Daily Delight

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Play Basketball Day

Commemorating the birth of basketball inventor Dr. James Naismith, Play Basketball Day is an annual occasion not only to play one of the most popular sports in the U.S., but also to celebrate its massive global impact. In December 1891, Dr. Naismith invented the game after being challenged by his boss to design a fair, non-aggressive team sport that could be played indoors during the harsh Massachusetts winter. That same season, the first public game took place, and as the YMCA quickly began promoting it internationally, the sport spread across the globe. Even if you can't hit the court to play today, you can still catch a game on TV or take a moment to learn more about this iconic pastime.



Today in History

In 1928, the St. Louis Cardinals' first baseman Jim Bottomley was voted the National League's MVP. After playing for three baseball teams from 1922 to 1937, he worked as a talent scout and minor league baseball manager. Bottomley was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1974.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Origin of the Packers' Name

Did you know the Green Bay Packers, one of the most storied franchises in sports, got their name from a deal for jerseys? In 1919, team founder Earl "Curly" Lambeau asked his employer, the Indian Packing Company, for $500 to buy uniforms. The company agreed on the condition that the team be named after them. While the Indian Packing Company was absorbed just two years later, the legendary "Packers" name stuck forever.

TRIVIA

What Latin phrase refers to someone's habits of working?

A Caveat Emptor

B Vice Versa

C Alibi

D Modus Operandi

TODAY'S FUNNY

How does a penguin build its house?

Igloos it together.

TODAY'S WISDOM

"The color of springtime is in the flowers, the color of winter is in the imagination."
– Terri Guillemets

WORD SEARCH

Healthy Eating

B Y T I U D K P P R T O P R L P V I
A O P J H S A N R J O D W X F E Y V
X B J I S F N I E Y H P A A L D Y H
S M B E B Q Z B V M Y Z C O O H X D
L W Q Z I Z I S E X M H H A C I U E
B D E R M F P H N G Z W A X O I O S
Q H P H P N U U T M J Q V S Y F V S
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A U A H H N I N E D A T O C Y K E D
V F F R U I T S V E I D O D O O S M
O P I Y W S C D M N S E F C C Q R T
E W V Q B T J S W W F R T Z O P L Y

Foods
Fruits
Grains
Health
Meals
Whole
Diet
Davis
Nutritionist
Preventative
Unprocessed
Vegetables

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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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		6	5		1	9		
9	8	7	6	4		1	3	5
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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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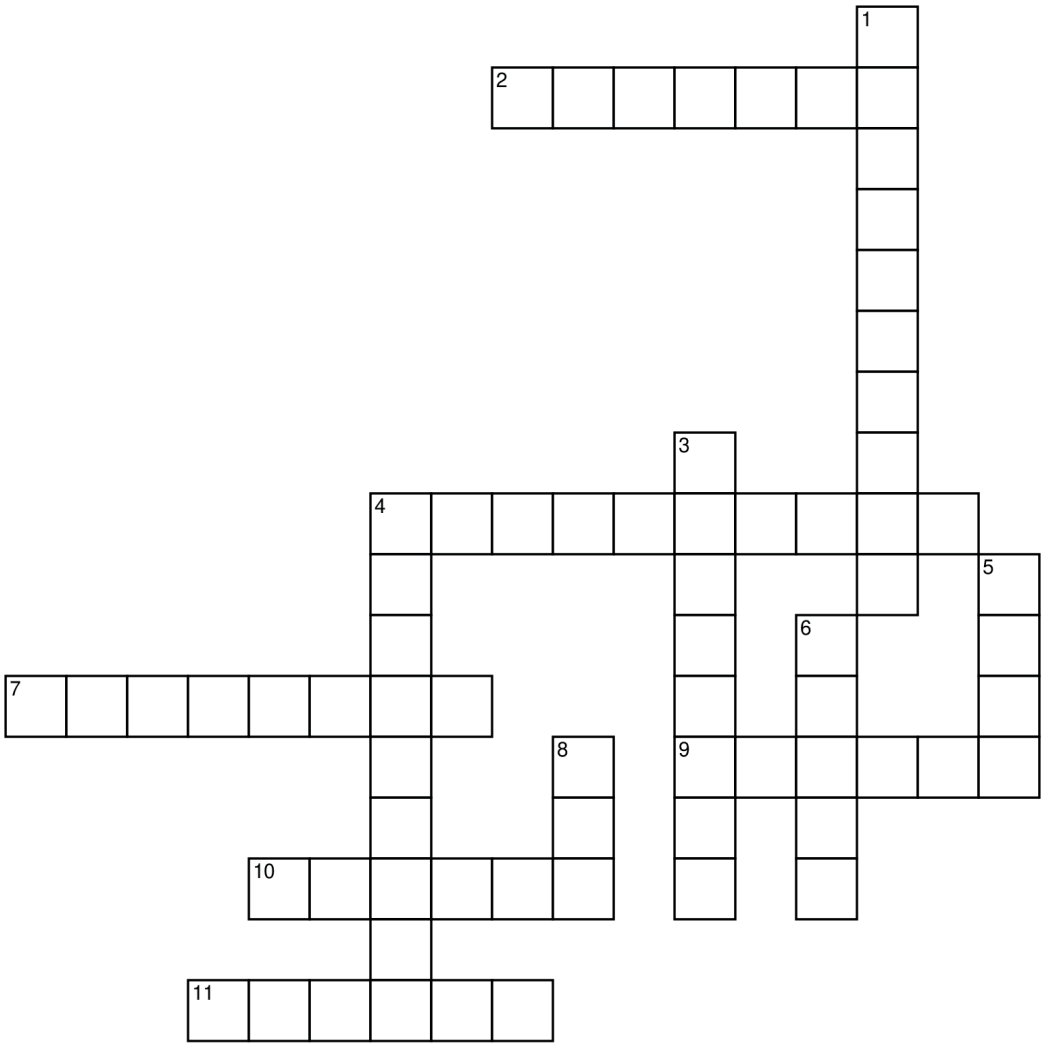
A Snow Day



Across

[2] Winter figure
[4] Flickering brightly
[7] Windy
[9] Like Jack's touch
[10] Cool and brisk
[11] Without warmth or feeling

Down

[1] Captivating
[3] Serene
[4] Effervescent
[5] Snug and comfortable
[6] Covered in white
[8] Very cold

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.

What was your elementary school like?

Did you have a playground? Did you play with other grade levels? What was your favorite game?

Can you remember a special project for school you worked on? What subject was it for? What was the project about?



SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: D

A modus operandi (often shortened to M.O.) is someone's habits of working, particularly in the context of business or criminal investigations. The term is used in police work when discussing the methods employed by criminals.

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