

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE JUMBO CROSSWORD 405

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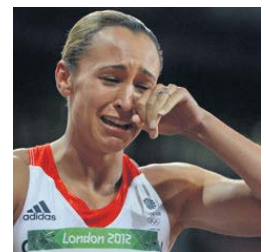
Across

- 1 "Whoso beset him round / With dismal stories, / Do but themselves ___; / His strength the more is" (John Bunyan)
- 6 YouTuber jailed in 2023 for crashing a plane for views (6,5)
- 13 Pertaining to national productivity, interest rates etc (13)
- 14 Jacob ___'s two sculptures for the London Underground offices at 55 Broadway caused public outrage in 1929 (7)
- 15 Glam rock band formed by Marc Bolan in 1967 (1,3)
- 16 1950s and 1960s film icon called "the most beautiful woman in the world", after the Italian title of one of her films (4,12)
- 18 Singer who had a UK number 1 hit with RIP in 2012 (4,3)
- 19 Genus to which the ceps or penny bun mushroom (pictured) belongs (7)
- 21 Type of book whose name comes from Latin for "white" (5)
- 23 "So, what, do I just sit here and ___ about me-self?" (Jamie Tarrt, footballer in TV series Ted Lasso) (7,2,3,2)
- 24 Set into a surface (6)
- 26 Academic meetings (9)
- 28 "Photography [...] records / Dull days as dull, and hold-it smiles as frauds, / And will not censor ___" (Philip Larkin) (9)
- 30 Joni Mitchell's second album, released in 1969 (6)
- 31 John F Kennedy, ___, Richard Nixon (6,1,7)
- 34 An Arabic ruler (variant spelling) (5)
- 35 An old name for thirds, in music or some measurements (7)
- 36 A volcanic crater (7)
- 38 ___ wrote the 1939 thriller No Orchids for Miss Blandish (5,6,5)
- 41 Animal to which the word ursine applies (4)
- 43 Historically, a Lord of ___ presided over Christmas revelry (7)
- 44 Desktop PC web search feature, 2010-2017, showing likely desired lists of hits as you typed, eg Yellowstone National Park ones for "yellows" (6,7)
- 45 Neurologist whose book Awakenings became a 1990 film starring Robin Williams and Robert De Niro (6,5)
- 46 A diaphanous dressing gown or nightwear garment (8)

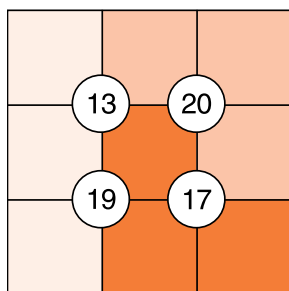


Down

- 2 There are two golden rules for an ___: start together and finish together (Thomas Beecham) (9)
- 3 A purée of fruit served with cream or custard (4)
- 4 Ill-mannered, especially of a male towards a female (12)
- 5 Name for a queen in Italian card packs which have queens (5)
- 6 Roderick Random's uncle in a 1748 Tobias Smollett novel (3,7)
- 7 Convention venue served by Custom House DLR station (5)
- 8 "One should never put on ___ trousers to go out to battle for freedom and truth" (Ibsen) (4,4)
- 9 2012 Olympic gold medallist (pictured) with a statue at Madame Tussauds in London (7,5-4)
- 10 Coastal feature linking West Bay to the Isle of Portland (6,5)
- 11 Hastings ___ was Malawi's first president (5)
- 12 Caveat ___ means "let the buyer beware" (6)
- 17 Hypotension (3,5,8)
- 19 Entrepreneur Duncan ___ founded one of the largest health club chains in the UK (9)
- 20 "Come with uncle, I said, 'and hear all proper. Hear angel trumpets and devil ___.'" (A Clockwork Orange) (9)
- 22 Cycle relay race in which Katie Archibald and Laura Kenny are current Olympic champions (7)
- 23 American brand of playing cards manufactured since 1885 (7)
- 25 Genre mixing R'n'B, soul, and rap, mainly circa 1988-93 (3,4,5)
- 27 Argentine footballer who joined Inter Miami in 2023 (6,5)
- 29 Lacking fingers and/or toes (10)
- 32 Hertfordshire birthplace of Lewis Hamilton (9)
- 33 ___ Wheel had a 1973 hit with Stuck in the Middle with You (8)
- 37 Divine nectar in Hinduism (6)
- 38 The Beano's General ___ ran a remote control model army (5)
- 39 Systematic way of reaching the wrong conclusion with confidence, in a version of Murphy's Law (5)
- 40 Substance formerly used to extinguish fires involving electronic equipment (5)
- 42 To one's self, in French (1,3)

