

Daily Delight

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National Tape Measure Day

Ah, the humble tape measure. Must this day be celebrated? Absolutely! Whether you're a seamstress, a construction worker, or just measuring to make sure your new furniture will fit in that spot, we all use a tape measure. Originally invented in 1821 by an Englishman named James Chesterman, the first iteration of the tape measure was a byproduct of long steel tapes with lengths marked for contractors.

The spring-based steel tape measure we're all familiar with started to be sold in the United States in the 1870s, but it didn't get popular until the 1940s. No one is sure why it took so long to catch on. Today, you'll be hard-pressed to find a place that doesn't have a tape measure.



Today in History



In 1989, American opera singer Jessye Norman sang the French national anthem at the Place de la Concorde in Paris in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution. During her career, she won multiple Grammy Awards and received the National Medal of Arts.

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DID YOU KNOW? Tulip Mania

In the 1600s, the price of tulip bulbs in Holland soared and created a futures market. Single bulbs were sold multiple times, and investors bought the rights to tulips yet to be grown. However, the market eventually crashed, leading to the first speculative bubble known as tulip mania. The extent of the phenomenon and the cause of the market collapse are disputed. Despite the crash, tulips continued to hold a central role in many Dutch paintings of the 18th and 19th centuries.

TRIVIA

Which of these is an Italian cheese?

A Cheddar

B Brie

C Burrata

D Gouda

TODAY'S FUNNY

How do you measure the weight of crackers?

In grahams!

TODAY'S WISDOM

*"If one has no sense of humor, one is in trouble."
- Betty White*

WORD SEARCH

Not for Profit



Charity

Community

Funding

Goals

Helpers

Impact

Missions

Positive

Research

Organization

Volunteer

Educational

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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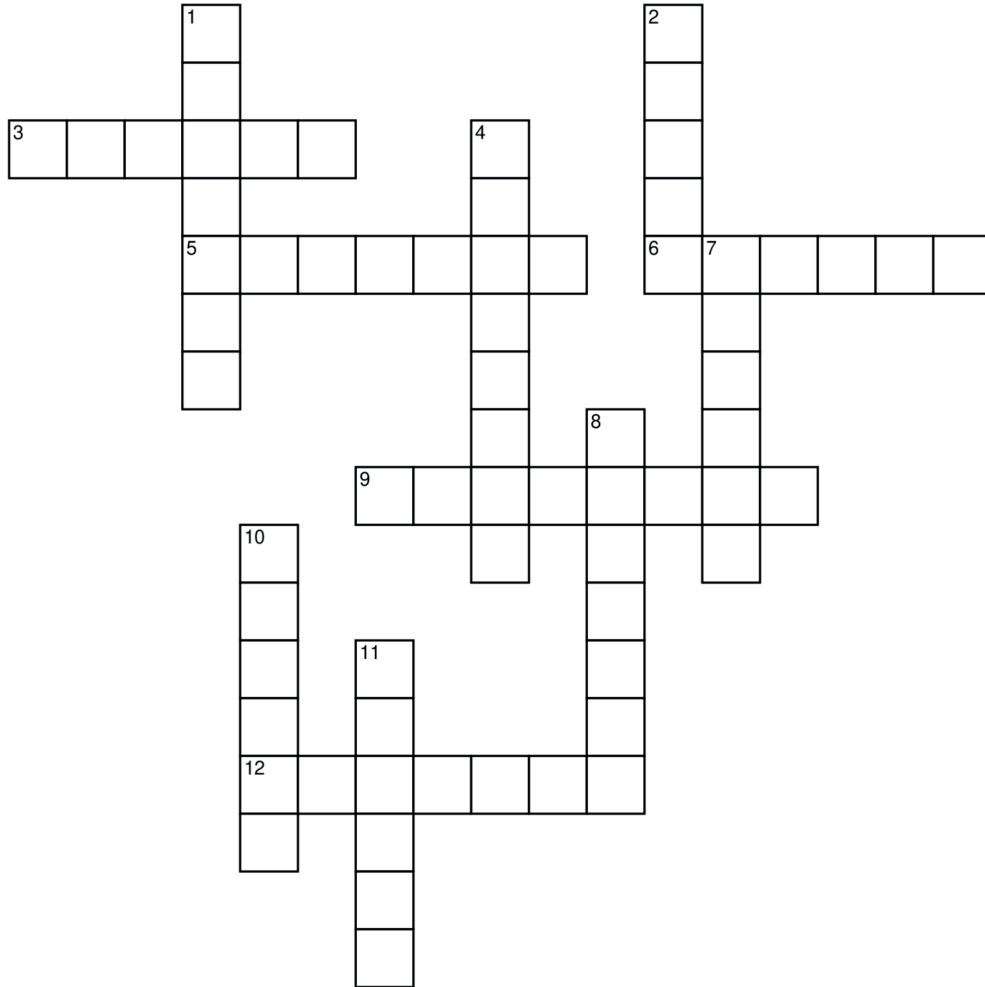
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Helpful Tip:

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.

