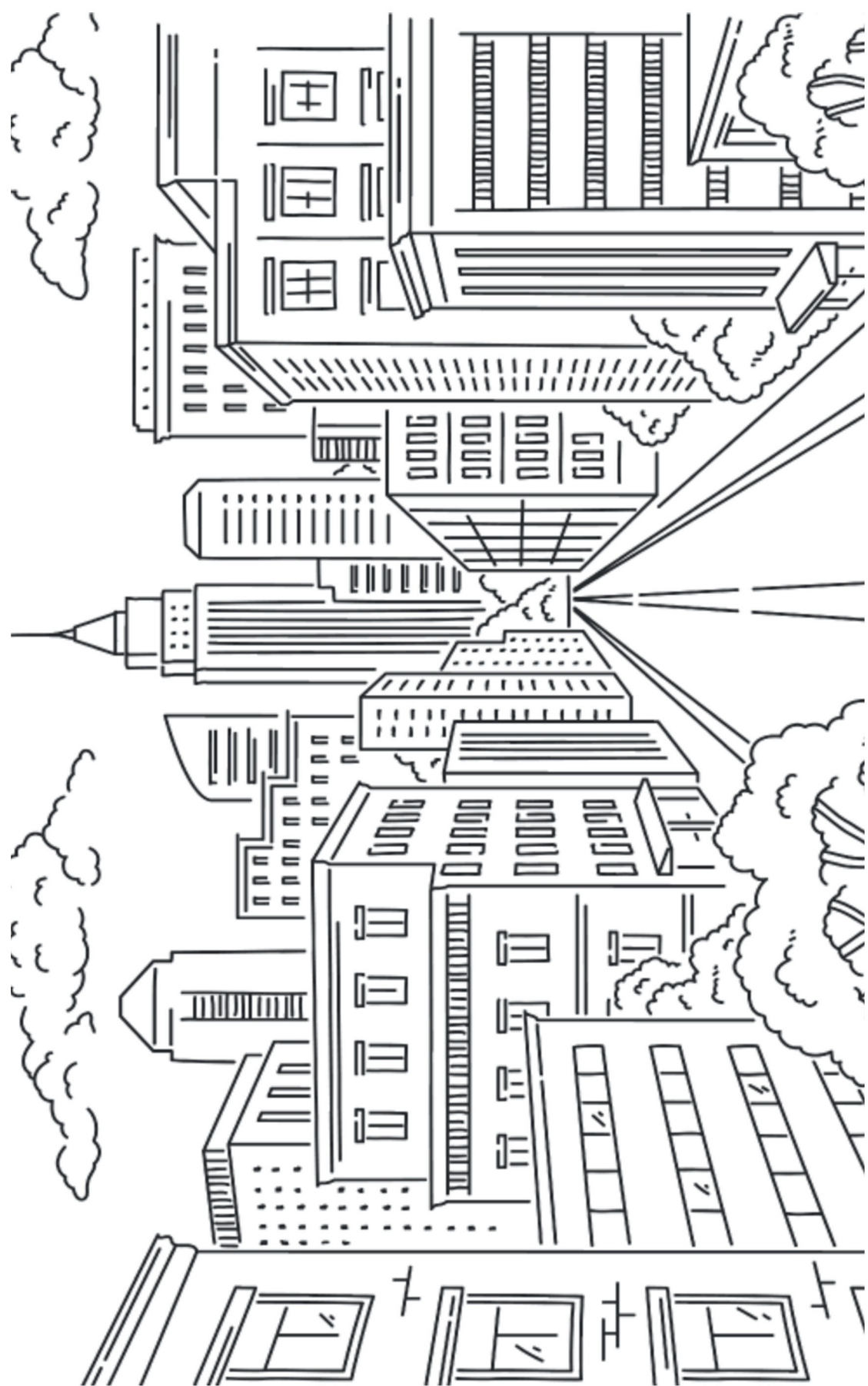
Down

- [1] Illegal hunter
- [2] Con artist
- [3] False friend
- [5] One that got away
- [8] Pickpocket
- [11] Fibber

SEEK AND FIND

Find the hidden objects in the picture.





SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: C

Wolves live in family groups called packs. A pack is usually made up of a male parent, a female parent, and their pups from the last few years.

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



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

