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26 May, 12 noon - 4pm

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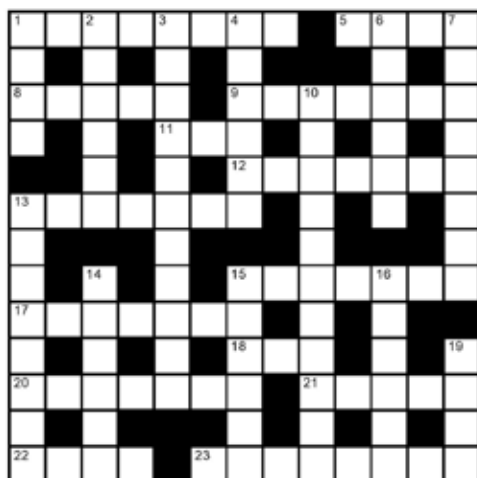
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Across

- 1 Joint writer of a book or paper (2-6)
- 5 Run ____, behave uncontrollably and disruptively (4)
- 8 Royal dog (5)
- 9 More slender (7)
- 11 Type of snake (3)
- 12 Foolish, stupid (7)
- 13 Largest great ape (7)
- 15 Spread through, suffuse (7)
- 17 Young pilchard (7)
- 18 Floor covering (3)
- 20 A word of opposite meaning (7)
- 21 First sign of the zodiac (5)
- 22 91.44 centimetres (4)
- 23 Banner, ribbon (8)

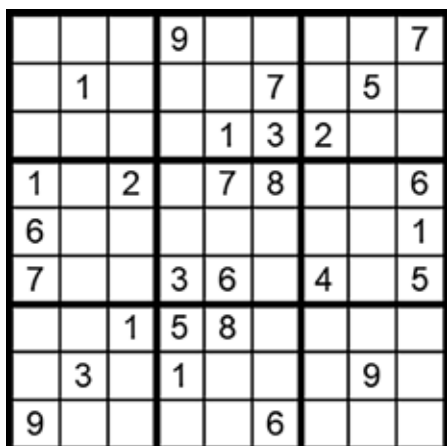
Down

- 1 Rooster (4)
- 2 More spacious and well ventilated (6)
- 3 Distress, anguish (11)
- 4 Canadian capital city (6)

- 6 Fixed (6)
- 7 Paraffin oil (8)
- 10 Question systematically in a formal manner (11)
- 13 List of information about the meanings of specialized words (8)

- 14 Excavation, depression (6)
- 15 Allow, authorise (6)
- 16 State as fact, declare (6)
- 19 Emperor, ruler (4)

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how to play sudoku

It's simple!

Fill in the grid so that each row, column and 3x3 box, contains the numbers 1 through to 9 with no repetition. You don't need to be a genius. These puzzles use logic alone. Watch out! Sudoku is highly addictive.

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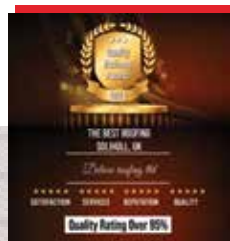
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As Tomos tries to help Arthur return to his own time, the two form an unlikely friendship. Arthur's chivalric code often clashes hilariously with modern sensibilities, but it also inspires Tomos to find courage and integrity in his own life. Together, they navigate obstacles, uncover hidden truths, and ultimately learn valuable lessons about bravery,

friendship, and self-discovery.

The wit and storytelling is pitched at ages around seven to nine and will leave young readers reflecting on what it means to be a true hero.



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2. Stand up comedian
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