

# POWERSCORE

## Sudoku Puzzles Solutions

Sudoku is a Japanese number puzzle that is an excellent exercise for sharpening your critical reasoning skills—those skills that make the difference between a good score and a great score on the SAT. To complete a sudoku, fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every  $3 \times 3$  box contains the digits 1 through 9. For example, the first box by the arrow must contain a 5. Why? Look at the placement of the other '5's in the puzzle.

**EASY**

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

**MEDIUM**

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

**HARD**

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