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## **Sources of Daily Sudoku Puzzles**

Sudoku is one of the most addictive puzzle games to hit the US, Japan, Europe, and the rest of the world! Though it was invented in 1979, Sudoku gained popularity in Japan in the mid 1980's, the early 1990's in the US, the middle of 2004 in Britain, and last year all over Europe. Now, the rest of the world is catching onto this very addictive puzzle game due to the diversity of sources that offer Sudoku puzzles, from newspapers and magazines, to TV shows and the Internet. For those who prefer solving only one Sudoku puzzle a day, check out these sources of daily Sudoku puzzles.

## - http://www.daily-sudoku-puzzle.com/

As the website URL suggests, this site offers users a different Sudoku puzzle everyday for free. There are 4 levels of difficulty here: Easy, Medium, Hard, and Fiendish. Each level has its own daily Sudoku puzzle that users can solve and have their times posted on the site. No need to register! Instructions on how to play Sudoku are available as a 1-minute animation. You can see the solutions to the previous day's grids, and see old Sudoku puzzles in the site's archive. A simple, yet Oriental-flavored grid is used for all Sudoku puzzles. Other features are also available. A nice site to check out!

#### - http://www.dailysudoku.com/sudoku/index.shtml

The Daily Sudoku offers users different Sudoku puzzles on a daily basis. These puzzles are printable and are available for use offline. The site also shows the solution to the day's puzzle. Larger 12X12 and 16X16 puzzles are also available for download. Various links to Sudoku resources can also be found here. Feel free to download your Sudoku puzzles now!

#### - http://www.fingertime.com/sudoku.php

Fingertime.com offers free online mini games for users. Its Sudoku game can be played online and against a clock. Post your time on the player board and see how you fared against others. Playing the game is easy just by using the mouse. Though the puzzle's graphics look very simple, users will find this game very addictive once they get the hang of it. If you don't like your solution, just reset the game and time and solve the puzzle in record time! Other features like viewing puzzle archives and solutions to the previous day's puzzle are available here.

#### - http://www.sudoku.org.uk/daily.asp

This site is a competitive Sudoku site that offers a different Sudoku puzzle daily. Difficulty levels per day are set by the site. Gentle (Easy) level is available only during Monday. Moderate level is offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Tough level is available on Thursdays, and Diabolical level is offered on Fridays and Sundays. Download the day's puzzle, solve it, then submit your solution along with some basic personal information like name, email address etc. and get a chance to win a prize! Common features are also available here like links to resources, tips, purchasable Sudoku games etc.

## - http://uk.games.yahoo.com/sudoku/index.html

Yahoo! Games-UK offers Yahoo! fanatics its version of Sudoku. Daily online versions are available, and different puzzles are available for Easy, Medium, and Hard levels. You can instantly view the solution to the day's puzzle. You can also download the Ancient Sudoku Game, that has good graphics, making it look like a Mayan stone tablet.

Those are just some of the websites that offer users daily Sudoku puzzles. Feel free to search the net for a lot more of these websites. The following are some of the newspapers all over the world that also offer daily Sudoku puzzles.

- Clarin (Argentina)
- Diario Perfil (Argentina)
- The Australian
- The Courier Mail (Australia)
- Daily Telegraph (Australia)
- Sydney Morning
- The Age (Australia)
- Le Soir (Belgium)
- Het Belang van Limburg (Belgium)
- De Standaard (Belgium)
- Estado de Sao Paulo (Brazil)
- Toronto Star
- El Tiempo (Colombia)
- El Colombiano
- B.T. (Denmark)
- Nordjyske Stiftstidende (Denmark)
- Ekstra Bladet (Denmark)
- Helsingin Sanomat (Finland)
- Le Parisien (France)
- Handelsblatt (Germany)
- Die Welt Kompakt (Germany)
- Frankfurter Rundschau (Germany)
- Elefthrotypia (Greece)
- Ta Nea (Greece)

- Apple Daily (Hong Kong)
- am730 (Hong Kong)
- The Standard (Hong Kong)
- Frettabla (Iceland)
- Irish Independent
- Irish Times
- The Jerusalem Post
- Yedioth Ahronoth (Israel)
- Maíariv (Israel)
- Haaretz (Israel)
- Il Secolo XIX (Italy)
- La Republica (Italy)
- Dagens Núringsliv (Norway)
- Adresseavisen (Norway)
- Correio da Manh (Portugal)
- Metro (Portugal)
- Destak (Portugal)
- Slovenske novice (Slovenia)
- Beeld (South Africa)
- La Vanguardia (Spain)
- Le Temps (Switzerland)
- Le Matin (Switzerland)
- Berner Zeitung (Switzerland)
- Bangkok Post
- Newark StarñLedger (USA)
- The Buffalo News (USA)
- Chicago Red Eye (USA)
- Los Angeles Times (USA)
- The Washington Post (USA)
- USA Today
- The Boston Globe (USA)
- San Francisco Chronicle (USA)
- Seattle Times (USA)

There are tons of other US newspapers that offer daily Sudoku puzzles. Be sure to check your country's national and local papers if they offer daily Sudoku puzzles.

#### **The Different Sources of Monster Sudoku**

Sudoku is one of the most famous puzzle games of today. It is the hottest and newest puzzle craze in town. Most of the people are indulging to playing with sudoku because of its very appealing puzzle game play. If you love playing with crosswords, you will also love playing with

sudokus even more. It is in fact the most famous games not only to adults but to kids as well.

Sudoku is composed of nine rows and columns. The puzzle game is pre loaded with numbers. You will be filling up the blanks with the necessary numbers to complete the set. Usually, the intensity of the games is determined through the loaded numbers given. The more numbers are placed the more difficult the game will become.

The funny thing about it is that it is composed of numbers but it does not need mathematics to play with it. You will not use addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to start the game. You do not need to be a mathematical wizard to play with sudoku. Logical mind and high reasoning power is all you need. It also requires more thinking than in any other puzzles. So aside from the amusement it can give you, you will be exercising your brain cells as well.

There are several variations of sudoku. Most of the variation is difficulty and you have to be an expert to play it. However, there is a particular variation of sudoku that is also famous today. The game is called monster sudoku. What is monster sudoku? How is it played?

Monster sudoku is a giant puzzle, usually containing more than 5 sudoku in one game. You can ask your friends and family to help you finish the puzzle game. The method of monster sudoku is just the same as the method of the conventional sudoku, the only difference is that it will take time to complete one monster sudoku.

Monster sudoku is also available everywhere. Usually, you can buy books that contain many monster sudoku games. Bookstores and all the leading department stores in your area can be a good source of these monster sudoku. You only have to choose which bookstore is the best one to get your monster sudokus.

Newspapers can also be a great source of monster sudokus. Usually, the ones that contain monster sudokus are daily newspapers. Newspapers contain this particular game because there are many people loving this puzzle game. The newspapers are selling beyond expectations because of the presence of monster sudokus. This gives the newspaper a remarkable high sales rate.

Magazines are also good sources of monster sudokus. Magazines have clearer and more colorful versions of sudokus. Usually, it is made into a promo. Those who can finish one game are offered to get a particular prize. The prizes are home appliances, trips to exotic places and many more. These magazines are using the popularity of this sudoku puzzle so they can sell more magazines in a short time. Because people are after its pleasure and prize allotted to it, they will buy the magazine and try their luck in completing the puzzles.

Lastly, the most helpful and useful tool in your search is the internet. The Internet has wide varieties of websites where you can get your monster sudokus. These puzzle games are even offered free. You can download on and print it afterwards. Then you can start playing with it soon after you print it. Websites are also gaining so much from this because of the pay per click

business. With so many sudoku players, the more they will gain money over it.

