

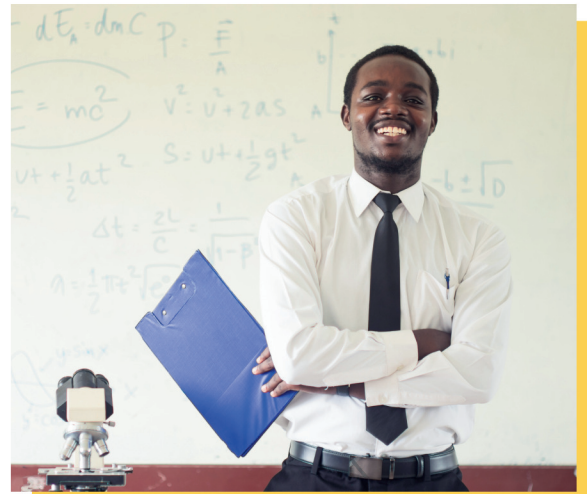
Daily Delight

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Smart is Cool Day

Are you smarter than the average human being? Do people think of you as “uncool” because you’re so smart? Today, recognize, appreciate, and celebrate being smart. For decades, mainstream media has portrayed smart people as being weird individuals with thick glasses and no personality. However, a smart person is so much more than a sidekick who only exists to provide some last-minute advice. Well, stand up today and take pride in the fact that your smarts make you cool

First celebrated in 2013 in West Hartford, Connecticut, to honor Hartford teacher of the year Mario Maiero and West Hartford teacher of the year John Mastroianni, Smart is Cool Day is for intelligent people to enjoy and bask in the coolness that is their superior intelligence! Spend the day taking an IQ test, playing games to test your mind, or getting together with all your cool, smart friends.



Today in History



In 1942, “Now Voyager,” starring Bette Davis, premiered in New York. Davis was the first actor to be nominated 10 times, she was the first female president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in 1941, and the first woman to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award in 1977.

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DID YOU KNOW? A Fruit in Disguise

Most people think of squash as a vegetable, but botanically speaking, all varieties of squash—from zucchini and butternut to pumpkins—are actually fruits. The defining characteristic is that they develop from the flower of the plant and contain seeds. This makes them cousins to other fruits like cucumbers and tomatoes.

TRIVIA

In Norse mythology, Thor's Hammer is called what?

A Iron Fist

B Mjolnir

C Sledge

D Thunder

TODAY'S FUNNY

I recently organized a mediocre game of tag with some work friends.....

If I'm honest, it was pretty much just a touch-and-go game.

TODAY'S WISDOM

*"We make a living by what we get, but
we make a life by what we give."
- Winston Churchill*

WORD SEARCH

Kids Game



Tag

Capture

Flag

Foursquare

Parachute

Hop Scotch

Jump Rope

Freeze

Marbles

Red Rover

Dodge

Tetherball

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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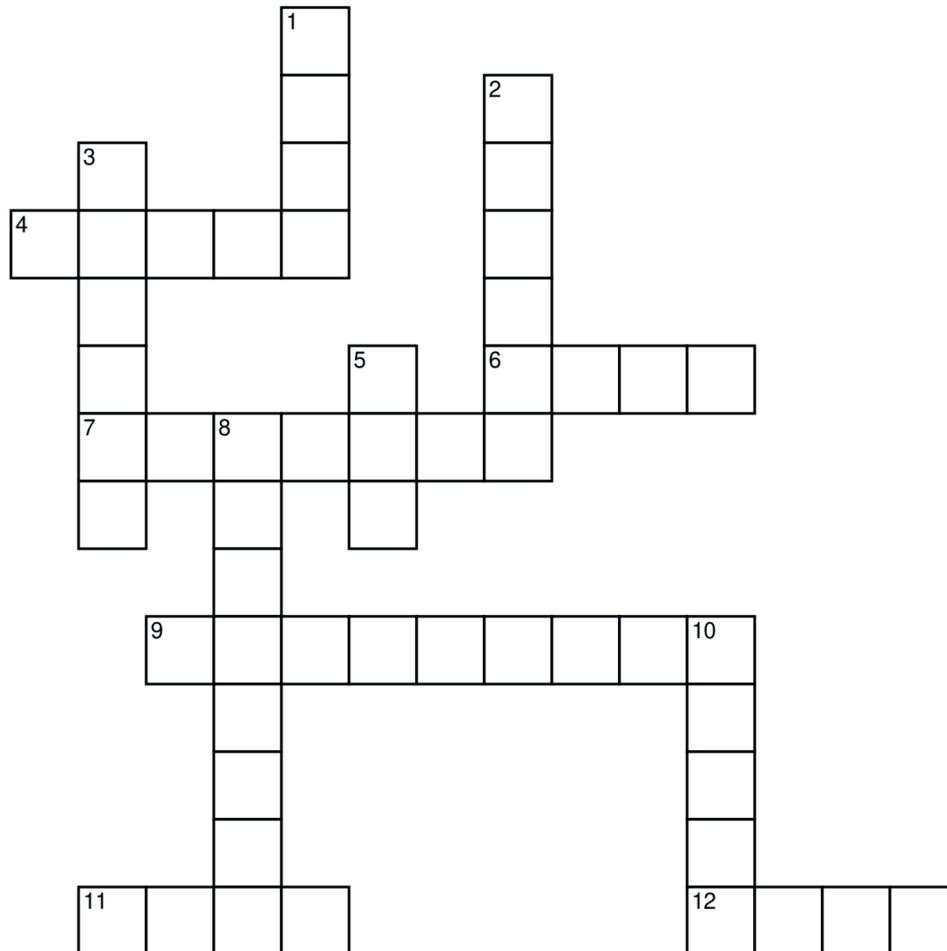
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Helpful Tip:

