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**ON THE BALL**

Match each of the 8 questions we asked our Magic 8 Ball to its apt, punny reply. Each question and answer will be used exactly once.

1. CAN YOU TELL ME WHO THE FIRST BOND MOVIE VILLAIN WAS?

2. IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THIS WATERY ORANGE JUICE?

3. DO YOU KNOW OF ANY USE FOR THIS BROKEN ABACUS?

4. IS THERE A REASON WHY I CAN DO KE. NI. NOTE THAT FOLLOWS '4-7'?

5. WILL THIS LA. SMOG EVER LEFT?

6. CAN YOU TELL ME THE 'DO KE. NI. NOTE THAT FOLLOWS '4-7'?

7. WILL SOMEONE EVER COME FIX OUR BROKEN OFFICE COMPUTERS?

8. CAN YOU TELL ME WHO SANG 'OWNER OF A LONELY HEART'?

Answers: 1. G. I. JOE, 2. I CAN GET YOU A NEW JUICE, 3. NO, 4. YES, 5. NO, 6. YES, 7. NO, 8. YES.

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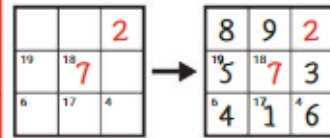
# SUDOKU NEIGHBORS

BY RODOLFO KURCHAN

Normal Sudoku rules apply in this variation on the classic logic puzzle. A small number clue in a square is the sum of numbers in adjacent horizontal and vertical squares (not diagonal squares nor the square containing the clue).

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## EXAMPLE



### 1. THEME: 2023

		<sup>20</sup> 1	<sup>20</sup> 5		<sup>20</sup> 2	<sup>23</sup> 8		
<sup>20</sup> 5				<sup>23</sup> 8			<sup>23</sup> 1	
					<sup>20</sup> 9			
					<sup>20</sup> 3	<sup>23</sup> 6		
		<sup>23</sup> 3	<sup>20</sup> 2		<sup>20</sup> 4		<sup>23</sup> 8	
	<sup>23</sup> 7	<sup>23</sup> 8				<sup>20</sup> 3		
	<sup>23</sup> 5	<sup>20</sup> 9	<sup>23</sup> 1					<sup>20</sup> 8

### 2. THEME: SELF-REFERENTIAL

<sup>6</sup> 6		<sup>8</sup> 8				<sup>9</sup> 9		<sup>4</sup> 4
						<sup>14</sup>		<sup>7</sup> 7
						<sup>18</sup>	<sup>8</sup>	
				<sup>10</sup>				
		<sup>15</sup>			<sup>9</sup> 9			
<sup>7</sup> 7						<sup>11</sup>		
<sup>3</sup> 3		<sup>9</sup> 9						<sup>5</sup> 5

### 3. THEME: 17

<sup>17</sup>		<sup>17</sup>		<sup>11</sup>		<sup>11</sup>		<sup>17</sup>
			<sup>21</sup>		<sup>7</sup>	<sup>1</sup> 1	<sup>7</sup> 7	
<sup>17</sup>	<sup>17</sup>	<sup>1</sup> 1	<sup>7</sup> 7		<sup>20</sup>			<sup>17</sup>
						<sup>17</sup>		<sup>11</sup>
			<sup>15</sup>	<sup>1</sup> 1	<sup>13</sup> 7			
<sup>17</sup>	<sup>22</sup>		<sup>7</sup>		<sup>21</sup>			<sup>17</sup>
<sup>13</sup>			<sup>17</sup>	<sup>17</sup>	<sup>17</sup>			<sup>17</sup>
<sup>1</sup> 1	<sup>16</sup> 7			<sup>17</sup>			<sup>28</sup>	<sup>11</sup>
<sup>4</sup>		<sup>17</sup>		<sup>17</sup>				<sup>17</sup>

### 4. THEME: 1-2-3-4-5

<sup>16</sup>	<sup>13</sup>			<sup>16</sup>				<sup>12</sup>
<sup>19</sup>	<sup>21</sup>							
<sup>12</sup>			<sup>23</sup>					
		<sup>23</sup>	<sup>3</sup> 3	<sup>25</sup>				<sup>8</sup>
<sup>2</sup> 2			<sup>22</sup>	<sup>4</sup> 4			<sup>24</sup>	
<sup>8</sup>				<sup>6</sup>	<sup>34</sup>			
<sup>15</sup>	<sup>15</sup>	<sup>15</sup>		<sup>8</sup>				<sup>16</sup>
<sup>13</sup>	<sup>17</sup> 1	<sup>25</sup>	<sup>12</sup>		<sup>15</sup>	<sup>5</sup> 5	<sup>15</sup>	
<sup>8</sup>	<sup>17</sup>	<sup>10</sup>						<sup>3</sup>