Search engines are very useful tools as well. With the different search engines online, searching for a monster sudoku game is never a difficulty. By just simply typing the phrase "free monster sudoku," you will be open to more than thousands of free printable monster sudoku made especially for you.

These are the most famous sources of monster sudokus. Start playing with sudoku now and experience a different taste of puzzle. Empower your brain cells and activate the sleeping neurons by playing monster sudokus. Entertainment is never this educating.

## Puzzle the Whole World with Sudoku Daily

What are you into during your break time? Do you spend it with a game? Do you know that the majority of people around the world are addicted to the puzzle game named the Sudoku? It is because they believed that it is one of the best stress relievers since it can make them relax and exhilarated at the same time.

Most of the players of these puzzle games are the persons who are finding a way out from the busy world. According to them, Sudoku may be very difficult but it greatly helps to maintain the activeness of their minds while relaxing. Because of their fondness to Sudoku, they make always sure that they get a copy of their Sudoku daily.

#### **How did the Sudoku Daily start?**

The Sudoku was at first a Japanese puzzle game but others said that it was a Chinese game. It came into existence at the 18th century, which is about 200 years ago. The puzzle has just recently swept the world by storm and is being played almost everywhere.

It is actually a puzzle of numbers but it is not Math as what others would think. Therefore, you do not have to worry if you were only getting 75 percent on your Math grade when you were still in high school. Sudoku does not even require a player to have a basic knowledge of the game. This means that anybody can play it.

Sudoku can be played daily wherever you like at any time. It can even become a great "time consuming" game. This is just the same as waiting for a cab, spending vacation on a resort and/or having a doctor's appointment.

It is a puzzle but a complicated one, which can trick you for a long period of time. Patience, concentration and enough time is what you needed to complete the puzzle.

There are actually four types/versions of the puzzle, which is presented in the Sudoku Daily,

### they are the:

- Classic Daily: this Sudoku has 200,000 exclusive and addicting puzzles. It features different levels of complexity, hints and strategies, timer and a personalized background. You can play it on your computer or just print if you want.
- Monster Daily: this Sudoku puzzle is different from the usual Sudoku you get daily. It consists of a 16 x 16 grid, 4 x 4 blocks and each block has 16 cells. Sounds confusing, doesn't it? It can be, especially if you did not try to find out the mechanics of the game. In a standard Sudoku, only the numbers from 1 to 9 are placed in but in Monster, numbers from 1 to 16 and letters from A to F are placed in each row, cell and 4 x 4 blocks. However, it has the same rule as the standard Sudoku.
- Kids Sudoku Daily: this has become a huge trend for growing up kids. This puzzle is the best way to develop their logical skills while they are having fun. Kids' ages from seven above can start playing the puzzle. Parents do not have to worry if their children do not know how to count yet since this puzzle does not really require a player to have extensive knowledge in Math.
- Squiggly Sudoku Daily this Sudoku game is different from the standard Sudoku. It is because the 9  $\times$  9 grid is divided into 9 different shapes. However, each shape still contains nine cells. It also applies the same rules of standard Sudoku--numbers must only appear once in each row, column and shape. This puzzle can be very difficult especially to most beginners because it looks more complicated and hard to solve.

With all these four version of the Sudoku Daily, you will not have a hard time solving it. Why? Because each of the puzzles has its own feature or characteristics, which may help you decide the one you will choose to play everyday. However, since all of these puzzles are given on a daily basis over the internet, it would be good if you choose one today, the other tomorrow and so on.

Lastly, always follow the rules when playing the Sudoku Daily to avoid confusion and having to start again.

## **Sudoku for Kids and Beginners**

Even your four-year old child who is eager to learn games can play sudoku for kids. In the UK, the Sudoku fever has captured the minds of the people even the kids. The sudoku game has changed the way other people look at how the game is played. In the coming years, it is expected that more and more people will learn the basics of the game and be able to make use of it in practical situations.

It is amazing that some kids can play sudoku and the fact that they have fresher minds, they can think of good strategies that are helpful as they finish the game. In the UK, more and more children have played sudoku for kids. Some of the kids who did not play sudoku have been influenced by other kids from all over the countries most especially in the UK.

Why has Sudoku become so popular that many kids want to learn how to play it? Many parents ask if their kids will benefit from playing sudoku for kids. Since sudoku games are offered for free, children can easily play sudoku for kids. A child can play it at any time when they feel like playing it with anybody. Kids will of course play simple steps from the sudoku game.

But as they grow with mastering the game, they will notice that they have their own strategies and tips to use for the game. Mastering their newly learned sudoku tips can be applied successfully in the sudoku for kids and they can simply gain more sudoku tips as they advance in the game. Sudoku for kids does not merely let them play the game, but it also provides them with the chance to practice their skills and reasoning ability even in practical applications.

This is the reason why parents have been encouraging their children to play sudoku for kids because they can use it even in school or to increase their reasoning ability to be able to cope easily with the changing world. Children who can play Sudoko for kids easily have bigger possibilities to excel in school or at other practical applications.

Reasoning ability and planning in the sudoku for kids is not just an easy step although it can be played simply. A child can choose whether he or she is ready to advance to the next level of the game. Since the game is offered for free from the newspapers or online resources, he or she can choose the perfect time to play the game.

Absorbing everything that they have learned will be helpful in learning new strategies and tips for the sudoku for kid's game. If your child is so interested in playing the game that he would exchange his or her favorite TV or cartoon show, it just means that your child is one of a kind and that he is talented. If your child has a passion for playing the game, encourage them to keep up their learning ability because sudoku for kids is not just any ordinary game. It is unique and can help your child enhance his or her concept of the game.

Sudoku for kids originated in Japan with the meaning of single number. Although the game was very popular in Japan, the latest craze started in the year 2004 when a newspaper in UK started publishing the puzzle in the newspapers. Who would have thought that the game would be loved by so many people, especially the kids?

In just a few weeks, the puzzles have been picked up in other newspapers and the sudoku game became the favorite pastime of the commuters, parents and the kids too. It would be a bit impossible to believe that the kids have learned to play the game.

The sudoku for kids can be a brainy exercise. Let your children play the game until they want to play it because there is nothing to worry about. Instead of letting your kids play video games for the whole day, he might want to try a different kind of game that is meant to challenge his

young mind.

Who knows, your kids might just be the best "sudoku for kids player" in history!

## Where Can You Get Your Sudoku Puzzle of the Day?

Want to fill up your boring day with a brain-teasing activity? Maybe you might give Sudoku a good try. It cannot just make your brain work. Depending on the puzzle that you have selected, you may even work with it through out the rest of the day.

#### **Sudoku - An Overview**

For those who are still unfamiliar with this puzzle game yet want to make it as a part of their past time activities, continue reading this section. Sudoku is an abbreviation of a Japanese phrase "Suuji wa dokushin ni kagiru" which literally means "the digits must remain single." This logic puzzle is made up of 81 cells formed by a 9 x 9 grid. This grid is made up of 9 3 x 3 subgrids often called as regions. Some cells are filled up with numerals often called as givens or clues.

The puzzle will be solved if you can fill up all the remaining empty cells, one numeral on each cell, such that each column, row, and region contains the numerals 1 to 9 exactly once. Therefore, each numeral will only be appearing once in each given direction or scope, hence satisfying the meaning of the Sudoku game itself.

