

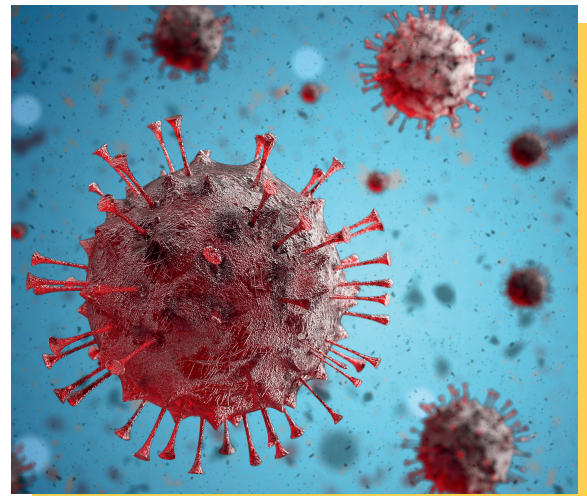
Daily Delight

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Virus Appreciation Day

It may seem ironic to dedicate a day to appreciating something that can make us sick, especially given the recent outbreaks of viruses like COVID-19. Viruses are tiny parasites that contain genetic material, either DNA or RNA. Some viruses have even been used in the creation of vaccines. For example, the smallpox vaccine was developed from the cowpox virus. These infectious agents require a host, such as an animal, human, or plant, to survive and multiply.

Antiviral drugs are available to alleviate symptoms. Interestingly, all animals, including humans, harbor a large number of viruses in their intestinal tract that aid in digestion. So today, instead of fearing viruses, let's just try to understand more about them.



Today in History



In 1945, Elvis Presley performed for the 1st time at the age of 10, when he sang “Old Shep” in a youth talent contest at the Mississippi-Alabama Fair and Dairy Show in Tupelo. He won \$5.00 in fair ride tickets for finishing fifth in the competition, which was broadcast live on WELO Radio.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Sail On, Silver Girl, Sail On By

A Grey Hair Inspired This Verse
Paul Simon originally only wrote two verses for "Bridge Over Troubled Water", but Art Garfunkel thought a third verse was needed. Apparently, the verse was written in tribute to Simon's then-wife. "Sail on, silver girl, sail on by" was quickly written and added to the first two carefully constructed verses. His wife, Peggy Harper, had discovered a grey hair and become upset over it. The verse encouraged her to face the future with hope and confidence.

TRIVIA

Which fingernail grows the fastest?

A Index

B Middle

C Ring

D Pinky

TODAY'S FUNNY

Chickens have stopped crossing the road...

Now they call an "ewe"ber.

TODAY'S WISDOM

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

- C.S. Lewis

WORD SEARCH

Chocolate Makes it Better



Babka

Brownies

Cake

Chips

Cocoa

Fudge

Ice Cream

Pretzels

Pudding

Sauce

Smores

Souffle

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.

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

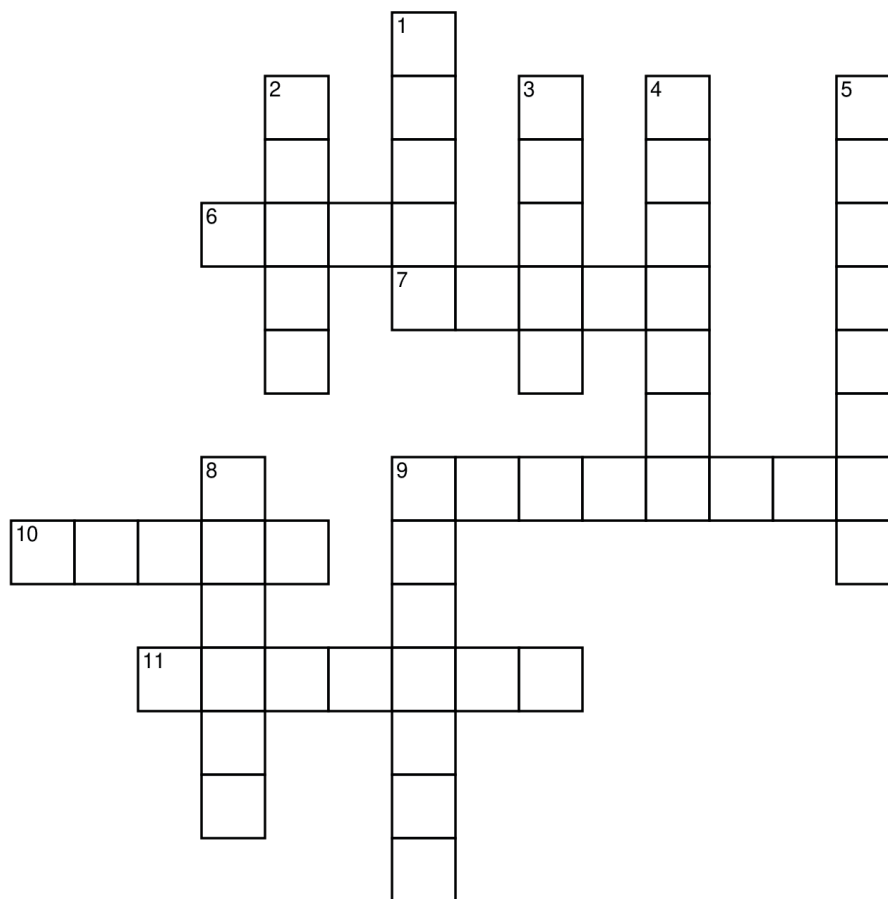
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	2				6			
		7			9	3		6
	4		7	9	5			3
		9				1		
	7	2				4		9

