



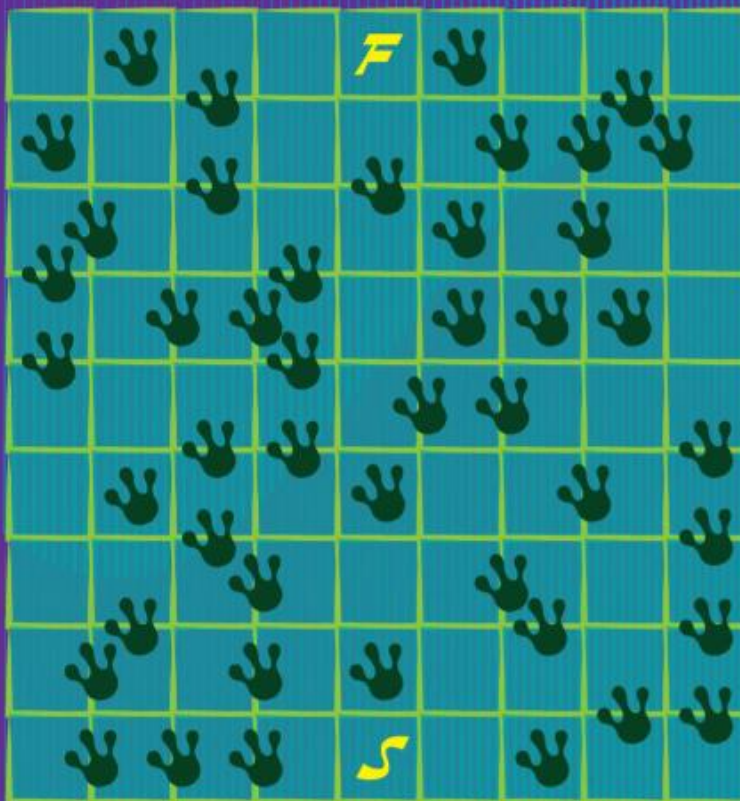
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SUDOKU DIFFERENCES

In this sudoku variant, some answers are given, which double as clues that represent the difference between their two neighboring cells, either horizontally or vertically or both. Standard sudoku rules apply.

Each numbered cell equals the absolute difference of its two adjacent cells in one direction (left-right or up-down). No other cells in the grid satisfy this condition—if they did, they would also be marked.

For example, a cell marked 1 means that its two horizontal or vertical neighbors must differ by 1, such as 3 and 4, 5 and 6, or any other consecutive pair.

Similarly, a cell marked 3 means that its two neighbors differ by 3, such as 2 and 5, or 1 and 4.

This rule can also be used negatively: If two cells differ by the number in the cell between them, that cell must be marked. If it is not marked, then that difference cannot occur.

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PUZZLE 1

	5		2		
4				5	
	4	1			2
3				1	
	3				1
				2	

PUZZLE 2

		1	5		
			4		2
	2		1	3	
		3		4	
3	1	5		2	
			3		

PUZZLE 3

	2		5		
3			2		
		2		4	
5		3	1		
	1			3	
				5	

PUZZLE 4

1	2			4	5
		4	2		
	1			5	3
				1	
	4				

PUZZLE 5

	4		2		
2		3	1	4	
	1				
	2			1	
	3	2			1
	5		4		

PUZZLE 6

	4		1		
		3		1	
		1	3	4	
				5	1
	5		4		

PUZZLE 7

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

GET THE PICTURE?

This puzzle involves removing one letter (in any position) from the word represented by each of the two paired images and combining the remaining letters in the same order to form a word. A clue for the answer word is provided. In the example, the images represent BALL and DANCE. Remove the "L" from BALL and the "D" from DANCE to get the word BALANCE ("Harmony"). Can you guess all 14 answers?

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EXAMPLE



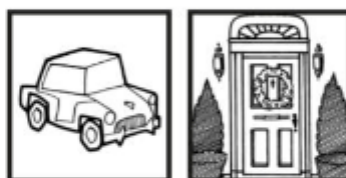
PUZZLE 1



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(Figaro)

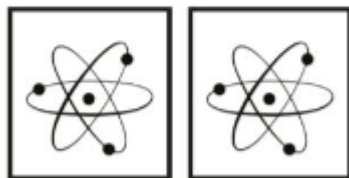
PUZZLE 2



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(Passion)

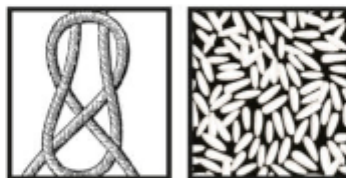
PUZZLE 3



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(Shade of red)

PUZZLE 4



=

(Observe)

PUZZLE 5



=

(Hound)

PUZZLE 6



=

(Jet)

PUZZLE 7



=

(European)

PUZZLE 8



=

(Tree)

PUZZLE 9



=

(Primary)

PUZZLE 10



=

(Tune)

PUZZLE 11



=

(Joker)

PUZZLE 12



=

(Arc)

PUZZLE 13



=

(Veil)

PUZZLE 14



=

(Timber)