

EASY

Sudoku

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

Solving Instructions and Solution are on the next page

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SOLVING DIRECTIONS

To solve, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram (there are 9 of these) will contain every number from 1 through 9. In other words, no number may appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9-box square. Working with the numbers already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing numbers that will lead to the correct solution.

GETTING STARTED

Look at the ninth column of the example puzzle below. There are clues in the puzzle that will tell you where, in this column, the number 3 belongs.

The first clue lies in the eighth column of the diagram. There is a 3 in the fifth box. Since numbers can't be repeated in any 3 x 3 grid, we can't put a 3 in the fourth, fifth, or sixth boxes of the ninth column.

We can also eliminate the bottom three boxes of the ninth column because there's a 3 in that 3 x 3 grid as well. Therefore, the 3 must go in the second or third box of the ninth column.

The final clue lies in the second row of the diagram, which already has a 3 in it. Since numbers can't be repeated within a row, there's only one box left for the 3 — the third box of the ninth column.

Continue in this manner, using the same type of logic and elimination, until the puzzle grid is completely filled in.

EXAMPLE

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

EXAMPLE SOLUTION

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

SOLUTION

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

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