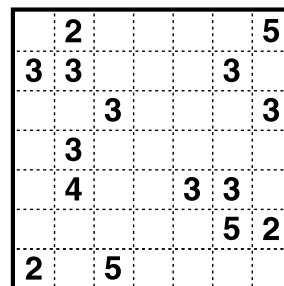


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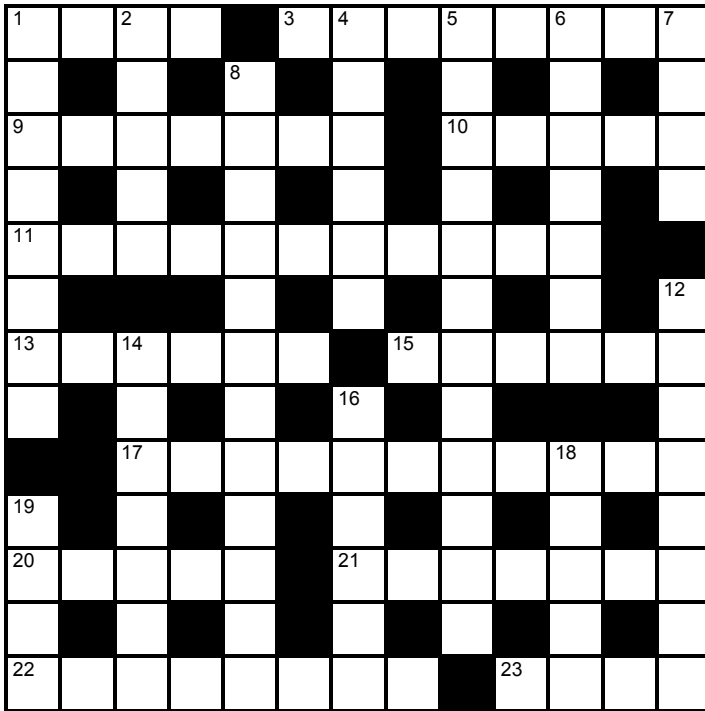
Place the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each circle is equal to the sum of the four surrounding spaces, and each colour total is correct.

CELL BLOCKS



Divide the grid into square or rectangular blocks, each containing one digit only. Every block must contain the number of cells indicated by the digit inside it.