Either you are just a beginner or a regular Sudoku fan, you should know the common facts which constitute a Sudoku puzzle. It will serve as your guide in solving every Sudoku puzzle you will encounter. These are the following:

- Sudoku always have 30 cells or less already filled up with numerals out of the total 81 cells. For beginners, there are more than 30 cells already filled up to give a good head start while learning the puzzle. However, it does not necessarily mean that more cells already filled up are easy to begin with. There are difficult puzzle pieces that are available with 30 or more cells filled in. It will require more solving techniques to use in order to complete them.
- Sudoku are solved by entirely logical deduction. For beginners, they tend to solve the puzzle by means of trial and error or guessing. That is why it is recommended that you learn the solving techniques in order to reduce your dependence on guesswork. It is not the way you should solve a Sudoku puzzle.
- For aesthetic reasons, a Sudoku puzzle normally employs the so-called rotational symmetry. That is, the positions of the cells which are initially filled up are the same if you will be turning the page round.

- An individual Sudoku puzzle contains only one solution. Although you use different solving techniques in completing the puzzle, you will still be arriving on the same solution.

## **Sudoku Puzzle of the Day Resources**

So you want to try your logic intelligence in solving a Sudoku puzzle. But what are the possible resources of a Sudoku puzzle for the day? Check out the following resources where you can get the Sudoku puzzle of the day.

- Newspapers and Magazines. Although most of these newspapers and magazines do not publish a Sudoku puzzle on a daily basis, they are publishing one during weekends. So in case you want to have a Sudoku puzzle, the ideal newspaper or magazine edition to purchase is during Friday.
- Internet. If you are not contented for weekend Sudoku puzzle solving, you can visit the Web and look for sites that offers Sudoku puzzles. They have regular Sudoku puzzles posted on a daily basis. In addition, each Sudoku of the day puzzle features different levels: easy, medium, difficult, and very difficult.
- Daily Syndication. If you have your own site and you want to include a Sudoku of the day for your visitors to keep occupied with, you can now paste it directly to your site. All you have to do is to visit the sites offering HTML codes for these Sudoku puzzles of the day and copy and paste the HTML code snippet into your web page code. In addition, you can also choose the Sudoku puzzle that you want to appear on your site.
- E-mail. You can now get your Sudoku for the day straight from your e-mail inbox. You just need to sign-up for a Sudoku puzzle and it will be sent to you in an HTML e-mail with the accompanying puzzle as a PNG image as an attachment. In each e-mail that you will receive, you will be provided a link back to site you have subscribed with to get access with the solution and various hints to complete the puzzle.

Enhance your problem-solving skills through completing the Sudoku puzzle of the day!

## What's Up with Sudoku Shack?

Many people are asking "What's so interesting about the Sudoku game?" Can you believe it is simply a logic game in the form of a puzzle that has vastly gained popularity.

This is a game for people who find satisfaction every time they use their logic in playing. Sudoku is incomparable to other forms of puzzle games because it is not only an interesting

pastime for anyone but it is also stimulating. You can enjoy the game at the same time you learn and exercise your mind.

Moreover, according to surveys there are two main reasons why people become inclined in playing Sudoku. First, it is challenging because it can be played from ridiculously easy to fiendishly difficult levels. Secondly, it is only composed of the numeral digits from 1 to 9 so it won't require you to do any mathematical solutions. You just need to use your logical skill.

Typically, for beginners, they follow a few pointers in playing Sudoku not to win the puzzle game easily but to learn more techniques. In Sudoku, one must resist the temptation of guessing because it will not help at all times. Rather, a player should always utilize his logic.

Besides the excitement brought by a Sudoku game for the enthusiasts, they are also other products that feature various Sudoku stuff. Some are the SudokuShack shirts and caps that are made in the United States. Other products can be purchased in the leading stores from your home while shopping online.

Sudoku games are not only available in your magazines and printed materials it is likewise accessible online. Sudoku shack for instance is one of the websites offering everything about the puzzle game. It serves as a Sudoku solver or you can also download your Sudoku games here.

Both teens and adults are getting pleasure in playing Sudoku. It offers simple rules that can easily be learned by beginners. With a simple roll or click on your mouse, you can reveal the solution that you need most.

Another interesting fact about playing the puzzle game in Sudoku shack is that it provides Sudoku tutorials. This is especially designed for people who are just starting to explore the game. This is one way to ensure that they are keeping track of the basic rules and strategies they need to learn about the Sudoku game.

Sudoku games usually last for 10 to 30 minutes. It depends on the speed and the capability of the player. Typically, if you are a beginner it will take you quite a longer time but if you are an experienced Sudoku player you can finish the game even beyond the allotted time.

Sudoku Shack is also uploaded with the latest features of Sudoku games that will surely provide the player with more challenging puzzle games. One is the Super Sudoku that is considered as a new version of Sudoku. It is different from the archetypal Sudoku because it uses the computer number based hexadecimal using letters instead of numbers.

Along with Sudoku games that can be seen on the website are varieties of puzzle games such as the Crystal Power and the Brick Shooter. Those are both puzzle games but these differ in the manner of playing.

Sudoku is a known game not only for people who have the capacity to think and move fast but it is for everybody who enjoys puzzle games and taking their most precious time in doing them. This is indeed a game for children and even up to the grand masters.

More and more subscribers are visiting Sudoku Shack because of the favorable services they offer for the players of Sudoku puzzles. The players' cannot ask for more once they are subscribed to the website because they can already find everything there, from the problem to the solution. They do not have a hard time anymore searching for a solver.

So, what are you waiting for? If you want to experience fun in playing the Sudoku game, you can always visit Sudoku Shack. This is a home for all your inquiries about Sudoku games. This is where you can begin your passion for becoming a Sudoku enthusiast. Whether you are just a beginner or an experienced player, Sudoku Shack is there.

### **Rattle Your Mind with an Electronic Sudoku**

Notwithstanding Sudoku's latest explosion in fame, the puzzle game has been in existence for so many years. Thus, it is somewhat astonishing that no one has ever troubled to manufacture an electronic version, which is handheld. Well, do you know that these fun gadgets are now available commercially? Amazing, isn't it?

Electronic Sudoku, as you might have guessed, is the portable handheld LCD replica of the world's loved number puzzle game. It offers a same addictive effect as with the published puzzle game in any newspaper worldwide. The only difference is that your hands won't be dirtied by pencil marks while you're playing.

If you are going through this article and speculating if Electronic Sudoku turns into a portable radio maneuvered space dog, edible blazing scorpions or DVD player, the answer is definitely no. Hence, why do some electronic stores are selling it? It is because Sudoku is in fact is as absurdly convincing as people say and that Electronic Sudoku may perhaps not feature diving and bombing extra terrestrial aliens as well as mallet-jolly plumbers, however, Electronic Sudoku is just as likeable as King Kong and the world's dinosaurs.

Initially, the aim of Sudoku is to decipher mind-boggling number mysteries and access your solution formulas on a crossword approach grid. The Electronic Sudoku gadget basically includes a memory function for the game state and highest score recording, an automatic answer adjustment and a sleep mode.

Certainly, the Electronic Sudoku has overwhelmed people a lot and the store's are selling two diverse versions. The first one would be the standard push key button or sometimes referred to as the joy pad edition, which offers more than 750 number puzzles, one puzzle timer, a puzzle assistant, a repeat puzzle option, 3-level skills and sound effects. Electronic Sudoku is ideal for

Sudoku fanatics on the go.

The touch screen ultra-chic LCD version of Electronic Sudoku includes more than 100,000 puzzles with 2 modes along with 4-level skills each. Just put in your formula solutions through the accessible and user-friendly easy touch screen style. The touch screen edition also includes a pause feature and a spare stylus. This is perfect for ages 8 and over and for roaming Sudoku fans.

