





# Tuesday Feb 10 '26

★ Expert

Use a consistent sweep rhythm—rows, then columns, then boxes—to avoid missing easy placements. A predictable cycle makes new progress pop visually when you loop back around.

[sudokuaday.com/scanning](http://sudokuaday.com/scanning)

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



# Wednesday Feb 11 '26

★ Expert

Pencil marks are your map. Add candidates as they become legal and clear them as soon as they're not. Fresh notes prevent phantom contradictions and reveal pairs and hidden singles at a glance.

[sudokuaday.com/pencil-marks](http://sudokuaday.com/pencil-marks)

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



# Thursday Feb 12 '26

★ Expert

A naked single is a cell with just one candidate. They appear constantly after each elimination round—so recheck for singles frequently, even in late stages of a hard puzzle.

[sudokuaday.com/naked-single](http://sudokuaday.com/naked-single)

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



# Friday Feb 13 '26

★ Expert

A hidden single is the only place a digit can go in a row, column, or box—even if that cell lists other marks. Check each digit 1–9 per unit to uncover hidden singles efficiently.

[sudokuaday.com/hidden-single](http://sudokuaday.com/hidden-single)

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



# Saturday Feb 14 '26

★ Expert

Try digit-focused scanning: pick a number and sweep the grid to see where it can go. This perspective makes pointing pairs and box-line reductions much easier to spot than unit-by-unit scans.

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



# Sunday Feb 15 '26

★ Expert

X-Wing: if a digit appears in exactly two cells in the same columns for two different rows (forming a rectangle), eliminate that digit from the rest of those columns. Works symmetrically for rows.

[sudokuaday.com/x-wing](http://sudokuaday.com/x-wing)

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

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

Monday, Feb 9 '26

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, Feb 14 '26

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

Sunday, Feb 15 '26