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## Newsday crossword answers today

Do you know the names of the elements of their symbols? Todd Helmenstine's crossword puzzles are not only fun, but can be a good way to practice spelling unknown words, such as the names of periodic table items. The clues for this printable crossword puzzle are the symbols of the first several elements. A response key for the crossword puzzle is provided on the next page. Mumbai Harbor Crossing Private Sailing PackagePub Crawl MumbaiStreet Food Crawl Photo: Pixabay (Pexels)For some reason, many people believe that the ability to solve crossword puzzles is a doled out talent at birth for a select few. This couldn't be further from the truth. Crossword puzzles are not an immutable test of your vocabulary or intelligence, they are a learned skill that anyone can develop. Learning new skills is one of the best ways to become marketable and happy, but... Read moreNo other word game or puzzle asks for both your brain and a crossword puzzle. Experienced puzzles consider not only the literal meaning of each track, but also the similar ones you've seen before, frequently repeated answers, syntax peculiarities, word games, cultural references and, of course, the theme of the puzzle. Unfortunately, this means that crossword puzzles can be frankly unpleasant for newcomers. Everyone starts somewhere, and no matter what their capabilities look like now, here are four general strategies to help you improve. Doing Puzzles Every DayThe only way to improve on crossword puzzles is to make a lot of them, and the best way to do it is to work on your daily routine. For me, that means tackling some puzzles from an old 365 Will Shortz crossword book before bed every night. My mom prints Washington Post crossword puzzles and fries on them over breakfast; my friends who travel daily by bus or train are staunch fans of the New York Times crossword app. G/O Media can get a commissionNew York Times puzzles are most of the crossword gateway drug from most people for a reason: they are easy to find and have a built-in difficulty rating. Mondays are the easiest, Saturdays are the hardest, and puzzles between ramp day by day, so you can choose the ones that work for you. That said, the New York Times is far from the only publisher there is. The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times and Merriam-Webster also publish daily American-style crossword puzzles; if cryptic crossword puzzles are your jam, try The Guardian. Some organizations, such as Queer Crosswords and Puzzles for Progress, will even send you original themed puzzles as a reward for nonprofit donations. Just remember that every It has its own style: mastering the complicated track phrase in a New York Times Saturday puzzle won't necessarily translate into one of the Post, and vice versa. Use an App If you really want to upload your crossword puzzle game, subscribing to an app, like this one from the New York Times, is a great idea. As much as I like them, paper puzzles simply can't touch the easy-to-use features you get with an app. You can easily check your or reveal answers letter by letter, rather than accidentally looking at the whole solution. This demystifies the clues enough to make them feasible, which is exactly what you want. In addition, most apps time on time for your work, which makes it easy to measure your progress. But actually, the biggest advantage is accessibility: carrying thousands of digital puzzles in your pocket makes it easy to do a lot of puzzles. Knowing when and how CheatCheating is a sensitive subject among crossword enthusiasts, but there's no denying that it has its place. Crossword puzzles should be fun, and hitting me repeatedly against the same wall, praying for a different result, is not my idea of fun. In addition, frustration is a master condolence; unless you have serious competitive puzzle aspirations, stubbornly refusing to look for answers or check your work won't get you anywhere. Many games require a great investment, at least, if you want to have the best equipment, the... Read moreObviously, you have to solve as many clues as you can without help, but you can't improve without a challenge. A little strategic trap can guide you even through the most difficult puzzles. The apps make this very easy: just check or reveal letters one at a time until you can solve a particularly unpleasant track. This gives you enough information to (mostly) hack on your own, which in turn makes the most likely response to stick to your memory. Paper puzzles make strategic traps a little more difficult, but thanks to the Internet, not for long. If you're stuck in a printed crossword puzzle, Google the entire track in quotes. Framing your search around the track instead of, say, how many letters you have to work will help you understand what the track wanted from you. Over time, you'll find yourself in need of less and less help solving puzzles that previously would have been real clumsy. Study UpSi you take seriously the mastery of crossword puzzles, the Internet is full of like-minded people who would love to help. A blog like Rex Parker's is a great place to start. Solve the New York Times puzzle every day, compare the difficulty with other puzzles that day of the week, and break down pairs of key clues/answers into a short post. Between posts and comments, you'll get a more complete picture of the solution than if you'd searched for answers. You can also specialize even more and review your crossword puzzles, words that often appear in crossword puzzles but almost never in conversation. The New York Times has a quiz that tests your crossword puzzle knowledge, and there's a more general guide to Dictionary.com. Perhaps predictably, there is also a whole website dedicated to crossword puzzle, with a new word appearing day and an extensive file. If a statistical approach is more your speed, there are crossword response databases out there. Data scientist Noah Veltman analyzed a set of new York Times crossword tracks and responses from 1996-2012, then fixed them by crossword puzzles and how often they appeared. You can filter by the minimum number of occurrences or the length of the word, and see details about any given response. Similarly, Xwordinfo.com will show you the most popular answers and clues for Times puzzles by year or duration of the word. Hell, you could really go to everything and code some training programs like this guy did, although it's unclear whether his approach is more effective than just doing a lot of crossword puzzles. This is not to say that you need to build a robot or memorize clues to solve crossword puzzles more efficiently; the best training strategy is the one that makes you happy. No matter how many puzzles you solve, or how quickly you can solve them, just keep it. If you can do that, you'll never stop improving. Sometimes there are no right answers. There are only correct answers for you. Or law answers for your family. Or right-wing answers to the right. There are many decisions to make these days. It's not that different from the usual, except that even the most basic ones—decisions we've never had to think about before—seem impossibly difficult. Send your children to school or school at home? Go to church or stay home? Attend an important family reunion or social distance? And that's just to name a few. Such decisions have never really been a problem. Going to church, or school, or maybe a wedding has always been a fact. Until now. And people don't seem shy when they scream from rooftops—or their laptops—how they think we should all answer these questions. But the truth is that there are no correct answers to these questions or the other infinite ones that seem impossible to answer. Sometimes none of the options are good options. Sometimes opinions are noisy and make us question our own judgment. Sometimes our thoughts are a whirlwind of confusion as we try to determine the right answer to a question that doesn't have one. It's okay to be still. Take it easy. To fine-tune the noise. Breathe and let your brain rest. You don't have to worry about the right answer for everyone, just determine the right answer for you. It's true that some people may be disappointed by the decision you make, after all, no matter what you decide to do, you're never going to please everyone. But if you know you're doing the right thing based on your own circumstances, if your answer to those questions has produced God-given peace in the midst of difficult circumstances, there's no need to feel guilty. There's no need to explain it. There's no need to feel bad. You can walk forward in faith knowing that it made the best right decision for you or right for your family that you could, it may not be perfect, but you're human and perfection doesn't exist. It's okay to accept that and choose different from what it's right for her, or for them, or for those people over there. We're all different. Our circumstances are different. Our needs are all different. You can't expect there to be an answer for everyone. But maybe we can agree that some are hard for everyone to do. Do.