

Daily Delight

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Serendipity Day

You didn't stumble onto this holiday by accident. It wasn't a fluke or a stroke of dumb luck that brought you here. Whether you realize it or not, it was a moment of serendipity, which makes sense because today is Serendipity Day.

The word "serendipity" was coined by Horace Walpole in 1754, inspired by the Persian fairy tale The Three Princes of Serendip. According to Merriam-Webster, serendipity is "the faculty or phenomenon of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for."

Best of all, serendipity can happen any day of your life. Think of it as a blessing in disguise. On this August 18 holiday, keep your eyes open. You never know what unexpected joys might come your way.



Today in History



In 1956, "Hound Dog" and "Don't Be Cruel" by Elvis Presley reached #1 on the charts and stayed there for 11 weeks. Referred to as the "King of Rock and Roll", he was also an actor, making his film debut in "Love Me Tender" in 1958. Elvis relaunched his recording career 2 years later.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Hawaiian Island Niihau

Niihau is the westernmost island in Hawaii, with an area of 69.5 square miles. The island has been forbidden to humans for more than 100 years. About 84 people live on the island with no cell service, no paved roads, or radios with electricity provided by solar panels. The island is privately owned by a family from Scotland, who purchased it from the people of Hawaii in 1864 for \$10,000 in gold. Who is this family that owns this Hawaiian Island? Well, of course, the Robinsons.

TRIVIA

What was the name of the Paris prison stormed in 1789?

- A** Sorbonne
- B** Notre Dame
- C** Bastille
- D** Louvre

TODAY'S FUNNY

What do sheep do on sunny days?

Have a baa-baa-cue

TODAY'S WISDOM

*"The pain that we cause is the cause of our pain."
- Leif Erikson*

WORD SEARCH

Bald is Beautiful



Hairless

Bald

Striking

Smooth

Scalp

Bareness

Alopecia

Naked

Clean

Shiny

Shaven

Polished

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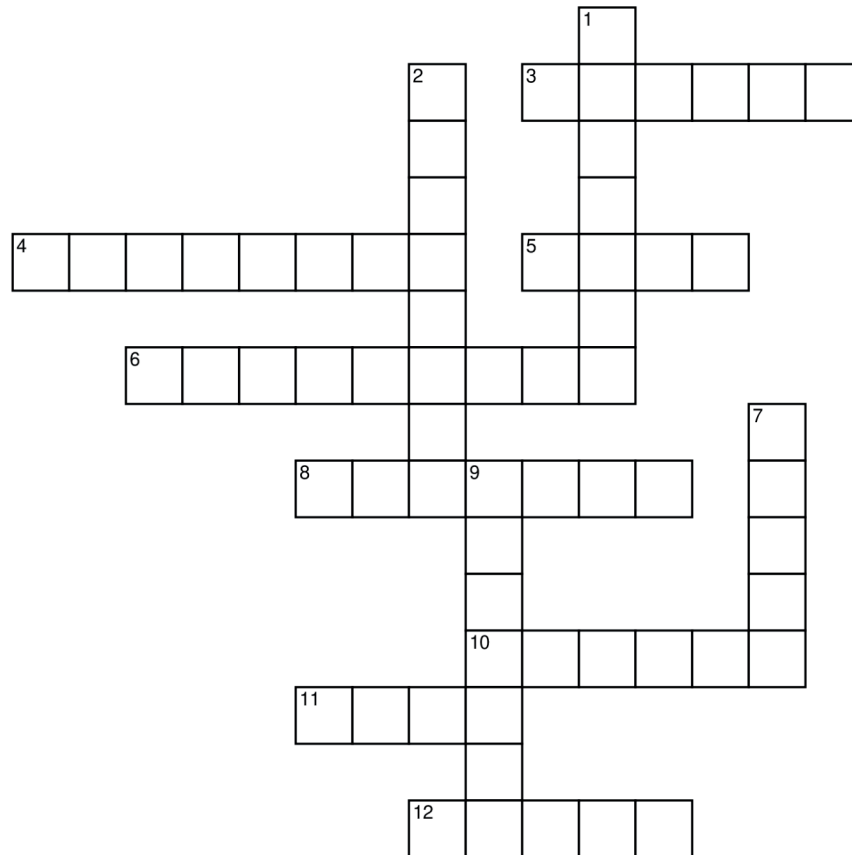
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		5						1
7	4		1		6			
			9	3	5	6	7	

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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Leather Things