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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Gas Station



Across

- [4] Cost
- [6] What a "flat" dweller takes
- [7] Act of providing assistance
- [9] Pumps gas, cleans windows
- [11] Gas fixture
- [12] "Here's your _____"

Down

- [1] Firefighter's tool
- [2] Hose end
- [3] Kitchen buildup
- [5] Black gold
- [8] Public bathroom
- [10] The wheels on the bus

Spotlight Trivia

Frankenstein

1. In Mary Shelley's novel, what is the actual name of the monstrous creation?
A. No name given
B. Frankenstein
C. Igor
D. Adam
2. Mary Shelley conceived the idea for *Frankenstein* as part of a competition with her friends, including Lord Byron and Percy Bysshe Shelley. What was the challenge?
A. To write the best ghost story
B. To translate a classic Greek tragedy
C. To conduct a scientific experiment
D. To compose a romantic poem
3. The novel's full title is *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus*. Why is the reference to the mythological figure Prometheus significant?
A. Because Prometheus stole fire from the gods to give to humanity
B. Because Prometheus built a labyrinth to contain a monster
C. Because Prometheus was the Greek god of the underworld
D. Because Prometheus was known for his monstrous appearance.
4. After being abandoned and learning about the world on his own, what does the creature demand that Victor Frankenstein create for him?
A. An elixir that will make him look human
B. A female companion of the same species
C. A large sum of money to sail to America
D. A remote castle where he can live in peace
5. While many films depict a bolt of lightning bringing the creature to life, how does the novel describe the moment of creation?
A. a "spark of being" and instruments of life
B. by a complex chemical reaction
C. animated through an ancient magical incantation
D. Victor flips a switch during a thunderstorm



SOLUTIONS

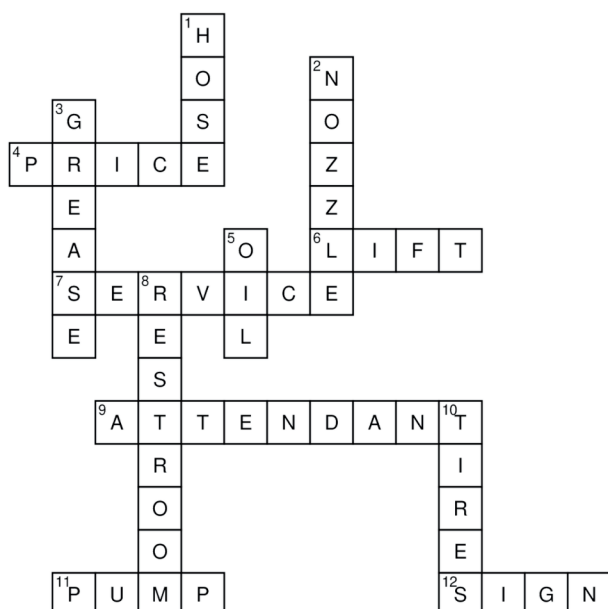
Trivia Answer: B

Mjolnir, also known as Mjöllnir, is the hammer of the Norse god Thor and a symbol of his power in Norse mythology.

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Spotlight Trivia:

1. A
2. A
3. A
4. B
5. A