MINI CROSSWORD

Words with “au” and “ou”



Across

- [3] Fall
- [5] Show appreciation
- [6] Educated
- [9] Encircle
- [12] Santa's bad list

Down

- [1] Pizza topping
- [2] Uncertainty
- [4] Border line
- [7] About
- [8] Music category
- [10] Earth
- [11] Cape Canaveral event

Conversation Starters

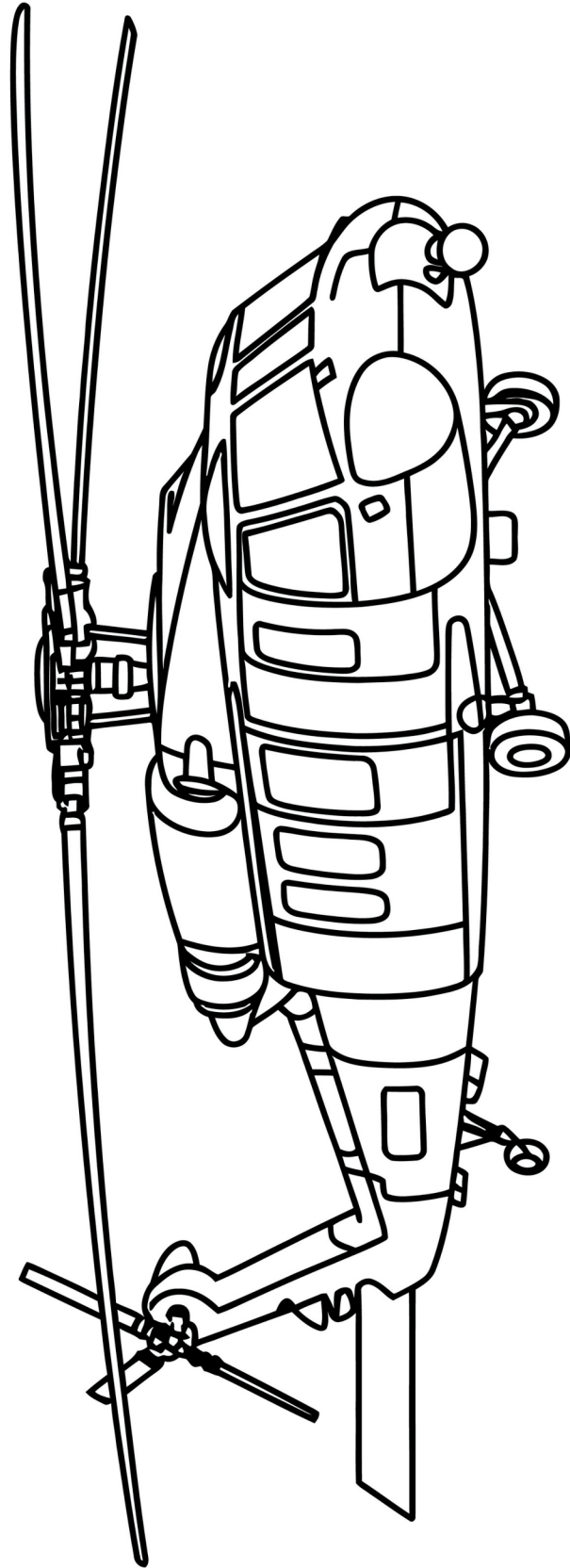
Use the following conversation prompts to start a discussion with friends or family! You may also use the provided lines to answer the questions on your own if you prefer.

Who is your favorite cartoon character?
Why is this character your favorite?

Which other cartoon characters do you remember from your childhood?

If you could be one character from your favorite cartoon, which one would you be and why?





SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: C

Burrata is an Italian cow milk (occasionally buffalo milk) cheese made from mozzarella and cream.



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