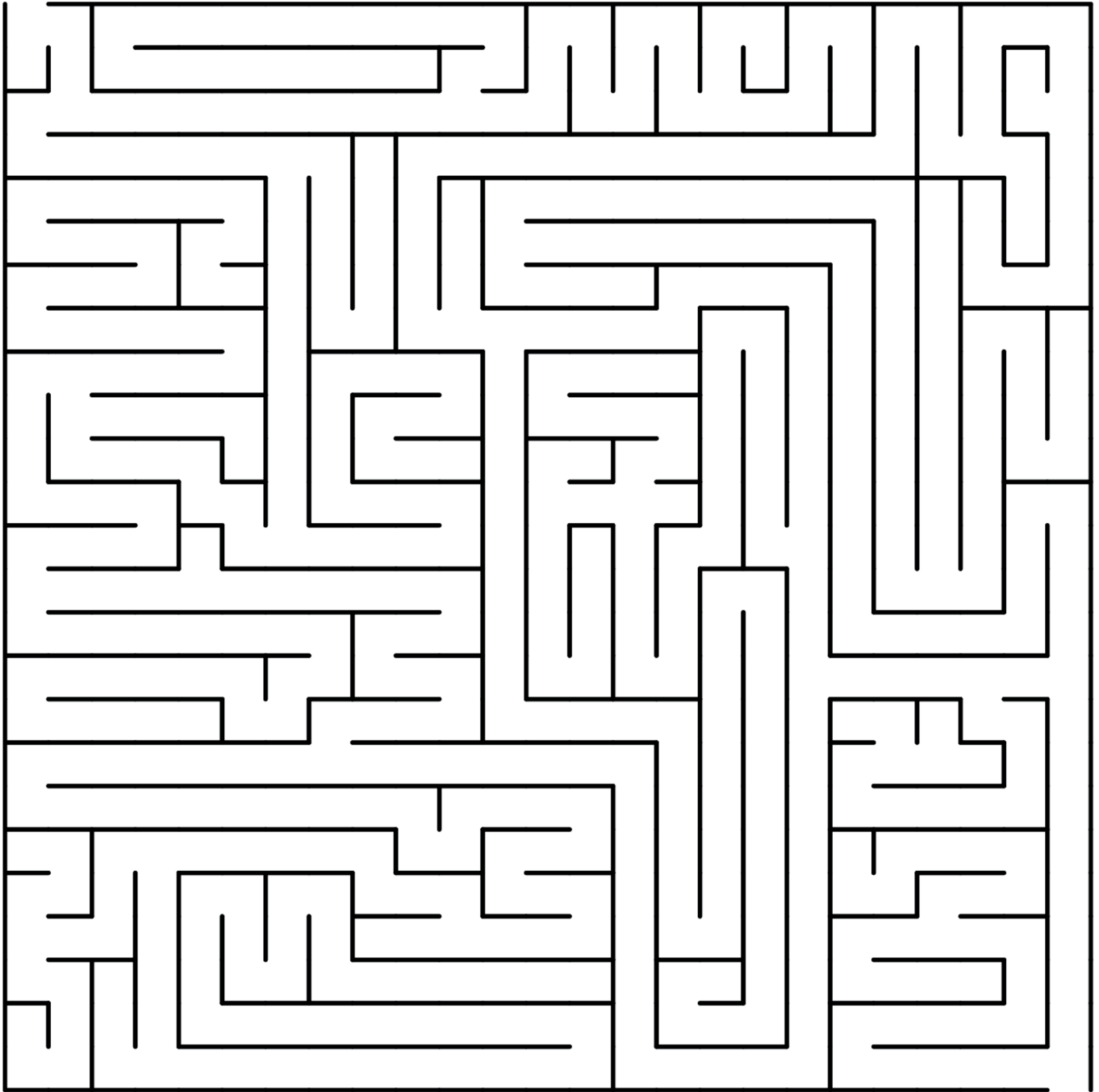
Across

- [3] Tack room item
- [4] "Home Improvement" prop
- [5] Suspenders alternative
- [6] For your door opener
- [8] Money holders
- [10] Boxer's gear
- [11] Parlor piece
- [12] Dog lead

Down

- [1] Short coat
- [2] Pigskin
- [7] Ants in them
- [9] Suitcase

MAZE





SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: C

On July 14, 1789, a state prison on the east side of Paris, known as the Bastille, was attacked by an angry and aggressive mob. This marked the beginning of the French Revolution when the monarchy was overthrown.



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