

# A.1 Wordoku



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Difficulty: Medium

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You sit down on the park bench, newspaper in hand, the morning sun low on the horizon. The smell of newsprint. The sound of birds; of the city waking up. Your daily ritual. It calms you. Gives you energy to start the day.

Unfold the paper. Begin to read.

A sense of unease slowly permeates your mind. There's something wrong with this newspaper. Everything's familiar, yet different. Weird headlines. Non-sensical stories. You turn the pages, scanning for normality. The entire paper is unfamiliar and uncomfortable. Even the puzzle page is different.

An ordinary looking fellow sits down beside you, reading the same newspaper. Ordinary... yet you've never seen him in this park before. Eventually, he turns to you with a grave expression and asks, "Did you see the news today?"

He looks at you searchingly as you struggle to form an answer. Seeing you lost for words, he reaches over and points at one of the puzzles. "Try that one. It will start to make more sense soon."

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