

Daily Delight

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National Fire Prevention Day

Checking the calendar, today is Fire Prevention Day. It was on this day in 1871 that supposedly Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lamp while she was milking the cow in her barn, resulting in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. After burning for 27 hours, over 300 people died, 100,000 people were left homeless, and over 17,000 structures were burned down. Perhaps that's the day the phrase "holy cow" was first muttered. Who knows?

What we do know, though, is that 40 years later, the Fire Marshall's Association of North America held the very first National Fire Prevention Day, and in 1920, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed it an annual event. As such, fire departments around the country hold fire prevention and safety seminars on this day.



Today in History



In 1987, the "Hail! Hail! Rock 'n Roll" documentary film was released. The movie celebrated rock and roll pioneer Chuck Berry, who was an early pioneer and a major influence on the genre. His big break came with an adaptation of a country song that sold over a million copies and hit #1.

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DID YOU KNOW?

32-Year Wait for a Ballgame

In 1908, Jack Norworth wrote "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" without ever having attended a professional game. The song became a movie theater hit and famously skyrocketed Cracker Jack sales. Norworth finally attended his first game in 1940 and received a lifetime MLB pass a year before his death in 1959.

TRIVIA

An emerald is a form of which mineral?

- A** Carbon
- B** Amethyst
- C** Iron
- D** Beryl

TODAY'S FUNNY

Did you hear about the broken guitar for sale?

It comes with no strings attached!

TODAY'S WISDOM

"You have succeeded in life when all you really want is only what you really need".

- Vernon Howard

WORD SEARCH

Colors of the Rainbow



Crimson	Orange	Yellow
Chartreuse	Green	Cyan
Azure	Blue	Violet
Purple	Pink	Brown

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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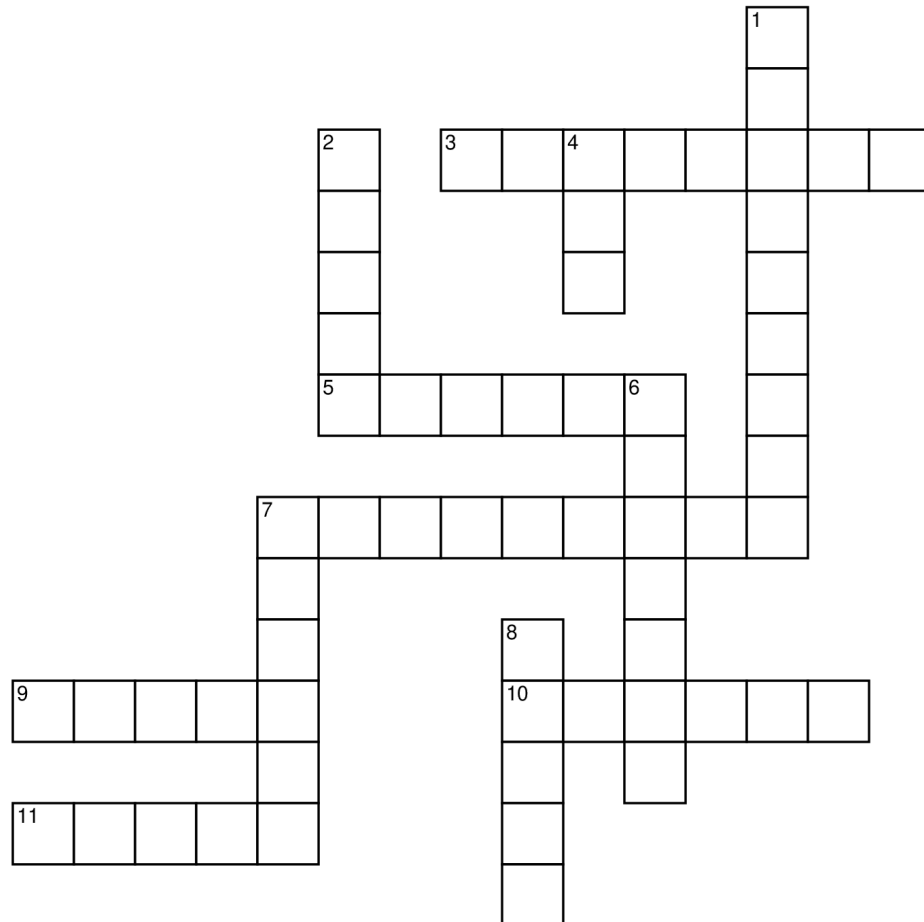
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Helpful Tip:

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.