Buying an Electronic Sudoku is a brilliant idea and works pretty well, but the disadvantage of the product is the gadget's lack of contrast and the absence of a backlight. Thus, it is very hard to see the number entries. The reflection on the gadget's screen is a bit distracting and it is difficult to see the grid especially during daytime.

Electronic Sudoku is very addictive. The electronic puzzle is still a great idea especially the touch screen edition, which can make you look super smart when you're just simply sitting in a bus pretending to have fun with your palm pilot.

If you're excited to taste the pleasure of Sudoku but you soon caught yourself reading the Anorak Weekly rather than peeked traveling either with a number puzzle book or a pile of brainteaser papers, the Electronic Sudoku is absolutely suited for you.

Get hooked on Electronic Sudoku now! You can play anytime, anywhere, with the handheld user friendly Sudoku. You've got numerous options to select from. All of these feature several grid formations and difficulty levels.

Electronic Sudoku games will offer you hours to days of fun as an alternative for computers to decipher the puzzles. This electronic game is totally easy to use, available in LCD displays and features hints to answer modes. You can even hand write your solutions and answers on top pf the plastic-covered grids provided. You can select from three difficulty levels with a number of games for every level.

Now you can have fun in playing the exciting game of Sudoku in an enjoyable handheld electronic puzzle featuring a sound function. These captivating electronic puzzle games are available in almost all electronic stores worldwide so buy now and uncover the mysteries behind the mind-rattling number puzzles of Sudoku.

#### The Ultimate Sudoku Electronic Game For You

You're probably wondering what in the world is a Sudoku electronic game.

In the past two decades, electronic games are already in every household in the United States alone where statistics from other countries are not yet determined. Electronic games amount to

million of dollars spent in buying those gadgets just to satisfy the growing popularity, especially to kids and even to adults. Electronic games can result to a game addiction without considering the time and amount of money it will cost you.

So why try playing sudoku? You're probably expecting that it was made in Japan as people all know that this country is very advanced in computers and robotics. Electronic games in Japan are very common as you will be surprised that it can be made by their younger generation. So, you will declare that it's just the same from other games. Why do you even have to try playing it?

For your general knowledge, the sudoku electronic game is far from different in any hand-held games you've ever known.

Sudoku, most people indicate, that it originated in Japan as the name suggests when the only thing Japanese about it is the word sudoku. For the record, it was both circulating in Japanese and American magazines early in the 1980's and enjoyed modest success. When the time it was very popular, almost all who came across this number puzzle were driven to a puzzle-crazy status.

However, with so many publishers and creators publicly admitting that they were the one who created the game, there were no supporting evidences that they can produce. To make the matter even more complicated, according to urban stories it was created by a group of puzzle creators from New York, while in another version, it credits a certain person named Howard Gerns, a puzzle enthusiast, as the true father of modern day sudoku.

Sudoku, as you'll see, can be played with a mere pencil and paper. It goes in the past that until today it is still included in various magazines and newspapers around the globe for offering so much excitement and perseverance on how it can be solved.

As years goes by, with the advancement of technology, the game sudoku finally penetrated the electronics world. For it was known, the game can really be handy in providing the brain with utmost quickness in how to solve the very demanding game of numbers.

#### Gameplay

Sudoku, also known as number place, is a logic-based placement puzzle. The main objective of the puzzle is to place a numerical digit ranging from 1 to 9 only in a cell of 9x9 grids that is made up of 3x3 subgrids or regions. For you to start playing sudoku, digits will be given to you in some grids and subgrids and are called "givens." However, in putting your preferred numerals, each row, column, and region must contain the numerals 1-9 only once. The ultimate goal is to fill all the empty cells, provided by some givens.

#### Solutions in playing

The strategy in solving the puzzle can be a combination of the three processes: scanning, marking up, and analyzing.

- Scanning is performed at the start and throughout the solution. It's better performed one time in between periods. Scanning of rows or columns to pick which line in a targeted region may contain a number by eliminating. The process is repeated in the columns or rows. This is where you will be counting from 1-9 in columns, rows, and regions to identify missing numbers. Counting based by last numeral discovered can eventually quicken the search.
- Marking Up you can start this kind of solution if scanning was stopped and when no numbers can be discovered. This will engage in logical thinking. Many players may find it very useful in analyzing by marking the candidate numerals in empty cells. The disadvantage of this is when numerals are written only within the bound of a newspaper or a magazine, usually are too small to accommodate more candidate numerals. For if you got an electronic Sudoku game board, there are lots of options in putting the candidate numbers as well as you're using a light pen or pointer in entering your preferred number.
- Analysis two approaches can be made and these are: "candidate elimination" and "what if." In candidate elimination, solution can done by successively eliminating candidate numbers from one or more empty cell in order to leave just a one choice. In "what if" approach, a cell with only two candidate digits is picked and a guess is made.

So, you're now ready to play sudoku. It can be so much fun in challenging your brain in logic reasoning and thinking. The only thing left to do is buy your electronic sudoku game board and start playing this fun and exciting puzzle.

#### Online Sudoku: Get Into the Game

Online sudoku is the newest craze in online gaming. People are so crazy about this game that a great number of providers have already shut down due to excess activity. Isn't that amazing? I know some of you must be asking just what the sudoku game is.

Sudoku is a game that is created and popularized in Japan. It is a puzzle game which is very similar to a crossword puzzle. However it doesn't use words but only numbers. I know numbers--and probably some of you are shrugging by now and wondering how on earth can a number puzzle game create such racket in the online gaming world? Well believe it or not it is creating noise alright and sudoku fans are increasing in numbers.

You must be thinking--okay there must be a great number of nerds around the globe who would find number puzzles fun. Guess again--most of the people that play this game are not your typical nerds, mind you, but regular people just like you and me. So what is in sudoku that people just can't seem to get enough of?

First, sudoku game puzzles do not involve math. I am not saying this just to get you hooked on the game but its true--sudoko is not even close to being a math game. To play this game all you have to do is place the numbers 1 to 9 in correct placement and you have to do this in rows, in columns and in the 3x3 square. Isn't that simple or what?

I guess what draws players into this game is that fact that it is very simple to play. Online players compete with each other in terms of time--meaning whoever solves the sudoku puzzle in the shortest time is the winner. The sudoku number puzzle game is a very addictive game that it's just hard to resist once you start playing it you will surely get hooked to it.

Sudoku puzzles are excellent brain teasers and are referred to by many as wordless crossword puzzles. But unlike crosswords, sudoku game puzzle can be solved using lateral thinking alone and this is why it is making quite an impact around the world.

Online sudoku puzzles have unique solutions and does not require for the use of trial and error or simply putting it guessing. This of course makes the game more interesting and challenging. The time element also adds up to the charm of the game.

To join the number of sudoku fans on the internet you will have to register but don't worry the registration is entirely for free. Once you are registered that's the time that you can compete with the rest of the sudoku fans around the globe. And if ever it happens that you prove that you are the best when it comes to sudoku your name will be placed on a leader board for the entire world to see.

And of course you know what that means--popularity but you have to defend your title since other sudoku fans will surely take the position away from you. Remember that you are competing with the entire world.

Another good thing about sudoku game puzzles is the fact that they are not only fun but also very educational. And people who just hate numbers will surely come to appreciate them if they started playing sudoku. Sudoku puzzle games are great if you want to exercise your brain but not to the point of contracting a headache. It is a great game to kill time and to learn. I mean how many games have you found online that can give you the same satisfaction that you get from playing sudoku? Not many.

