



Sudoku — Free Sample

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HOW TO PLAY: SUDOKU

Fill every row, column, and box with the digits 1-9.

RULES

1. Each row must contain the digits 1 through 9 exactly once.
2. Each column must contain the digits 1 through 9 exactly once.
3. Each bold-outlined box must contain all digits exactly once.
4. Use the given clue numbers to deduce the rest.

PUZZLE

1		3	
	3		1
	1		3
3		1	

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SOLUTION

1	2	3	4
4	3	2	1
2	1	4	3
3	4	1	2

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

PRO TIP

Start with the row, column, or box that has the most clues — fewer empty cells means fewer possibilities to consider.

COMMON MISTAKES

- Forgetting the box constraint — a digit can appear in the same row AND column if they share a box.
- Guessing too early — use elimination before trying a number.
- Not scanning all three constraints (row, column, box) before placing a digit.

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

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

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

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



ANSWERS

Check Your Mastery!

#1

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

#2

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

#3

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

#4

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



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