CONCISE CROSSWORD 1869



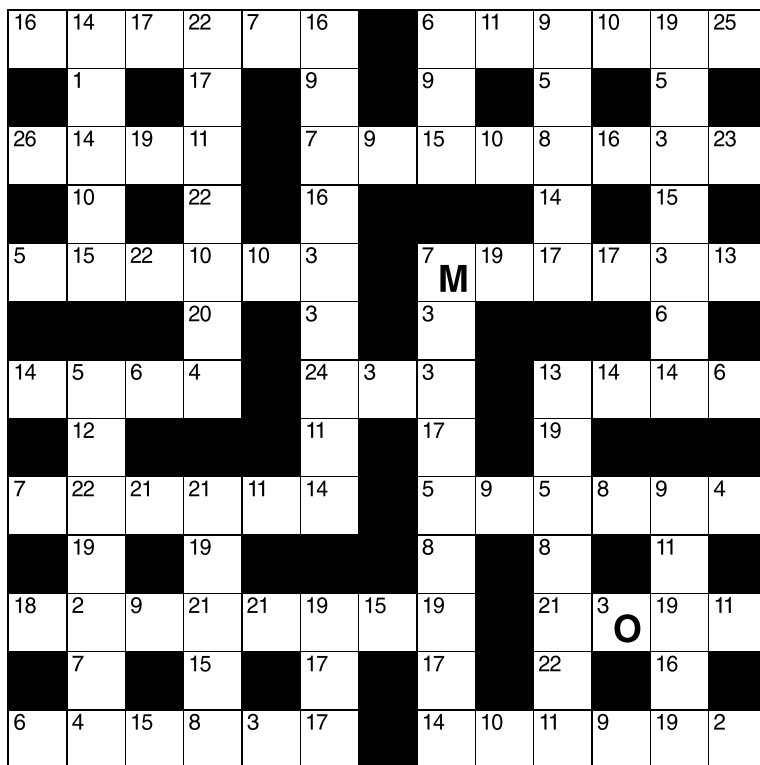
Across

- 1 Mosque official (4)
- 3 Final performance (8)
- 9 Knick-knack (7)
- 10 Aggregate (5)
- 11 Lightener of mood (5,6)
- 13 Offspring (6)
- 15 Easy target (6)
- 17 Chic (11)
- 20 Dagger signs (5)
- 21 Mosaic fragment (7)
- 22 Trivial things or people (5,3)
- 23 Burlesque vignette (4)

Down

- 1 Dolt (8)
- 2 Collection of tracks (5)
- 4 Go on (6)
- 5 Diet expert (12)
- 6 Unconscious (3,2,2)
- 7 Wide divide (4)
- 8 Instrument named after bells (12)
- 12 Man-made item (8)
- 14 Crisp fabric (7)
- 16 Acrimonious (6)
- 18 Pause (5)
- 19 Master (4)

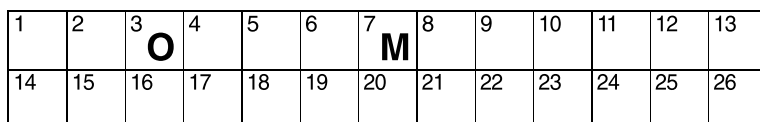
CODEWORD



In the grid, each number represents a letter of the alphabet – all 26 letters are used. Use the initial clues in the code table to work out the rest of the code.

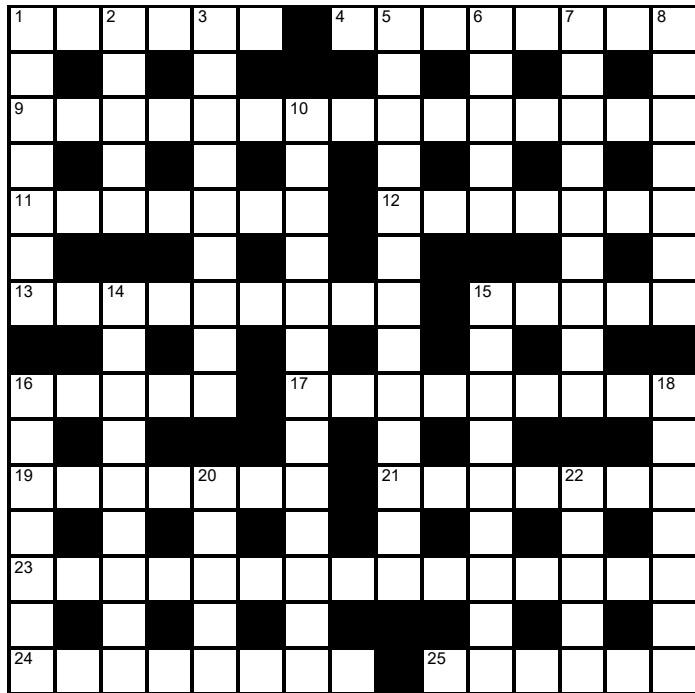
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Dean Mayer



