1 · Sudoku

No. 3
Monday

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

Fill every empty square so that each row, each column and each 3×3 box holds the digits 1 to 9 once. Level: Medium.

2 • Word search: Farm

I	D	G	O	A	T	R	G	E	T
C	E	U	A	E	D	I	L	E	H
W	H	O	C	H	P	B	E	D	H
E	S	I	E	K	A	C	P	S	E
L	N	R	C	T	E	Y	D	N	E
A	H	Y	S	K	I	L	R	N	C
N	S	O	W	H	E	A	T	S	O
H	M	N	T	I	B	N	H	S	N
I	C	R	F	M	R	S	D	N	E
S	U	S	H	R	V	O	O	I	A

- ☐ **BARN**
- ☐ **CHICKEN**
- ☐ **DUCK**
- ☐ **FIELD**
- ☐ **GOAT**
- ☐ **HAY**
- ☐ **PIG**
- ☐ **STABLE**
- ☐ **WHEAT**

Find the nine words. They run across, down and diagonally, always forwards.

3 · Mini mystery

CASE FILE

The Early Whistle

Amara, Chloe and Olu helped out at the club's sports day. Each was in a different place, with one thing to look after.

1. Olu did not have the clipboard.
2. Chloe did not have the clipboard.
3. The stopwatch was not in the stands.
4. The stopwatch was not at the finish line.
5. Olu was at the finish line.

A loud whistle in the stands stopped the race too soon, and the clipboard was next to it. **Who was in the stands with the clipboard?**

	Stands	Snack bar	Finish line	Megaphone	Clipboard	Stopwatch
Amara						
Chloe						
Olu						
Megaphone						
Clipboard						
Stopwatch						

Each person was in one place with one thing, all different. Mark a dot for yes and a cross for no in the grid until only one answer fits.

Answer on page 6

4 • Quiz: five questions

1. **Which of these is the longest?**
   - (A) Channel Tunnel
   - (B) Marathon
   - (C) Panama Canal

2. **Which of these came first?**
   - (A) Pont Neuf
   - (B) Romeo and Juliet
   - (C) Trajan's Column
   - (D) University of Cambridge

3. **How far is it from Perth to Jakarta, in a straight line?**
   - (A) About 380 km
   - (B) About 750 km
   - (C) About 1,500 km
   - (D) About 3,000 km

4. **Beijing is the capital of which country?**
   - (A) Mongolia
   - (B) Japan
   - (C) China
   - (D) South Korea

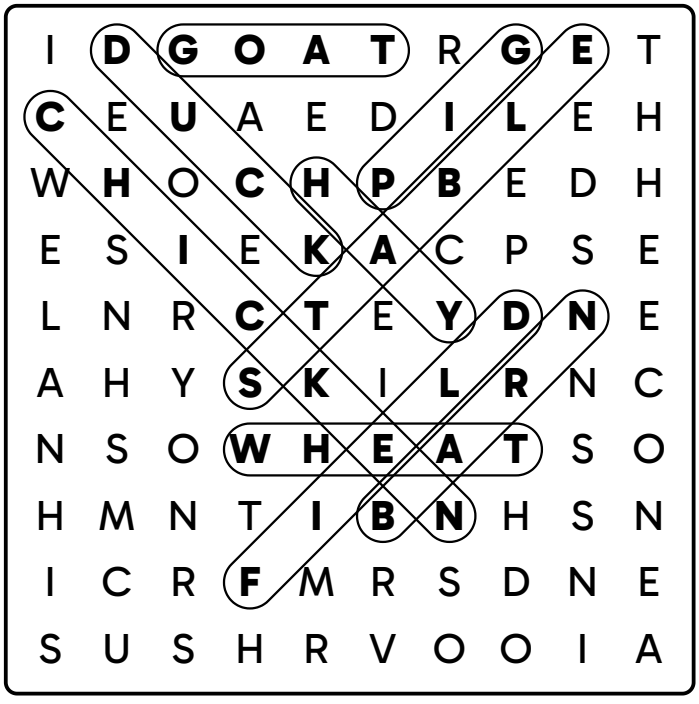
5. **Which of these countries has the most people?**
   - (A) Iran
   - (B) Sri Lanka
   - (C) Madagascar
   - (D) Bolivia

Circle one letter for each. Answers and sources on page 6.

Answers: Sudoku and word search

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

Bold digits were printed on the puzzle.



Each word is ringed and set in bold.

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Answers: mystery and quiz

SOLVED

The Early Whistle

	Stands	Snack bar	Finish line	Megaphone	Clipboard	Stopwatch
Amara	●	×	×	×	●	×
Chloe	×	●	×	×	×	●
Olu	×	×	●	●	×	×
Megaphone	×	×	●			
Clipboard	●	×	×			
Stopwatch	×	●	×			

Amara was in the stands with the clipboard.

Amara: stands, clipboard

Chloe: snack bar, stopwatch

Olu: finish line, megaphone

1. **C** · Panama Canal: 82 km; Channel Tunnel: 50.5 km; Marathon: 42.2 km
   Size Duel. Sources: snl.no, wikidata.org, worldathletics.org, lex.dk

2. **C** · Trajan's Column: 113 CE, dedicated; University of Cambridge: 1209, founded; Romeo and Juliet: 1597, first published; Pont Neuf: 1607, completed
   Older Than. Sources: paris.fr, afgc.asso.fr, snl.no, lex.dk, wikidata.org, museogalileo.it, trajans-column.org, enciklopedija.hr

3. **D** · 3,000 km (to the nearest 10 km)
   Ballpark. Sources: naturalearthdata.com, wikidata.org

4. **C** · Beijing is the capital of China.
   Atlas Play Capitals. Sources: wikidata.org, naturalearthdata.com

5. **A** · Iran: 92.4 million people (2025); Madagascar: 32.7 million people (2025); Sri Lanka: 21.8 million people (2025); Bolivia: 12.6 million people (2025)
   Population Duel. Sources: wikidata.org, data.worldbank.org

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