Although there is few that you may consider educational and fun but often very complicated so you give up playing them. But with sudoku you will never get tired of playing. In fact you may not want to stop playing this game once you get started.

If you can't get enough of sudoku online, you may also download it on your mobile phone or on your personal computer. This will provide you with a great amount of time to practice your speed in solving sudoku puzzles.

If you don't have a mobile phone you may also get a load of sudoku by ordering newspapers that features this type of game. If you are more of a magazine types of person don't worry because there are also magazines that feature sudoku puzzle games. You may order them online or purchase them from game stores or even bookstores simply ask if they have publications that feature sudoku game puzzles.

## **The Best Part of Playing the Sudoku Online**

Easily one of the very common past times all over the world is playing puzzle games. Puzzle games are fun to be played when you are having your break time and doing nothing else. People can think well when their minds are relaxed. There are lots of common ideas that are running in people's mind and most of the time they are great ideas.

Aside from the fact that puzzle games can be found all over, you can find it in newspapers, books, and magazines, it is also very educational and you will learn a lot of new things and develop great mental skills.

A common yet very exciting puzzle game is sudoku. This is also sometimes called as Su Doku or even soduku. Whatever name it has, those names only means one thing and that is the type of puzzle game that is very addictive that have captured the attention of the whole world. And now, this has become one of the most famous games available and is in fact very in demand to many puzzle game afficionados.

Due to the overwhelming response of the people to sudoku, aside from the books, magazines and journals where sudoku can be played, you can now find sudoku in the internet. There are already online sudoku games where you can play for free. This free online sudoku game helps you save a lot of time and money and will make you learn the game faster and play like a pro.

Sometimes you will wonder why people go crazy about the sudoku game. You may ask yourself what's with it that people are very excited to learn about the sudoku game.

Aside from the fact the sudoku is educational, you will enjoy the logic of the game and it has very simple rules that will guide you throughout your game.

There are also lots of different sudoku puzzles that are made only for you! You can play as long as you wanted to without answering the same puzzle that you have done already.

The online sudoku games offer a multitude of sudoku player tools, pencil marks and this has the ability to draw attention to the wrong moves that you take. There are also different categories or levels you will find on the online sudoku game.

These categories mentioned above are:

- 1. the easy sudoku play
- 2. the moderate sudoku play
- 3. the hard sudoku play
- 4. the very hard sudoku play and lastly,
- 5. the monstrous sudoku play

In each of the categories, they have their own style or way of playing the game. The farther you play the more difficult the puzzles you will encounter. As you move on, every step gets very challenging and not boring. You will really like the process the game progresses into as you keep on playing.

However, as for the first timers, they easily get pissed off at the game and that is not new. So if you are a first timer, you should have more patience while playing the game. Sudoku is a type of game that requires you to have enormous logical skills and careful thinking in order to solve the game.

In the long run, the more puzzles that you have solved the better player you will become. You will be used to the strategy of the game and probably can already make a technique on how you can solve the puzzle as fast as you could.

With the help of the free online sudoku games, there will be a lot of time that will be allotted for you to play and aside from it, you will not run out of puzzles and there is no time limit, if you want to play sudoku the whole day.

You will no longer wait for the newspaper, magazines or books to come out for their new issues just to play the sudoku. This is a one of a kind game that you should not miss out on. There are lots of benefits aside from giving you a great time. You get to relax and unwind in a quiet game plus you get to exercise your mind and keep it in tip top shape.

#### **Come and Get the Best Free Sudoku Download Online**

People decades ago would be content in spending their time reading, playing games and not relying on new-fangled past times just to pass and while the time away. They were contented in simple things that keep their minds active. Not like now, where people are so reliant to the things that the new technologies could offer such as television, washing machines, radios, refrigerators and a lot more.

Modern technology has allowed people to slack off. We are now very reliant to modern technology with every aspect of our lives. Many people have fallen deep into this trap and have

neglected to spend worthwhile idle time to expand their mental horizons. But there is still hope yet, technology and mind exercises can be combined to keep ourselves sharp all the time.

Well maybe this is your first time to encounter the word sudoku. This is a Japanese word that means "the digits must remain single." Digits or numbers are fun to play with that is why sudoku became an enjoyable game.

Sudoku is a puzzle game that can make your mind spin like crazy if you are not good at thinking logically. This will make your minds twist until you reach the final answer that you need to be looking for.

This game is already known to the whole world. There are already different countries that play sudoku. Even though they have different pronunciation to the name of the game, the standard rules still remains the same. The quality of the game never changed and is always preserved.

Learning this kind of game is not that easy as what you may think. You need lots of patience and better understanding while playing this game. And for more enhanced understanding of the game, why don't you download the sudoku game to find out more and at least check it out for yourself.

There now lots of different free sudoku downloads on the internet. Downloading those will be a big help for you as a player of sudoku. If you play sudoku everyday you will be enhanced a lot while learning the new strategies for the game.

There are lots of sudoku downloads that is available in the internet and some of those are:

- 1. Digit hunt soduku: the row and the columns of the square have a number from one to nine. Some of the squares don't have a number so it is up to you where you want to place them. This is a fun game that makes you twist your brain. Make sure that you place the digit on the right box in order for you to win.
- 2. Sudoku Quest: there are four levels in here and there are hints that are given to the players in solving the puzzle. This kind of sudoku is very addictive and makes brains bend.
- 3. Elite Sudoku: this is one of the most popular puzzle games in Japan. This does not need calculations and the rules are very simple however, this provides very good logic problems and situations.
- 4. Ace Sudoku: this is a bit harder form of the puzzle. It will take you a lot of time to solve it. This also provides hints to the problem and the solution to every problem.
- 5. Cross sums number crosswords: this is just an easy puzzle game for those people who can add two numbers. This is based from the crossword puzzle game. Instead of using words, they made use of the numbers and the sum of digits of the numbers will be their clues.

These games that have been mentioned above are just some of the tempting forms of the sudoku game. Despite from the fact that they are very enjoyable to play because you cannot win by cheating, this is also one of the best games where you can release your tension quietly and by your self.

In view of this, the great thing about downloading the sudoku is it's free. Therefore you can download as many sudoku games that you wanted to play. Each puzzle game has a different problem that you need to solve. You may never know that one day you will become the number the one player of the sudoku game.

## Play Sudoku Online on These 5 Great Sudoku Websites!

Sudoku is an abbreviation of the Japanese phrase "Suuji wa dokushin ni kagiru," which means "the digits must remain single." Sudoku was designed by Howard Garnes, a 74-year old architect and freelance puzzle maker, and was first published in 1979 in a New York puzzle magazine, Dell Pencil Puzzles and Word Games. It was first entitled as Number Place.

Japanese paper Monthly Nikolist first printed Number Place on April 1984 as "Suuji wa dokushin ni kagiru," as named by Kaji Maki, the president of the Nikoli company. To this day, Nikoli holds the copyright to the name Sudoku. Other publications use other names for Sudoku.

Sudoku is played on a 9X9 grid, with 3x3 subgrids referred to as regions, boxes, blocks, or even quadrants. In each box, some cells already have numbers, called given, or clues. A player has to place a number in each of the empty squares of the box in such a way that the box contains the numbers 1 to 9 exactly once.

Take note that each puzzle has only one valid solution.

Sudoku has successfully invaded publications all over the world, from newspapers to puzzle books. Now, you can play Sudoku even on your computer or mobile phone! Online versions of Sudoku can be found almost everywhere on the Internet, complete with random puzzles, solving tips, and even different downloadable versions of the game itself! The following are just some of the websites that offer you a chance to play the addictive number puzzle game, Sudoku.