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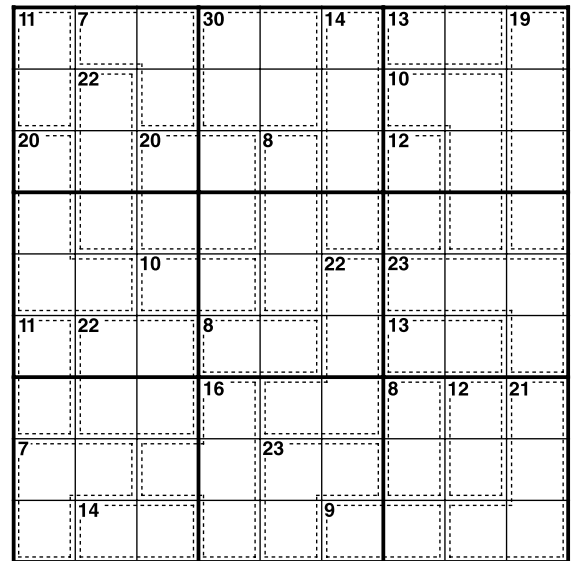
Across

- 1 Quick hugs provided calm (6)
- 4 Inspiration, even when restricted by a short fuse (8)
- 9 Type of gun such as Lee-Enfield (6-9)
- 11 US city in gold rush area (7)
- 12 One's taken many years (7)
- 13 Revenge, possibly result of change of heart (3,3,3)
- 15 Reactionary type in bachelor flat (5)
- 16 Pile of snow, in essence (5)
- 17 Show to be hiding papers, as Trump was (9)
- 19 City street bathed in sunshine? (7)
- 21 Jump, as dog chasing Sarah (7)
- 23 Hotel location in the sticks? (6,2,7)
- 24 Left pig coated in fat (8)
- 25 Without gear, beyond help (2,4)

Down

- 1 Show online school performers (7)
- 2 Organ with upper note stuck (5)
- 3 Be shy and quiet after everyone enters garrison (4,5)
- 5 Why was hero not far off? (3,4,6)
- 6 City lights using extra energy (5)
- 7 Gossipy, like a TV broadcast after Cheers (9)
- 8 Approach empty drink bottles (5,2)
- 10 Working with EU, Labour Party doing business? (6,7)
- 14 Trouble carving succulent rabbit (4-5)
- 15 Wife will consider talking – the nag goes on here (9)
- 16 I'm included in transfer of ten (7)
- 18 Yank had to accommodate European blonde (3-4)
- 20 Service provider presented in pastel colours (5)
- 22 He grabs the tail of any retreating scavenger (5)

KILLER SUDOKU HARD



Each row, column and 3x3 box must contain the digits 1 to 9. The digits within each group of cells joined by dotted lines must add up to the figure in the top-left-hand corner of each group. Within each dotted-line group, a digit cannot be repeated.

The first correct solution opened after next Saturday wins a collection of reference books — The Times Universal Atlas of the World, Collins English Dictionary & Thesaurus, and Bradford's Crossword Solver's Dictionary, published by HarperCollins. Three runners-up win the Collins English Dictionary & Thesaurus. Post solutions to: The Sunday Times Crossword 5094, PO Box 29, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8GZ, or email: puzzle.entries@sunday-times.co.uk. Open to 18+ UK & ROI residents only.



MEPHISTO 3307

Robert Teuton

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The first correct solution picked at random after next Saturday wins Collins World Atlas: Complete Edition, worth £30. The next four will receive £20 Waterstones gift vouchers. Open to 18+ UK & ROI residents only.

The Chambers Dictionary 13th edition is the primary reference. Readers may email comments or queries to puzzle.feedback@sunday-times.co.uk



Across

- 1 Love to follow TV hosts right for new style of the 20s (7, two words)
- 6 Retreating hood's gal almost caught by PC Plod (5)
- 12 Picnic to be suspended after unpleasant matter (8)
- 13 Love taking mouthful in sacred fountain (8)
- 14 Deity's name unknown to followers (5)
- 15 Own goal in tournament's opener with Germany knocking out Italy (5)
- 16 Made a bit warm fixing pin round far side of tent (8)
- 18 Dapper youth, flush one with touch of elegance (5)
- 20 Yellowhammer's cry of distress heralding a lot of attention (6)
- 21 Excellent youngster, foremost in Oriental martial art (6)
- 23 Shakespearean pledged something of interest in speech (5)
- 24 Question priest about who's making pleasantries? (8)
- 27 Yorked, England's opener's out, batting like a nerd (5)
- 29 Cutting into beam it requires 45 degree angle (5)
- 30 Tories upset with limits of inquest take the lure (8, three words)
- 31 As one in form stallion runs away from the field (8)
- 32 American daring to play close to Little Mix around Ohio (5)
- 33 Breaking cover Greek character wheels round inside entrance (7)

