

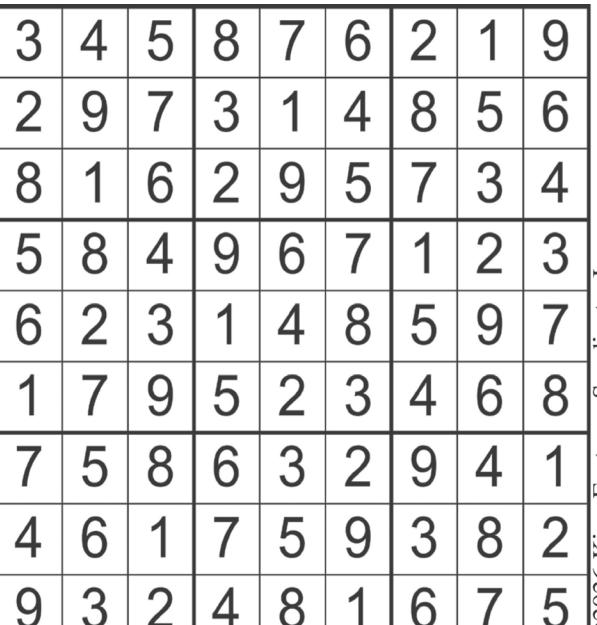
## King Classic Sudoku



©2026 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Difficulty: ★

1/26



©2026 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

1/25

## 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: COUNTRY NICKNAMES

Which country is generally identified by the given nickname? (e.g., "The Great White North." Answer: Canada.)

### FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. "The Emerald Isle"

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

2. "Land of the Rising Sun"

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

3. "India's Teardrop"

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

### GRADUATE LEVEL

4. "Land of Fire and Ice"

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

5. "The Breadbasket of Europe"

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

6. "Gift of the Nile"

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

### PH.D. LEVEL

7. "Rainbow Nation"

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

8. "Graveyard of Empires"

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

9. "The Land of the Long White Cloud"

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**ANSWERS:** 1. Ireland. 2. Japan. 3. Sri Lanka. 4. Iceland. 5. Ukraine. 6. Egypt. 7. South Africa. 8. Afghanistan. 9. New Zealand.

### 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?

Super Quiz is a registered trademark of K. Fisher Enterprises Ltd. © 2026

Ken Fisher

North America Syndicate Inc.

## 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.

K R Z T F N K F B T P J P X X R U G R A R V X  
C T P X G ; G C T I R X T A R V G X A G R G P B T  
F G R V G , G C T I R X T H P F J P J L S K R R L  
A R V E T G . " — X P F J T X I P X F P X F K B T

Previous Solution: "Life sometimes separates people so that they can realize how much they mean to each other." — Paulo Coelho

TODAY'S CLUE: S sjenbe N

© NEA, Inc., dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication 1-26

## NEA Crossword Puzzle

### ACROSS

38 Toy blocks

1 Psychedelic drug

4 Red planet

8 Molt

12 Expert

13 Norse god

14 Body of laws

15 Water barrier

16 Be in a funk

17 Gigantic

18 "Of — and Men"

20 Extreme

22 Get brown in the sun

23 Wheel part

24 New business

28 Nuisance

31 Fastener

32 Fish eggs

34 Extremely popular

36 Curved letter

37 The present

### DOWN

1 Boy

2 Con game

3 Small coffee cup

4 Instant

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



5 "Much" — 30 Ancient garment  
About Nothing" 33 Sheep  
6 Rends 35 Rocky hill  
7 Snide look 38 "Clair de —"  
8 Devious 40 Lure  
9 Time of day 41 Fanatical one  
10 Brink 43 Mix up  
11 Poor grade 45 Father  
19 Complain 47 Unclothed  
21 Big cheese 48 Dye plant  
24 That girl 49 Pro —  
25 Thing to be done 51 Be in a rage  
26 Samovar 52 Crimson  
27 "Things" 54 Farm denizen  
29 Protected from bad weather 56 Not talking

