

King Classic Sudoku

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Difficulty: ★★★★★

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ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: THE YEAR 2025
(Example: This ABBA musical returned to Broadway for a limited run. Answer: "Mamma Mia!")

FRESHMAN LEVEL
1. The United States bombed nuclear facilities in this country. Answer _____
2. President Trump gave this new name to the Gulf of Mexico. Answer _____
3. Gaza militants and this country reached a ceasefire agreement. Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL
4. India launched missiles into this country. Answer _____
5. This Canadian prime minister announced his resignation. Answer _____
6. An American Airlines plane and a Black Hawk helicopter collided in midair near this city.

Answer _____
PH.D. LEVEL
7. He became the first pope from North America. Answer _____
8. This resulted from Congress failing to pass government funding legislation. Answer _____
9. These occurred in Los Angeles County, prompting mass evacuations. Answer _____
ANSWERS: 1. Iran. 2. Gulf of America. 3. Israel. 4. Pakistan. 5. Justin Trudeau. 6. Washington, D.C. 7. Pope Leo XIV. 8. U.S. government shutdown. 9. Wildfires.

SCORING:
18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?
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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" D ' K X Q X X Y K X V W Q E X C C X A D Y
P W L X V C Z Y H E E D R X H Y A D Y P W
J H V X X V H Y A D O H K X Y X K X V Q X X Y
T Y F V H S X R T E R Z V G O H S D O H K X ."
— P H Y A W L H S D Y U D Y

Previous Solution: "We're out here to write sentences the species has never encountered, and it's possible in this lifetime." — Ocean Vuong

TODAY'S CLUE: *λ sɪɹnbə M*

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cuba libre ingredient
 - 4 Napkin's place
 - 7 Actor — Alda
 - 11 Japanese sash
 - 12 Isinglass
 - 13 "What's in a —?"
 - 14 Calendar abbr.
 - 15 Concluded
 - 16 Lyric poems
 - 17 Made a mistake
 - 19 Wise
 - 21 Be indebted
 - 22 Prohibit
 - 23 Marathon participant
 - 25 Luck
 - 29 — and aah
 - 30 Hardware item
 - 32 Likewise not
 - 33 Cuckoo
 - 34 Disneyland shuttle
 - 36 Finger count
- DOWN**
- 1 Went on horseback
 - 2 Ride share provider
 - 3 Lost pet identifier, at times
 - 4 Actress — Tyler
 - 5 High cards
 - 37 Cold-blooded creature
 - 40 White poplar
 - 42 Greek H
 - 43 Operate
 - 44 Wearable thing
 - 48 Picture
 - 51 On
 - 52 More harm — good
 - 54 Feather scarf
 - 55 Romance lang.
 - 56 Davenport's state
 - 57 Roman god
 - 58 Adjust a guitar
 - 59 "A Boy Named —"
 - 60 Annex

Answer to Previous Puzzle

H	A	S	R	I	S	K	G	A	S	H
E	M	U	E	R	I	E	E	L	I	A
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S	C	H	O	L	A	R	R	E	R	U
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- 6 Geometric curve
- 7 Oil ceremonially
- 8 Load
- 9 Prayer ending
- 10 Aerie
- 12 Up-to-date
- 18 Ovine animal
- 20 Golf standard
- 23 Bellow
- 24 Tops (Hyph.)
- 25 Discharge
- 26 Indefensible
- 27 Holiday song
- 28 River in Ireland
- 31 Mythical island
- 35 Place for small boats
- 38 Synagogue
- 39 Mineral suffix
- 41 Borrow, as a cigarette
- 44 Manner of walking
- 45 Alaskan island
- 46 Horse of a certain color
- 47 Biblical pronoun
- 49 Target
- 50 Actor James — Jones
- 53 Fear

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