



Killer Sudoku — Free Sample

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HOW TO PLAY: KILLER SUDOKU

Sudoku meets Kakuro — cages with sum constraints.

RULES

1. Standard Sudoku rules: each row, column, and 3x3 box has digits 1-9.
2. Dotted cages group cells — the digits must sum to the cage total.
3. No digit may repeat within a cage.
4. Easier puzzles reveal a few starting digits to get you going; the hardest give only cage sums.

PUZZLE					SOLUTION						
4		6			4	1	3	6	4	2	
7	3		7		7	4	3	2	1	7	3
	3					3	1	2		4	
6		4			6	2	4	4	3		1

Simplified 4x4 demo (digits 1-4). Your puzzles are full 9x9 grids with 3x3 boxes and the digits 1-9.

PRO TIP

A 2-cell cage with sum 3 must be {1,2}. A 2-cell cage with sum 4 must be {1,3}. Learning small cage combinations is the key to Killer Sudoku.

COMMON MISTAKES

- Repeating a digit within a cage, even if row/column constraints allow it.
- Forgetting standard Sudoku rules still apply alongside cage sums.

²⁶ 8			26			23		2
19		5	16				30	
	2			6			9	
15			16			¹⁴ 3		¹⁹ 4
⁴ 4	18	2	10	15	7	1	8	6
28					4		17	
			8	1	³⁰ 8			7
	9	13	3		6	15		11
3	4		7		5			8

15		14	20		9	18	7	5
¹⁵ 3				10	5	11	2	
7		8	22	2	1	18	19	
²⁰ 1	15	3						
		15		⁹ 9	¹⁷ 6		12	3
	6		14	23	3		5	
	16	21		6	2	23		13
6		2	9	5				
	3		4	18				

15		15		12			27	
	5		9		14	15		6
23				23			16	3
13	5	4	24					
	⁵ 2			5		24		25
¹² 9				16				1
3	20	11	12		1		8	
5					15	¹⁶ 1		
4	19						9	2

¹⁷ 7	23			12			3	
	11	5	20	2	13		16	
						¹⁸ 4		
	2	17	9		13		12	
20		8		17	12		8	8
	17					1		
24	16		17		11		4	
				7	20			12
		3	3		18			



ANSWERS

Check Your Mastery!

#1

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

#2

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

#3

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

#4

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



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