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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Salem, Massachusetts



Across

- [6] Source of trepidation
- [7] Courtroom procedure
- [9] State of extreme agitation
- [10] One who brews potions
- [11] Settler of Massachusetts Bay

Down

- [1] Tennis playing area
- [2] Magic incantation
- [3] Tricks
- [4] "It takes a ____"
- [5] Before the Revolutionary War
- [8] Lay blame upon
- [9] What repeats itself

CRYPTOGRAM

Each number stands for a letter. The correlating number for 3 of the letters has been provided as a starting point. Find the numbers in the puzzle and write the assigned letter. Single letters and word length are all hints. Be sure to keep track of what numbers are used for each letter to decode the message!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
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3												
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N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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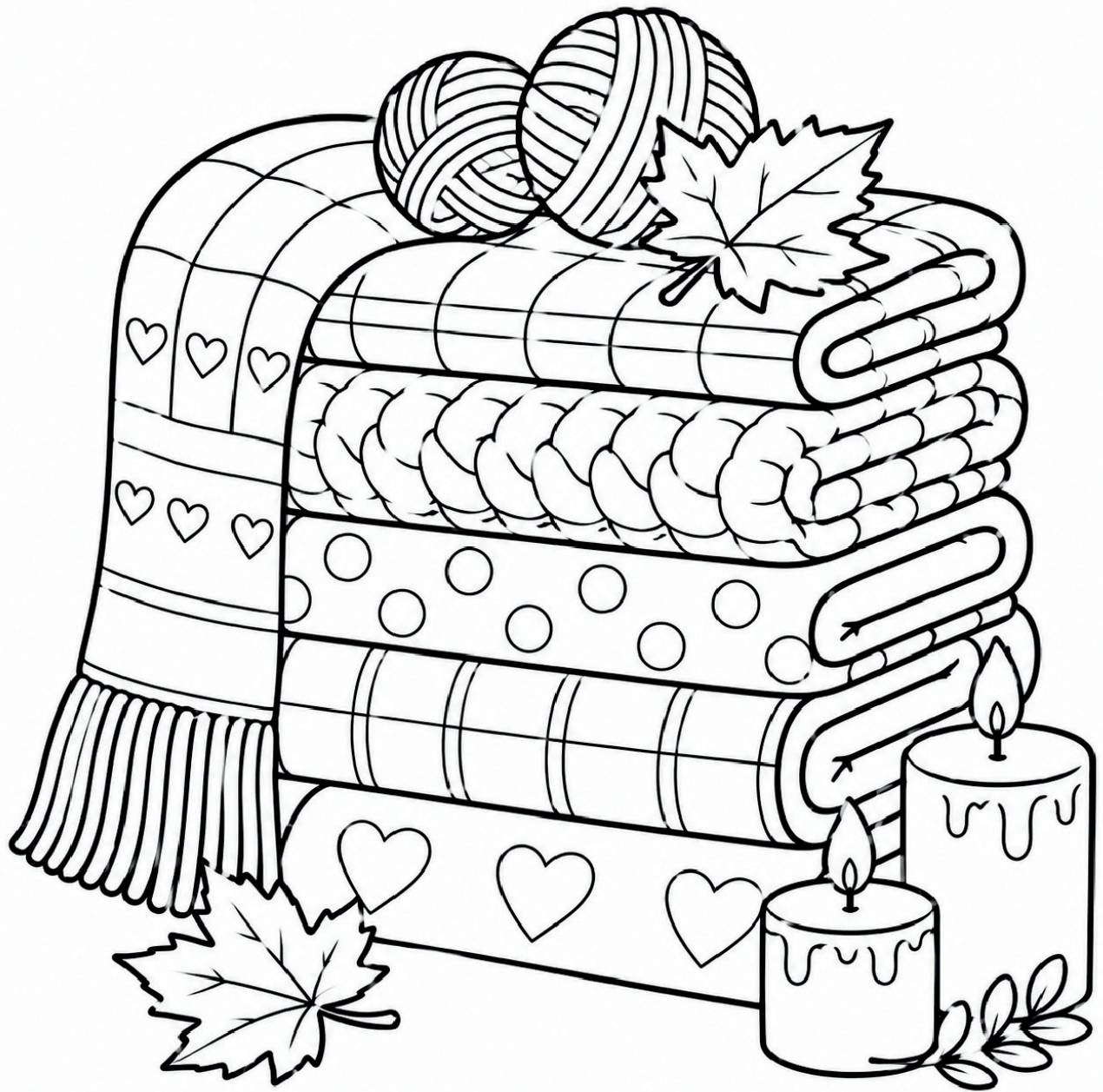
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3	6	21	8	2	13	23	7	21	3	24	21	23
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8	21	10	23	13	3	11	3	6	13	4
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10	23	13	3	11	.
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SOLUTIONS