Down

- 1 Awfully tense drama saving art school (12)
- 2 Scoundrel's run out on the fiddle (5)
- 3 One who receives fitting end to existence? (5)
- 4 Smart girl assuming power is perhaps final (6)
- 5 Plume of smoke's beginning to distress (6)
- 7 Needing seconds to check confidential information? (7)
- 8 Old game, not new, that could generate life (4)
- 9 Just get weary over in popular holiday destination (7)
- 10 Spiteful about rule more than once – it's an old knock (12)
- 11 Fish – thoroughly good (but only one kilo) – batter first (7)
- 17 Brick left out not returned (7)
- 18 Daughter involved in wild revelry at dance party (7)
- 19 Australian genuinely did fancy embracing Australian drunk (7)
- 22 Jolly quiet avoiding buying a round of drinks (6)
- 23 Holiday's doomed, visit cut short (6)
- 25 Is the criminal getting time? (5)
- 26 Plant extract from aphrodisiac I required held back (5)
- 28 Base for sauce? Alternative kept back by wife (4)

CLUE WRITING CONTEST 2003: YOUTH HOSTEL

You are invited to write a clue for the word above, in our cryptic crossword style. The best entry selected after next Saturday wins a £25 Waterstones voucher. Email your entry to puzzle.entries@sunday-times.co.uk.

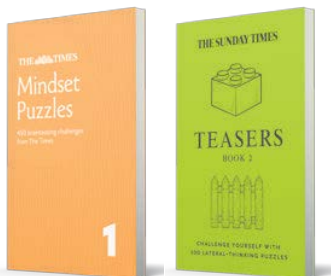
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SUDOKU

Each row, column and 3x3 box must contain digits 1-9. Winner receives The Times Mindset Puzzles Book 1 and The Sunday Times Teasers Book 2.

To enter, complete the Very Hard puzzle and call 0901 292 5275 (UK only) (ROI 1516 303 500), leaving your answer (the numbers in the three shaded squares) and contact details.



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WARM-UP

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VERY HARD — PRIZE 1570

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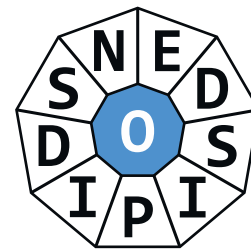
TETONOR EASY

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330	31	198	45

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Each number in the main grid can be formed by adding or multiplying a pair of numbers in the strip below the grid. Each pair of numbers should be used twice: once as part of an addition and once as part of a multiplication. For example, a 10 and 24 in the main grid may be solved by the sums, $4 + 6$ and 4×6 , respectively. Enter each sum in the boxes below its answer. Any blanks in the strip must be deduced, bearing in mind the numbers are listed in ascending order.

POLYGON



From these letters, make words of four or more letters, always including the central letter. Answers must be in the Concise Oxford Dictionary, excluding capitalised words, plurals, conjugated verbs (past tense etc), adverbs ending in LY, comparatives and superlatives.

How you rate

18 words, average; 24, good; 36, very good; 48, excellent.

KENKEN

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1-		1-			
11+			18×		
1-					2÷
13+		9+		2-	
	10×				1

All the digits 1 to 6 must appear in every row and column. In each thick-line “block”, the target number in the top left-hand corner is calculated from the digits in all the cells in the block, using the operation indicated by the symbol.

TEASER 3199

Edmund Marshall
County Cup

In our county football competition, fewer than 100 teams compete in two stages. First, the teams are allocated to more than two equally-sized groups, and in each

group there is one match between each pair of teams. The top two teams in each group proceed to the first round of the knockout stage, where a single match between two teams eliminates one of them. If the number of teams entering the knockout stage is not a power of 2, sufficiently

many teams are given byes (they don't have to play in the first round), so that the number of teams in the second round is a power of 2. The knockout stage continues until only one team remains. In one year the competition was played with a single match on every day of the year.