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Sharp Items



Across

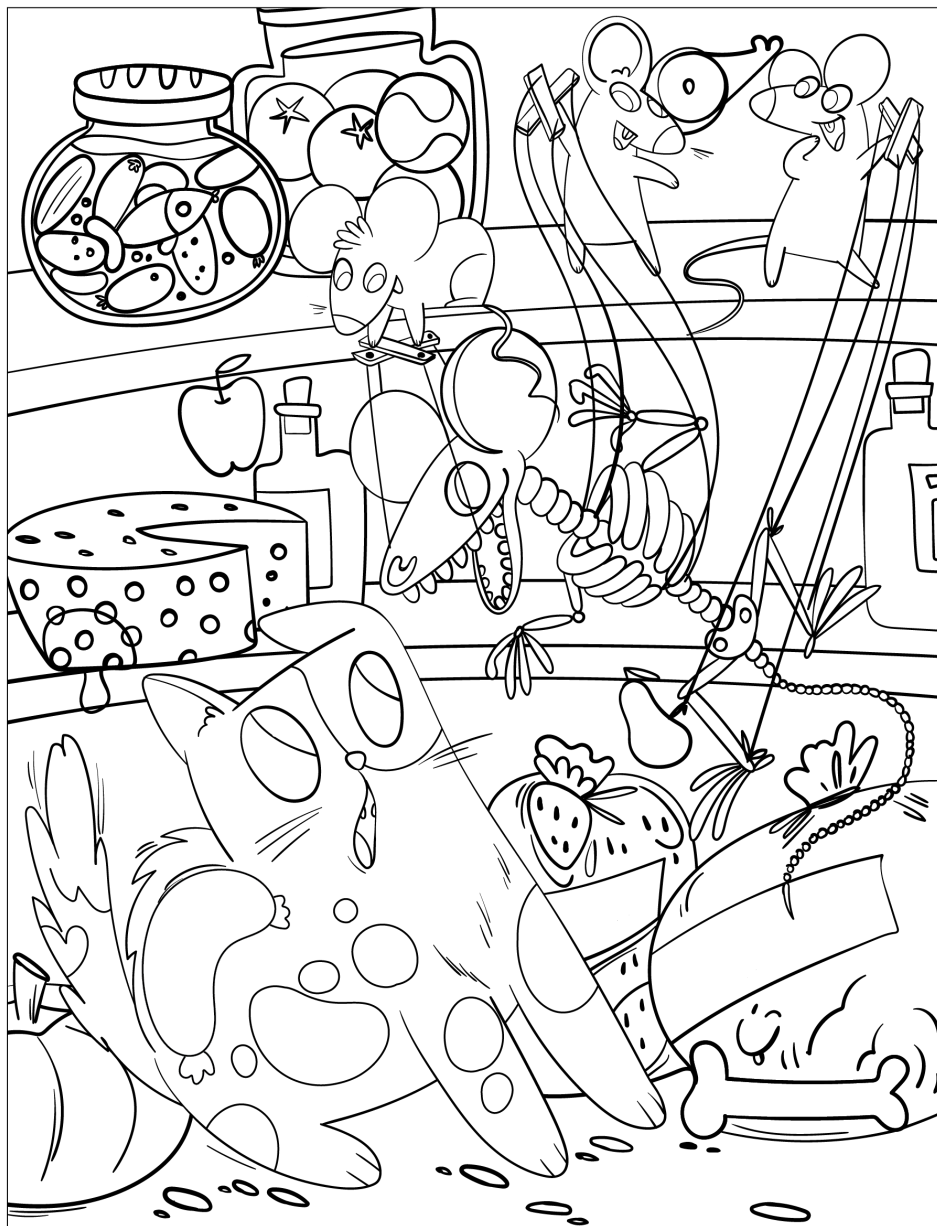
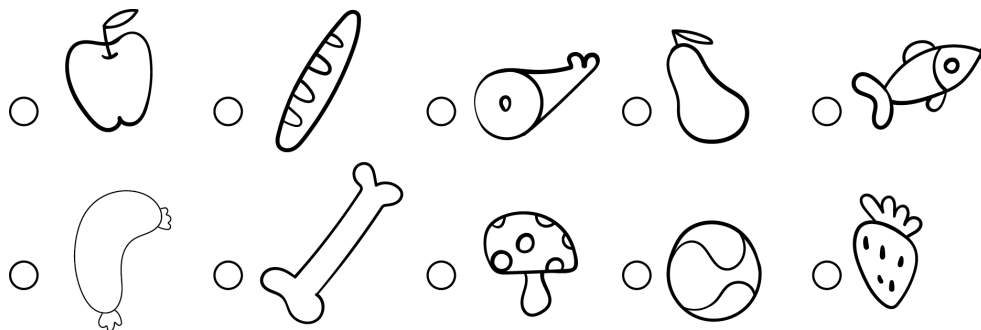
- [3] Crafter's utensil
- [5] Topiary tool
- [7] Sewing staple
- [9] Barber's tool
- [10] A compass's pointer
- [11] Talons

Down

- [1] Use after a meal
- [2] Drinking vessel
- [4] Hotel amenity
- [6] Surgeon's knife
- [7] Rose stickers
- [8] Kitchen item

SEEK AND FIND

Find the hidden objects in the picture.





SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: D

Emerald is a gem variety of the mineral beryl. While gems typically get their color from trace metals or impurities, emeralds specifically owe their intense green hue to traces of chromium or sometimes vanadium.

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