

# THE PUZZLE DAILY

DAILY PUZZLE EDITION

Today's Date · Today's theme: Nature & the Outdoors

## 3-DAY FORECAST · YOUR CITY

MON	TUE	WED
78°F / 68°F Sunny	74°F / 63°F Partly cloudy	71°F / 60°F Chance of rain

## TODAY'S SKY · YOUR CITY

Sunrise 7:17 AM · Sunset 4:53 PM  
Moon phase: Waning Crescent (getting smaller) · 10% illuminated  
Visible tonight: Saturn in the SSW

## DID YOU KNOW

The letter W is the only letter in the English alphabet with more than one syllable.

## THE STORY BEHIND

### The handshake.

The handshake is 2,500 years old, and it meant exactly what it means today — I come in peace. Extending your right hand was proof you weren't holding a weapon. Knights shook vigorously to dislodge anything hidden up a sleeve. You still do it without thinking twice.

## DAILY QUIZ

- What is the tallest species of tree in the world?  
A) Giant Sequoia                      B) Douglas Fir  
C) Coast Redwood                      D) Sitka Spruce
- How do trees in a forest communicate with each other?  
A) Root signals                          B) Fungal networks  
C) Airborne chemicals                      D) All of the above
- Which bird has the longest migration route in the world?  
A) Arctic Tern                              B) Bar-tailed Godwit  
C) Albatross                                  D) Swallow

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you've got to start young."

— Fred Astaire

## SUDOKU

Fill each row, column & 3×3 box with 1–9.

Puzzle 1 — Easy

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

Puzzle 2 — Medium

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

## THE SECRET LIFE OF FORESTS

Search for words horizontally, vertically, and diagonally.

**BURROW**  
**FERN**  
**MONARCH**

**CANOPY**  
**GLACIER**  
**POLLEN**

**CURRENT**  
**HIBERNATE**  
**PRAIRIE**

**ESTUARY**  
**MEADOW**  
**SYCAMORE**

**FALCON**  
**MIGRATION**  
**WATERSHED**

N	Z	Z	P	R	A	I	R	I	E	Z	C	E	M	Z
R	M	S	E	S	T	U	A	R	Y	T	K	A	U	D
Z	C	R	D	S	D	G	L	A	C	I	E	R	S	B
A	A	C	H	L	Y	F	A	L	C	O	N	H	D	U
W	L	F	N	O	R	C	R	M	E	A	D	O	W	R
L	A	C	M	H	U	C	A	E	T	M	L	R	O	R
X	C	T	C	M	I	U	W	M	H	Q	T	L	S	O
Z	Q	E	E	A	I	B	G	L	O	K	P	A	Z	W
M	P	C	W	R	N	G	E	J	K	R	Z	R	Z	F
S	O	U	A	J	S	O	R	R	Y	J	E	O	G	F
O	L	R	P	B	Z	H	P	A	N	V	U	T	V	E
W	L	R	J	N	A	X	E	Y	T	A	I	O	A	R
P	E	E	M	E	I	N	N	D	H	I	T	C	P	N
Y	N	N	W	M	O	N	A	R	C	H	O	E	L	I
X	Q	T	M	M	B	L	K	N	B	W	H	N	L	K

All three puzzles share the same key. Decode each letter using the cipher below.

CIPHER KEY — encoded letter = plain letter

<b>A=C</b>	<b>B=F</b>	<b>C=X</b>	<b>D=J</b>	<b>E=L</b>	<b>F=R</b>	<b>G=S</b>	<b>H=A</b>	<b>I=Q</b>	<b>J=P</b>	<b>K=N</b>	<b>L=B</b>	<b>M=K</b>
<b>N=Y</b>	<b>O=V</b>	<b>P=I</b>	<b>Q=D</b>	<b>R=E</b>	<b>S=T</b>	<b>T=U</b>	<b>U=H</b>	<b>V=G</b>	<b>W=O</b>	<b>X=Z</b>	<b>Y=M</b>	<b>Z=W</b>

ON NATURE

P K      R O R F N      Z H E M      Z P S U      K H S T F R

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W K R      F R A R P O R G      B H F      Y W F R      S U H K