How many teams were in the competition that year?

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU WARM-UP

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

CODEWORD

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Across: 1 Potato chips, 7 Asparagus, 12 Rioja, 13 Oregon, 14 Alchemy, 15 Hoagy Carmichael, 16 Lethe, 17 Chichén Itzá, 19 Regisseur, 21 Jada Pinkett Smith, 22 Torc, 24 Declan Rice, 27 Maisie Adam, 29 Ibex, 30 Comment allez-vous, 34 Mortal sin, 35 Eric Clapton, 37 Thera, 38 Room temperature, 40 Nairobi, 41 Eyelids, 42 Dante, 43 Phnom Penh, 44 Trent Bridge
Down: 1 Pyrrhic, 2 Thora Hird, 3 Tracy Chapman, 4 Cro-magnon, 5 Ileum, 6 Star charts, 7 Aloha From Hawaii, 8 Pearly Gates, 9 Reckless, 10 Great Beyond, 11 Skype, 18 The Iceman Cometh, 20 Racemes, 21 Judaism, 23 New Zealander, 25 Coeur de Lion, 26 Room Service, 28 Investment, 31 Le Creuset, 32 Outgunned, 33 Va-va-voom, 36 Nyerere, 37 Ton-up, 39 Maize

MEPHISTO 3306

Across: 1 Calmer, 6 Suture, 11 Amourette, 12 Niks-nie, 13 Enid, 15 Psalm, 16 Après-ski, 18 Arba, 19 Sternutation, 21 Honduras bark, 23 Epha, 24 Farthing, 26 Chaff, 29 Toll, 30 Camp out, 31 Puerperal, 32 Resets, 33 Eidola
Down: 1 Canvas, 2 Loke, 3 Musse, 4 Erne, 5 Reinsurances, 6 Steak tartare, 7 Utopiast, 8 Ulnaria, 9 Rail-borne, 10 End man, 14 Optophone, 17 Snuff out, 20 Enhalos, 21 Hector, 22 Kgotla, 25 Hoped, 27 Impi, 28 Moro

CROSSWORD 5093

Across: 1 Impure, 5 Agency, 9 Drug-taker, 10 Oink, 11 Fill-in, 12 Raspiest, 14 Cagliari, 16 Nail, 18 Bars, 19 Go all out, 21 Tear into, 22 Top cat, 24 Heat, 26 Serengeti, 27 Reason, 28 Seeing
Down: 2 Madeira cake, 3 Usual, 4 Estonian, 5 At rest, 6 Emotional, 7 Can, 8 Skirting board, 13 Stimulation, 15 Last rites, 17 Hastings, 20 Unison, 23 Peele, 25 Eye

CONCISE CROSSWORD 1868

Across: 1 Bodice rippers, 8 Wag, 9 Invective, 10 Nothing, 11 Arena, 12 Shroud, 13 Biased, 16 Ruff, 18 Ghoulish, 21 Piecemeal, 22 Pop, 23 Trajectory
Down: 1 Bow and scrape, 2 Dog Star, 3 Critique, 4 Ravage, 5 Peccavi, 6 Exile, 7 Stewardship, 14 Skipper, 15 Wheeze, 17 Fleet, 19 Unlit, 20 Feta

SUDOKU 1569

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KENKEN

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12x	2	1	3	5	4	6
120x	1	4	5	6	3	2
10x	3	6	4	2	1	5

TEASER 3198

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TODAY'S SOLUTIONS

SUKO

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CELL BLOCKS

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POLYGON

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KILLER SUDOKU

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TETONOR

140	27	63	11
28 x 5	9 + 18	60 ÷ 3	7 + 4
21	216	28	176
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104	42	162	30
8 x 13	36 ÷ 6	18 x 9	22 ÷ 8
24	180	33	108
18 ÷ 6	3 x 60	28 ÷ 5	6 x 18

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