## 1) www.websudoku.com

This site lets you play Sudoku on 4 different levels of difficulty: Easy, Medium, Hard, and Evil (obviously the VERY DIFFICULT level). A randomly generated puzzle from billions of puzzles will be presented to players every time the site is first accessed. You can choose your level of play and have the site generate a different puzzle. A clicking of a button allows you to see how

well you have solved the current puzzle. Each row or column that has wrong inputted numbers will be highlighted red. You can even download PC and mobile phone versions of the game here! Plus lots of other helpful Sudoku stuff can be found here.

#### 2) http://www.dkmsoftware.com/sudoku/

You can play Sudoku online here. Choose from 4 difficulty levels: Easy, Medium, Hard, and Supreme. You can save or load a specific puzzle that you have played here. For those who love to create puzzles, or want to try making one, this site allows you to do that. You can download the Pocket PC free trial version, or the full version for \$11.95. The site also has a desktop PC version of Sudoku, which has a free trial version, and the \$14.95 full version.

This site has a variation of Sudoku, named Sudoku Sniper. This version allows you to play against another human as both of you try to solve a puzzle simultaneously. You can download the trial version for free, or the Pocket PC full version for \$11.95.

## 3) www.miniclip.com

Even the most popular website of mini-games offers its patrons and other players it's own version of Sudoku. This online version has cute, smooth graphics. You can place the numbers on the empty squares using the mouse, or the numberpad on your keyboard. You can even discuss anything about the game on miniclip.com's forums page. You can even print a simple black and white copy of the puzzle you are playing! Miniclip offers help on the game, and lets you post your score on the online scoreboard to see how you well you did compared to other gamers.

#### 4) www.fingertime.com

This website also offers a simple graphical version of Sudoku that you should play online. Click and hold the mouse button on an empty square, select the number you want to place, and release the button. If the number is wrong, the square will be red. If the number you've selected should be placed on nearby squares, the game will automatically load them. The keyboard can also be used to play this game. Playing tips are offered here. A new puzzle is generated daily, and the solution to the previous day's puzzle can be seen the next day. You can see your score on the online leaderboard.

### 5) http://www.sudokufun.com/

This site is a SPEED SITE! A random puzzle is generated everyday. Players, registered or not, can try and solve the puzzle at the fastest time possible. Solve the puzzle using your mouse and keyboard, enter any name, and submit your solution. The site will tell you if your solution is wrong. The puzzle will be changed once 7 players were able to solve the current puzzle. Results as to the fastest times will not be posted until the puzzle has been solved by 7 people so the excitement and tension here is high! Tons of Sudoku stuff is also available here,

particularly for registered users. Registration is free so check this out.

There are tons of sites that will let you play Sudoku online. Feel free to browse the web. For now, these 5 sites will give your HOURS of Sudoku playing time and LOTS of SUDOKU resources. Enjoy yourself and good luck!

## **Web Sudoku Transcending Game Barriers**

Japan is well known around the world for coming up with various types of educational games for years now. Japan has been very successful in merging fun with learning and sudoko puzzle game is just an implication of their love for knowledge.

Sudoku is actually a puzzle game that is popularized in Japan. At present its popularity is also spreading throughout the globe and this of course was made possible through the use of the internet. Sudoku is very similar to a crossword puzzle however instead of words it makes use of numbers.

Not all people love the idea of numbers since it connotes math. And as we all know math involves complicated solutions that will really cause someone to experience a migraine episode. Sudoku is a special type of number puzzle game and before you give this game the thumbs down sign it would be best to explore the game first and get to know it better.

Although some may think "oh no not another math game"--sorry to burst your bubbles guys but sudoku believe it or not does not involve math. It simply involves correct placement of the digits starting from 1 through 9. I know you are probably smiling by now saying to yourself that is not very hard. Of course it's not hard all you have to do is to correctly place the numbers 1 to 9 into every row, in every column and in every 3x3 square. The concept of the game is to place all nine digits in correct position or order.

The best thing about this game is that it can be played by various ages. It doesn't matter whether you are a PhD holder or an elementary student, sudoku has the right ingredients that appeal to both the highly intellectuals and those that are not so bright.

The simplicity of the game is the very reason why it has become one of the most popular games played in the world not to mention online. Although of course you need to think since it's a puzzle game but it's not too complicated so you can be assured of getting every puzzle there is. But beware sudoku game can be very addictive once you start playing it you will never want to stop.

In order to accommodate a much larger number of sudoku players around the globe, web sudoku was created. The web sudoku as the name suggest can be played online. Each of the sudoku puzzle found on the web has a unique solution that can be reached logically without

ever trying to guess. The instructions are also very easy. All you have to do is to enter the digits from 1 to 9 into blank spaces. Now remember every row must contain one of each digit and the same goes for each of the columns and for every 3x3 square.

There are thousands of sudoku puzzles to select so you don't have to worry that you will run out of puzzles to solve. In fact there are web sudoku providers that provide over seven hundred thousand plus puzzles while some providers offer much more. Now that's a lot of puzzles for one day!

There are also available options for players like printing the result of the sudoku game puzzle or you can also keep track of how well you are doing with your game. Plus you may also clear the puzzle if ever you have committed some errors. You may pause the game in case you need more time to think.

Sudoku puzzles are also ideal for teaching children to appreciate numbers. And since it is very simple, kids will have truly a great time solving them. So you see sudoku puzzles are not just for killing time but also very educational. It trains children as well as adults to exercise their brain by solving various number puzzles.

There are also downloadable sudoku games that are compatible with your mobile phones and your personal computers. Likewise you may also print sudoku puzzle e-book or order newspapers with sudoku puzzles. There are also magazines that features sudoku puzzles. Whatever may be your preference there would always be a sudoku puzzle that is just right for you.

## **Have Fun Customizing Your Sudoku Puzzle Print-Out**

Getting a Sudoku puzzle print out is very helpful. Most people are fond of playing Sudoku using a paper and a pencil, with the Sudoku Dragon amenities simply when they got stuck. You can access a puzzle featured in a magazine or in a newspaper, you just have to print it out using Sudoku Dragon and subsequently hand-solve it on a standard sized paper with sufficient space for your notes.

Sudoku puzzles are usually printed out the way it appears on the screen. Few convenient file and print features are available that permits you to choose settings definite for the printed layout. This layout version comprises all the notes you have put in to the squares and also the puzzle description. This will produce multiple print outs considering that there isn't enough space to accommodate the notes on a page.

To modify the print settings which your certain printer assists the set-up involving file and print, this usually provides you to enter to the set-up similar to page orientation whether portrait or landscape mode as well as color settings.

When you're printing the puzzle, you may manage what kind of information will be appearing on the paper. You probably would not like the puzzle grid to appear exactly as it appears on the screen.

The printing procedure will use similar color and font part you have chosen for the puzzle grid.

The print set-up offers three options. First, the print-out display style. This option refers on to whether you like to print the entries concerning possibilities for not positioned squares or you like to assign the square list allocations.

You can either decide on using similar display theme for the puzzle grid on the printed paper as it is on the screen or you can select a different theme by just choosing it from the list provided.

Just use the command for the print previous under the file menu for you to visualize the appearance of the Sudoku puzzle in the print-out. You may use the print set-up command under the file menu to manage the printer's operation and modify stuffs such as the orientation of the paper.

There are a few supplied arrays of pre-labeled display themes that indicate how the Sudoku puzzle grid is to be presented. It also indicates the fonts for the numbers to be displayed in the puzzle grid. You can also change the effects and patterns of the grid squares.