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U R      G R R M G

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— John Muir

ON THE EARTH

S U R      R H F S U      U H G      Y T G P A      B W F

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S U W G R      Z U W      E P G S R K

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— William Shakespeare

ON WONDER

E W W M      Q R R J      P K S W      K H S T F R      H K Q

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N W T      Z P E E      T K Q R F G S H K Q

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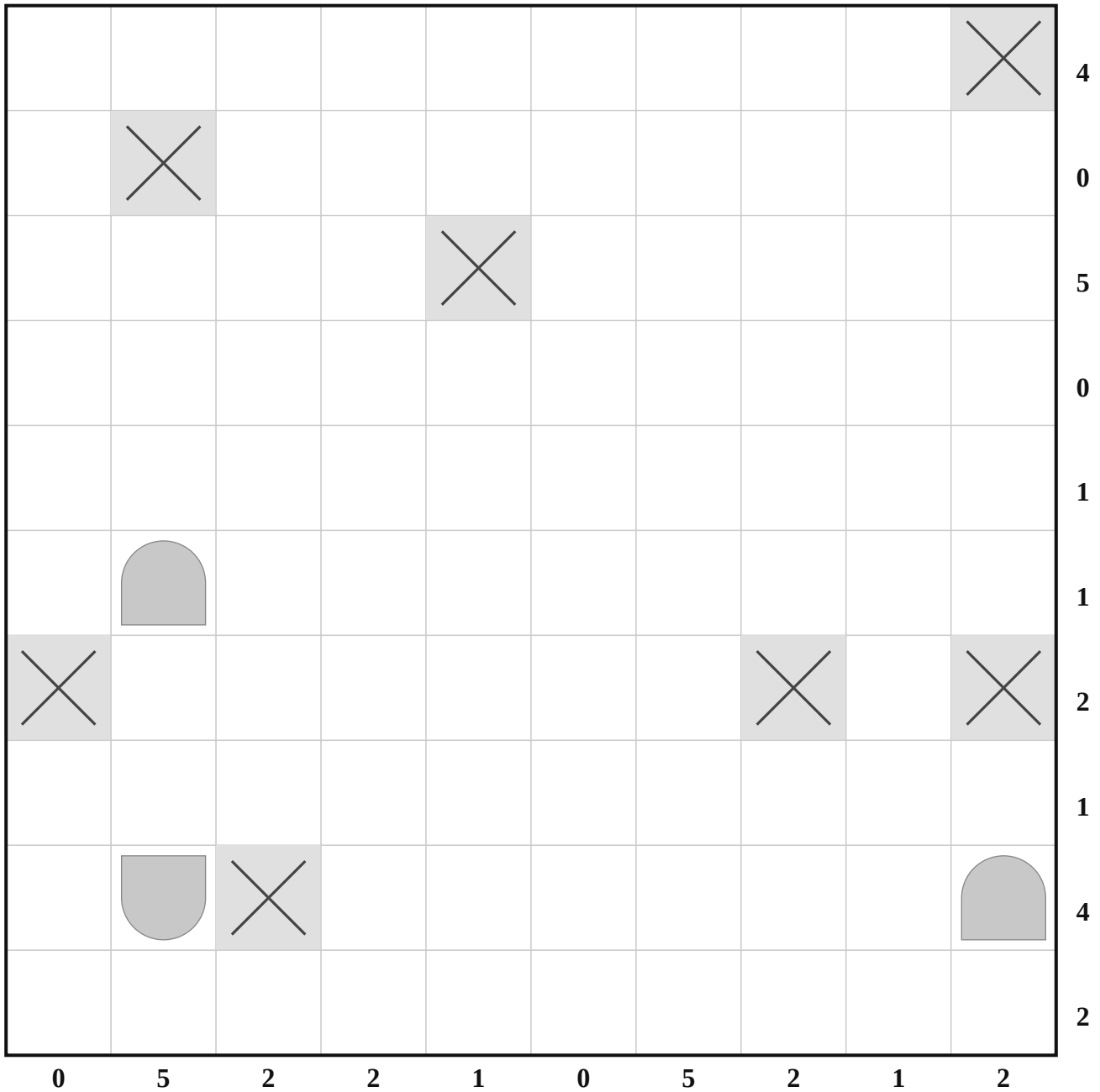
R O R F N S U P K V      L R S S R F

