1 • Sudoku

No. 7
Monday

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

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: Music

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

- [ ] **CELLO**
- [ ] **CHOIR**
- [ ] **CHORD**
- [ ] **CONCERT**
- [ ] **FLUTE**
- [ ] **PIANO**
- [ ] **SINGER**
- [ ] **TEMPO**
- [ ] **TRUMPET**

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

Answers on page 5

3 • Mini mystery

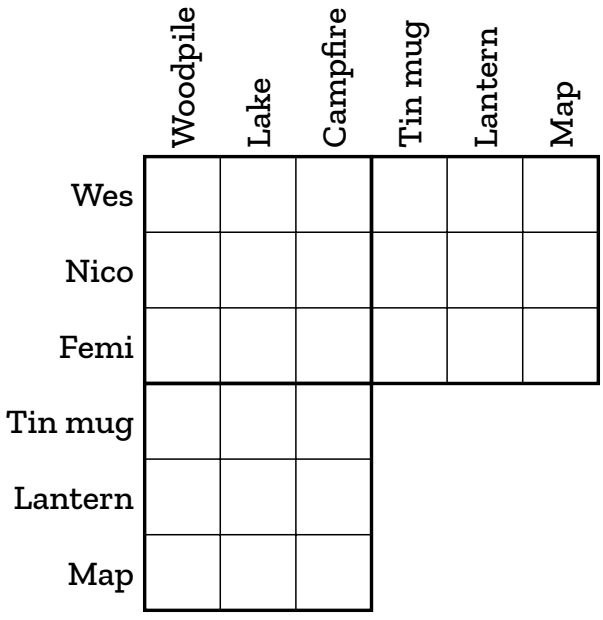
CASE FILE

The Empty Marshmallow Bag

Wes, Nico and Femi went on a weekend camping trip. On Saturday evening each was in a different place, with one thing from the kit.

1. The map was not by the woodpile.
2. Wes was not by the woodpile.
3. Nico was not by the woodpile.
4. Nico was not by the campfire.
5. Whoever was by the lake had the lantern.

By bedtime the marshmallows were gone, and the empty bag was found by the woodpile, next to the tin mug. **Who was by the woodpile with the tin mug?**



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) Giant anteater
   (B) Rabbit (wild)
   (C) Red panda

2. **Which of these came first?**

   (A) Yale University
   (B) Leiden University
   (C) Notre-Dame de Paris
   (D) Moscow State University

3. **In what year did the Berlin Wall open, letting Berliners cross freely?**

   (A) 1974
   (B) 1989
   (C) 2004
   (D) 2019

4. **What is the capital of Australia?**

   (A) Apia
   (B) Wellington
   (C) Canberra
   (D) South Tarawa

5. **Which of these countries has the most people?**

   (A) Gabon
   (B) New Zealand
   (C) Solomon Islands
   (D) Montenegro

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

Answers: Sudoku and word search

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

Bold digits were printed on the puzzle.

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

Each word is ringed and set in bold.

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Answers: mystery and quiz

SOLVED

The Empty Marshmallow Bag

	Woodpile	Lake	Campfire	Tin mug	Lantern	Map
Wes	×	×	●	×	×	●
Nico	×	●	×	×	●	×
Femi	●	×	×	●	×	×
Tin mug	●	×	×			
Lantern	×	●	×			
Map	×	×	●			

Femi was by the woodpile with the tin mug.

Wes: campfire, map

Nico: lake, lantern

Femi: woodpile, tin mug

1. **A** · Giant anteater: 1.1 m; Red panda: 60 cm; Rabbit (wild): 44 cm
   Size Duel. Sources: animaldiversity.org, animals.sandiegozoo.org, snl.no, lille.snl.no

2. **C** · Notre-Dame de Paris: 1163, construction began; Leiden University: 1575, founded; Yale University: 1701, founded; Moscow State University: 1755, founded by decree
   Older Than. Sources: snl.no, lex.dk, wikidata.org, static.strw.leidenuniv.nl, visitleiden.nl, studiegids-archief.leidenuniv.nl, universiteitleiden.nl, phys.msu.ru

3. **B** · 1989
   Ballpark. Sources: wikidata.org, britannica.com

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

5. **B** · New Zealand: 5.32 million people (2025); Gabon: 2.59 million people (2025); Solomon Islands: 839,000 people (2025); Montenegro: 623,000 people (2025)
   Population Duel. Sources: wikidata.org, data.worldbank.org

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