You can choose a display theme by selecting the options button located in the view menu and then press the Appearance tab. Make your own theme by simply selecting the add new button. After your theme creation, you can now do the editing.

Normally, you might like your grid to be printed in black and white than in any color. You can choose a separate theme with the use of the print option screen.

In choosing a font for the positioned grid squares, you simply select the font you like by just pressing the change command. The standard font option screen will show up for your font selection. You might want to select a distinct font for a much unique look that matches your chosen display theme.

If you like your allocated squares to have a three dimensional effect, you can do this by dropped shadow text display. Just click on the checkbox if you want this feature to be enabled.

In addition, you can also choose the Sudoku square possibilities fonts designated either on your temporary options or on unallocated squares. Such possibilities are presented in a much smaller font dimension to modify the grid square's proportion you should customize the size. The partial view of the new set-up is shown. You may use any font intended for these grid squares. Just tick on the change button for the font change.

The font changes will be shown under the preview option located on the left. The edits made to the display theme can be observed when you press the Ok button. You may also change the colors you used by just clicking on the color button located at the sheet top. Customize your Sudoku puzzle and have fun solving it on your Sudoku puzzle print-out.

## **Top Sources of Printable Sudoku Puzzles**

Playing Sudoku started from filling out a simple table that was written or printed on a piece of paper with the numbers 1 to 9. From thereon, Sudoku puzzles were printed on newspapers, magazines, puzzle books, and other print media. And with the advent of computers, Sudoku puzzles are now in electronic format, in the form of stand alone programs, Java applications on web pages, or Flash web applications.

The graphical presentation of current Sudoku puzzles didn't have drastic changes and innovations. Most websites still present Sudoku puzzles as standard black and white tables using standard font styles. Innovations included the use of the mouse in solving the puzzle, automatically checking inputs for errors, and showing the solution to the puzzle. These have made Sudoku very addictive and appealing.

But there are still those who prefer the traditional pen and paper approach to solving Sudoku puzzles. Some say that solving a Sudoku puzzle on a piece of paper sharpens the mind more compared to when a puzzle is solved using the computer. Others are not too familiar with the computer, so they prefer solving puzzles printed on paper. And still, there are those who just feel comfortable solving Sudoku puzzles that are on paper. Whatever the reason for your preference, you can check out these sites so you can download and print lots of Sudoku puzzles to your hearts' content.

## http://www.puzzlechoice.com/pc/Sudoku\_Puzzlex.html

Sudoku puzzles in this site are presented as simple tables on a webpage. No fancy graphics. Only simple keyboard operations are needed to solve the puzzles here. If you want to print the Sudoku puzzles, 10 medium level and 10 hard level puzzles are initially offered for printing. You can search the site for many more printable Sudoku puzzles. When the puzzle is printed on paper, you get what you see on the monitor.

#### http://krazydad.com/sudoku/

You can download and print hundreds of Sudoku puzzles that were made by Jim Baumgardner. These puzzles are classified according to Easy, Intermediate, Challenging, Tough, and Super Tough levels. Tips and strategies on how to solve these puzzles are also included in the site. The puzzles are simple black and white tables with pre-numbered squares that are grouped into simple books with 8 puzzles per book that are in PDF Format. You need Acrobat Reader to

view and print the puzzles. No 3D graphics. Just plain old Sudoku fun and contentment.

## http://www.sudokutoday.com/printable-sudoku.html

This website currently provides 1,095 puzzles for Sudoku fanatics and puzzle solvers alike. The puzzles are grouped into 3 levels of difficulty, Easy, Medium, and Difficult. For each level, there are 365 printable puzzles.

Just click on a difficulty level, and select the puzzle you want to print. Right click on the puzzle, which is an image on the webpage, and select Print Picture. All printable puzzles have their corresponding solutions. To print the puzzle and solution on the same page, select Get Printable Sudoku Version.

## http://www.sudokupuzz.com/printable.html

Puzzles are divided according to 5 levels of difficulty: Very Easy, Easy, Medium, Hard, and Fiendish. To print a puzzle, click on the desired level of difficulty to let another browser window pop up. Then, right click on the puzzle in the new browser window and select Print Picture. Random puzzles are generated when clicking on the same level of difficulty.

#### http://www.free-sudoku.net/

This site offers 2000 printable Sudoku puzzles that are divided into Easy, Medium, Hard, Mean, and Evil levels of difficulty. There are 400 puzzles per level. Click on a puzzle link to show the puzzle, which is somewhat three dimensional in the graphical sense of its presentation. Click on the Print button at the bottom of the puzzle to print the current puzzle.

### http://www.printsudoku.com/index-en.html

This site offers PDF formatted Sudoku puzzles that are grouped by 6 in each link. There are 268 links that offer Sudoku fanatics and puzzle solvers about 1608 Sudoku puzzles of different difficulty levels, from Very Easy, to Very Hard. Users can view and print the puzzles using Acrobat Reader. Solutions to the puzzles are also available in printer friendly PDF format. Just click on the link for the solutions corresponding to the puzzles and print them using Acrobat Reader.

### http://www.sudokuaddict.com/print-puzzles/

Sudoku puzzles in this site are grouped by pairs. There are 17 groups of randomly selected puzzles with different levels of difficulty. The levels of difficulty range from Easy, Medium, Hard, to Very Hard, Fiendish, and Diabolical. All puzzles are in PDF format that have simple image advertisements attached to each puzzle pair. Use Acrobat Reader to view and print the puzzles.

## **Printable Sudoku Puzzles for Beginners and Pros**

Sudoku is a game that is created in Japan. Su in Japanese means numbers and Doku pertains to the single place on the puzzle board that each of the number can fit into. It also describe as solitaire with numbers.

However did you know that even though sudoku is a Japanese name its origin is more of European and American. In other words sudoku is more of a cross fertilization of cultures. Sudoku is not the first number game ever developed in fact before its introduction there was already Latin Squares, which uses the same concept as those of sudoku. The numbers in a grid should appear only once and can be place up and down.

It was actually in the year 1980 that sudoku was finally launched in Japan. This was the start of sudoku's popularity. The most common form of Sudoku was the 9x9 grid but later versions have also been developed and these are 4x4, 3x3, 5x5, 6x6 and then finally 7x7. There are also the 16x16 grids and the 25x25 which are designed for the sudoku addicts. For those who prefer extreme sudoku puzzle challenge there are other variants that require computational skills.

Sudoku is still a work in progress but even at its present stage people are already having fun and loving the challenges that this game offers. Sudoku is designed to hone the logical and deductive abilities of people of various ages. The developers of this game are also hoping that their game may be able to make people around the globe a little smarter.

## **Playing Sudoku**

Sudoku is a simple game to play and does not require any complicated computations. It is basically about the correct placement of numbers. It makes use of simple rules of logic and deduction. It doesn't have any age requirements so anybody can play it.

The objective of the sudoku game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers. The 9x9 square is the most common sudoku version played online and to play this game you will have to follow three very important rules:

- 1. Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits starting with 1 through 9 in any order.
- 2. Every column of 9 numbers must also include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
- 3. The 3x3 subsection of the 9x9 square must also include all digits 1 through 9.

You may notice that every sudoku game begins with a couple of squares already filled in with numbers. The difficulty of each puzzle depends on how many squares are already filled in. The more squares are filled in the easier it is to solve the puzzle. By filling the remaining squares with numbers lowers down the number of squares left and therefore makes sit easier for you to fill in the remaining squares.

## **Sudoku Techniques**

There are techniques that may be employed that will help you to answer sudoku puzzles. In solving a sudoku puzzle the first thing that you must do is to take a look at the rows and columns in order to see where you can place your answers. Make use of three above mentioned rules.