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— Albert Einstein

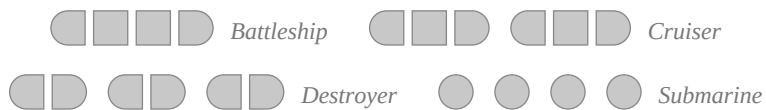
Use the row and column numbers to locate every ship. Ships cannot touch each other, not even diagonally.

Numbers show ship cells per row and column. Mark empty cells to narrow down where ships can fit.



Hints:  = Ship segment  = Water

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Answer Key · Today's Date

**ANSWERS — DAILY QUIZ · NATURE & THE OUTDOORS**

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2. How do trees in a forest communicate with each other?

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3. Which bird has the longest migration route in the world?

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**ANSWERS — SUDOKU**

Easy

Medium

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6	7	5	1	8	2	4	9	3
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**ANSWERS — WORD SEARCH — THE SECRET LIFE OF FORESTS**

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R	M	S	E	S	T	U	A	R	Y	T	K	A	U	D
Z	C	R	D	S	D	G	L	A	C	I	E	R	S	B
A	A	C	H	L	Y	F	A	L	C	O	N	H	D	U
W	L	F	N	O	R	C	R	M	E	A	D	O	W	R
L	A	C	M	H	U	C	A	E	T	M	L	R	O	R
X	C	T	C	M	I	U	W	M	H	Q	T	L	S	O
Z	Q	E	E	A	I	B	G	L	O	K	P	A	Z	W
M	P	C	W	R	N	G	E	J	K	R	Z	R	Z	F
S	O	U	A	J	S	O	R	R	Y	J	E	O	G	F
O	L	R	P	B	Z	H	P	A	N	V	U	T	V	E
W	L	R	J	N	A	X	E	Y	T	A	I	O	A	R
P	E	E	M	E	I	N	N	D	H	I	T	C	P	N
Y	N	N	W	M	O	N	A	R	C	H	O	E	L	I
X	Q	T	M	M	B	L	K	N	B	W	H	N	L	K

■ = word letter (grey = filler)

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**ANSWERS — CRYPTOGRAM**

ON NATURE

In Every Walk With Nature One Receives Far More Than He Seeks

— John Muir

ON THE EARTH

The Earth Has Music For Those Who Listen

— William Shakespeare

ON WONDER

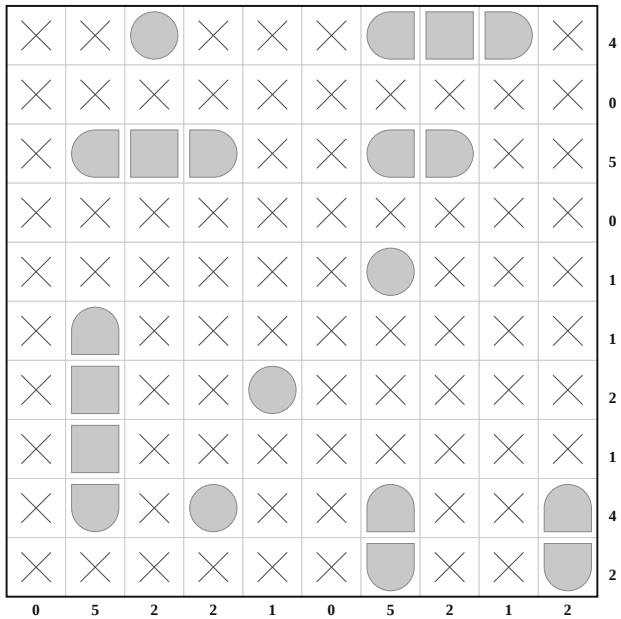
Look Deep Into Nature And You Will Understand Everything Better

— Albert Einstein

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**ANSWERS — NAVAL BATTLE**



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