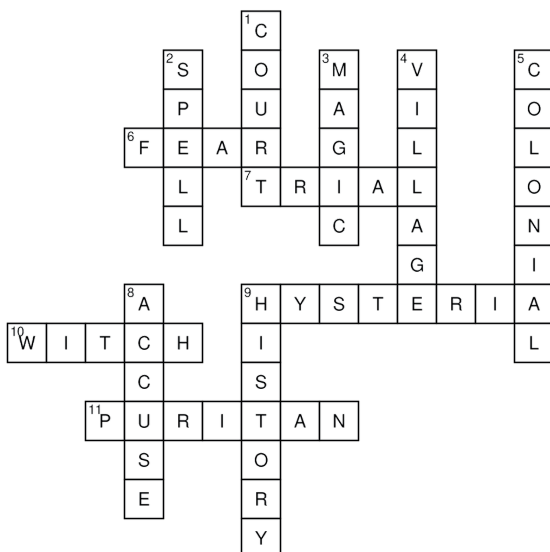
Trivia Answer: B

While scientists are still studying the exact mechanisms behind why the middle fingernail grows faster, it comes down to a mix of anatomy, circulation, and how we use our hands.

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

C F F M V K E F N Q V A H S H M K T
 R E V I W X T V L M N V E S N H S W
 F B I C V I G J G F C I E N Q Z Y X
 R W T T R R R U A W N R S P R P C V
 A P D E M C A D R W O T Z P M D E S
 H F K G E O P K O M K G F S A U C E
 N U O D U C L R S I Q Q S I E Z B F
 P G R U I O B E E Q V Y O B R H W V
 Q Q S F B A B K A T X E U T C M P I
 P Y Q C E C L A S A Z I F I E P G U
 L E M F L S H C W C W E F V C R V E
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 X I Y D U Z R A P Z L U E S J M S Q
 N I O Z V M H P V S D D A U O H A T
 B F B T T X U D R O S D M Y S Z G U
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4	8	7	2	5	9	3	1	6
6	4	1	7	9	5	2	8	3
3	5	9	4	2	8	1	6	7
8	7	2	6	3	1	4	5	9



A B C D E F G H I J K L M
 3 16 22 10 13 20 7 2 15 19 5 24 11

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 6 21 1 9 23 25 8 26 14 4 17 12 18

Y O U A R E N E V E R
 12 21 26 3 23 13 6 13 14 13 23
 T O O O L D T O S E T
 8 21 21 21 24 10 8 21 25 13 8
 A N O T H E R G O A L O R
 3 6 21 8 2 13 23 7 21 3 24 21 23
 T O D R E A M A N E W
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 D R E A M
 10 23 13 3 11