

Sudoku for beginners

Puzzle 1 / first three explained moves

Use these in order, starting from the untouched puzzle.

Later hints include earlier placements. Rows count down; columns count right.

1 / Row 1, column 9

This row already has 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

This column already has 4, 7, 8, 9.

This 3 x 3 box already has 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Those numbers cannot go in this square. Its only candidate is 2, so write 2 there.

2 / Row 1, column 1

This row already has 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

This column already has 9.

This 3 x 3 box already has 7.

Those numbers cannot go in this square. Its only candidate is 1, so write 1 there.

3 / Row 1, column 3

This row already has 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

This column already has 1, 7.

This 3 x 3 box already has 1, 7.

Those numbers cannot go in this square. Its only candidate is 9, so write 9 there.

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Puzzle 2 / first three explained moves

Use these in order, starting from the untouched puzzle.

Later hints include earlier placements. Rows count down; columns count right.

1 / Row 1, column 2

This row already has 4, 6, 7, 8, 9.

This column already has 1, 3, 4.

This 3 x 3 box already has 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9.

Those numbers cannot go in this square. Its only candidate is 5, so write 5 there.

2 / Row 1, column 6

This row already has 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

This column already has 1, 3, 8.

This 3 x 3 box already has 1, 6, 8, 9.

Those numbers cannot go in this square. Its only candidate is 2, so write 2 there.

3 / Row 1, column 4

This row already has 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

This column already has 9.

This 3 x 3 box already has 1, 2, 6, 8, 9.

Those numbers cannot go in this square. Its only candidate is 3, so write 3 there.