It is also important to remember that in solving a sudoku puzzle that number that you are to place on the rows and columns should not conflict with each other. For instance putting 5 at the top and then placing the same 5 down.

You may also pencil in possibilities and then just continue until you found a conflict. The conflict usually appears after you have penciled 2 or 3 numbers. If ever no conflict is found then it simply goes to show that you are in the right track.

It would also help if you would avail of printable sudoku puzzles. This will give you ample opportunity to practice. Most sudoku game providers online offer for free printable sudoku puzzles. You may print them directly on your own printer. Aside from the printable sudoku puzzles there are also downloadable sudoku games that are compatible with PC or Mac. There are also downloadable sudoku game puzzles for mobile phones.

Some publications also offer sudoku puzzle games and you can find them on newspapers, magazines and the like.

## Print a Sudoku Puzzle: Test Your Logic and Number Skills

Have passion in playing logic and numbers? Maybe you are now an expert when it comes to Rubik's cube or the magic square. But have you already tested your logic and number skills in a Sudoku game? Whether you are unfamiliar with this game or you have already spent 2 days solving a single Sudoku puzzle, then this article is just right for you.

#### **About Sudoku**

Also known as Number Place, Sudoku is a logic-based placement puzzle. The puzzle is composed of a 9  $\times$  9 grid which is further divided into nine 3  $\times$  3 sub-grids or also known as regions. Before you start completing the puzzle, you are given some cells that are initially filled up with numbers from 1 to 9 (number of cells initially filled-up depends on the difficulty level of the puzzle).

The main objective of this game is to completely fill-up all the remaining vacant cells with the numbers 1 to 9 provided that you adhere to the "single number per direction" rule of the game. That is, every column, row, and sub-grid (which is referred to as the direction) must contain

only one instance of each number. For instance, you have an initially-placed number 5 at the 5th column and on the 7th row of the puzzle. Such number must only appear once on that particular column and row. Furthermore, it must also appear only once on its assigned sub-grid or region.

#### Print a Sudoku

Because of the complexity of the "single number per direction" rule of Sudoku, many beginners are having a hard time completing it in matter of a single day. That is why most Sudoku beginners are encouraged to have a hard copy of a Sudoku puzzle so that they can spend more time solving it without actually logging on their personal computer.

Even easy puzzles are difficult to complete, so it would be impractical if you will be solving it in front of your computer especially if you are playing a Sudoku puzzle online. A printed Sudoku puzzle is advisable for Sudoku players especially for beginners.

All you have to do is to locate Sudoku sites that offer printable Sudoku puzzles through search engines. Download it in your personal computer. After downloading, you can now print and produce more copies so that other family members can get involved in solving Sudoku puzzles.

Most downloadable Sudoku puzzles are on PDF format. Your computer must have Acrobat Reader software in order to display it correctly. In case you do not have Acrobat Reader, you can download it for free on the Internet.

Here are some of the common versions of Sudoku puzzles, which you can download from the Internet and print in your personal computer.

- Classic Sudoku: this is the regular Sudoku puzzle that is described earlier in this article. It features varying levels of complexity that will attest your patience and determination in completing it. You can also have the strategies and hints as well as the solution to be downloaded and printed for immediate reference.
- Monster Sudoku: it is quite different from the classic Sudoku game. It is made up of a  $16 \times 16$  grid (instead of the normal  $9 \times 9$  grid),  $4 \times 4$  sub-grids (instead of the  $3 \times 3$  sub-grids), and 256 cells. In addition, the mechanics are now different. In a standard Sudoku puzzle, you will only be placing the numbers 1 to 9 for the remaining unfilled cells. In a Monster Sudoku, you will now place numbers form 1 to 16 and letters from A to F in each cell, column, row, and  $4 \times 4$  sub-grids. However, the same rules as the classic Sudoku game still apply on the Monster Sudoku.
- Kids Sudoku: it is a puzzle designed for kids of age above seven years old to develop their logic skills and at the same time having fun solving the puzzle. This type of puzzle is very easy compared to the intermediate Sudoku puzzle.

- Squiggly Sudoku: the same mechanics and rules as the classic Sudoku puzzle still apply in this game. The only difference is instead of a grid, it is now divided into 9 different shapes.

Aside from individual Sudoku puzzles, there are also free printable Sudoku books on the Web. It contains at least 25 puzzles per book which is classified as easy and medium difficulty puzzles. These free printable Sudoku books are in PDF format so you need to have Acrobat Reader software in your personal computer.

Test your logic and number skills now and start printing hard copies of Sudoku puzzles for you and other family members.

## Facts You Need to Know About Having a Printable Sudoku

Sudoku is really the puzzle game that is meant for those individuals who want to play with numbers and logic. Given puzzles with varying difficulty levels, you might spend the whole day assigning the numbers 1 to 9 in the grid or you may extend your solving activity to the next day. You need to have enough patience or else the Sudoku puzzle will make you go nuts.

A typical Sudoku puzzle game is composed of 81 cells, which is the product of 9 rows and 9 columns. Furthermore, the puzzle is also divided into 9 sub-grids which contain  $3 \times 3$  cells for each sub-grid. The rule is very simple. At the start of the game, 30 or more cells are initially filled up with the numbers from 1 to 9 (initially filled-up cells varies according to the difficulty level of the puzzle).

All you have to do is to fill up the remaining cells with numbers 1 to 9 to complete the puzzle. However, you need to satisfy the rule that "all numbers should only appear on each column, row, and sub-grid." For instance, if you place the number 8 on the 4th row and 2nd column of the puzzle, such number should not appear again on that particular row and column. At the same manner, such number should not also appear twice on the sub-grid it is assigned to. Such rule makes the puzzle take some time to be completed.

So how can you access Sudoku puzzles? You can get it only weekend editions of some newspapers and magazines in your locality. If it does not satisfy you, you can surf the Internet and look out for the sites, which offers free online play on their Sudoku puzzles.

However, since it will take time solving a single Sudoku puzzle especially if you are just a beginner, it is quite impractical that you do your problem-solving activity in front of your personal computer. In addition, you also want to play the Sudoku game even there is no Internet connectivity or you are outside of your house. In this case, all you need is a printable Sudoku puzzle.

So how can you have a printable Sudoku puzzle? There are thousands of websites, which offer free printable Sudoku puzzle. All you have to do is to locate them through search engines and presto! You will be revealed to related sites on Sudoku. Select one, and download a Sudoku puzzle of your choice. After downloading the selected puzzle from the site to your personal computer, you can now print it to produce hard copy of your Sudoku puzzle.

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However, they will just be sending you the puzzle for that certain day. In case you want to have more Sudoku puzzles sent to you, just visit the Archive section and select the puzzle you want sent to your e-mail. After retrieving its contents from your e-mail, you can print it and have the hard copy of your Sudoku puzzle.

Printable Sudoku is relatively advantageous compared to online Sudoku puzzles. Since it is now in hard copy, you can now bring it anywhere you want. You do not have to bring your laptop or have an Internet connectivity just to play Sudoku. You can also produce more hard copies for each of the family members so that all of you will enjoy completing the Sudoku puzzle with fun and teamwork as well.

Have your Sudoku puzzle printed and let everybody learn the game. Not only all of you will have fun, but your patience and problem-solving techniques will develop. Enjoy playing your printed Sudoku puzzle!

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<u>The Ultimate Sudoku Guide</u> - Learn Solving Strategies And Insider Secrets Of Solving Sudoku Puzzles. Be A Sudoku Pro Within Days.

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