

## UNIT 3 SUDOKU PUZZLE

**Target  
Vocabulary**

<b>Noun:</b>	popularity, puzzle, devotee, scene, boom
<b>Adjective:</b>	fresh, elementary, major
<b>Adverb:</b>	abroad, maddeningly
<b>Verb:</b>	appear, evolve, prompt, spread, interpret, incorporate, publish, go wild
<b>Phrasal Verb:</b>	burst onto, hooked on, look after, look for, make for, call on, run out of

People in Europe and the United States are **going wild** over a number **puzzle** called "sudoku", which **evolved** into its present form in Japan. Sudoku's **popularity** in Japan was limited to a small group of **devotees**, but in the autumn of 2004 it suddenly **burst onto** the **scene** in puzzle-loving Britain. First The Times, a famous British newspaper, began printing a daily sudoku puzzle, and then other papers started doing so too. Sudoku was covered by well-known magazines, and as more and more people became **hooked on** it, books of sudoku puzzles became best-sellers.

The sudoku **boom** has now **spread** all over the world. The puzzles **appear** in **major** newspapers in the United States and France, and sudoku books have been **published** in a number of countries, including Germany. In Japan, reports about the popularity of sudoku **abroad** have **prompted** people to take a **fresh** look at this home-grown puzzle. Some Japanese **elementary** schools have even begun **incorporating** sudoku into math classes. The secret of sudoku's popularity is that while the rules are easy enough for a child to understand, solving the puzzles can be **maddeningly** difficult. The word "sudoku" is made up of two kanji characters – "su", meaning "numbers" and "doku", meaning "single or alone". The word can be **interpreted** as meaning "Only single-digit numbers can be used" or "Numbers can only be used once."

I. Read the passage carefully and circle the choice which is the closest in meaning to the word given.

1. "evolved" in line 2 means

- A. developed
- B. disappeared
- C. explained

3. "prompted" in line 12 means

- A. entertained
- B. activated
- C. communicated

2. "boom" in line 9 means

- A. effort
- B. sample
- C. explosion

4. "fresh" in line 12 means

- A. funny
- B. boring
- C. new

5. "interpreted" in line 18 means

- A. translated
- B. considered
- C. studied

II. Match the following words with the definitions.

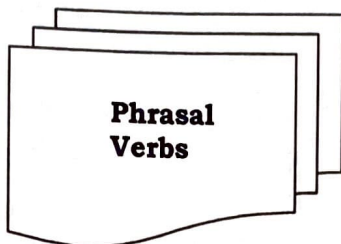
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| 1. ___ abroad      | a. to start to be seen, to arrive, or to exist in a place                          |
| 2. ___ devotee     | b. in a crazy way  |
| 3. ___ maddeningly | c. in or to a foreign country  |
| 4. ___ puzzle      | d. to behave in a very excited and uncontrolled way                                |
| 5. ___ appear      | e. to become known about or used by more and more people                           |
| 6. ___ go wild     | f. someone who enjoys or admires someone or something very much                    |
| 7. ___ spread      | g. a game in which you have to think hard to solve a difficult question or problem |

III. Fill in the blanks with a suitable word from the list below making changes if necessary.

incorporate	elementary	publish	hooked on	
major	spread	evolve	prompt	scene

1. Rowling's latest Harry Potter novel sold millions of copies as soon as it was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The increase in the value of dollar \_\_\_\_\_ people to invest in foreign currency.
3. One could see a \_\_\_\_\_ change in his personality after he came back from abroad.
4. In many \_\_\_\_\_ classrooms there is a good deal of affection for children and various opportunities for active, hands-on learning.
5. Since the computers entered schools, education methods have \_\_\_\_\_ a lot.
6. When they heard that Okan Bayülgen would have dinner with a lady, the journalists were at the \_\_\_\_\_ within minutes.

7. More public schools \_\_\_\_\_ hands-on learning, which educators say can help children learn better.
8. Malaria, which is \_\_\_\_\_ by mosquitoes, is one of the biggest public health problems in Africa.
9. Unfortunately, many women who do not work outside the home are \_\_\_\_\_ the TV and they do almost nothing but watch it.



<b>look after:</b>	take care of
<b>look for:</b>	search for
<b>run out of:</b>	come to the end of a supply, use up
<b>make for:</b>	go towards
<b>call on:</b>	make a short visit

**IV. Fill in the blanks with one of the phrasal verbs from the list above making changes if necessary.**

1. The company had to abandon the project when it \_\_\_\_\_ money.
2. It is time we \_\_\_\_\_ home; otherwise we will get caught up in the traffic.
3. If you are at home tomorrow, I may \_\_\_\_\_ you while coming back home from work.
4. Sally's mother asked her to \_\_\_\_\_ her little sister while she was out doing the grocery shopping.
5. They are \_\_\_\_\_ a smaller house than the one they are living in at the moment since the father has retired and will not be able to afford the rent anymore.



## MINI TEST

1. For a teenager, ---- among his peers can sometimes be more important than anything else.  
A) scene                      B) popularity  
C) boom                      D) effort  
E) component
2. A ---- can be very entertaining for those who look for a challenge.  
A) puzzle                      B) boom  
C) disaster                      D) screen  
E) combination
3. When the interest rates were decreased by the government there was a(n) ---- in the housing market.  
A) scene                      B) devotee  
C) boom                      D) effort  
E) combination
4. I don't know who has ---- the news; but I know for sure that he has not applied for any other job.  
A) appealed                      B) published  
C) evolved                      D) made up of  
E) spread
5. I have a lot to do but my ---- concern is how to be able to finish my project by the deadline.  
A) elementary                      B) efficient  
C) fresh                      D) major  
E) minor
6. The salesman was ---- slow so I gave up buying the T-shirt and left the shop.  
A) actually                      B) rarely  
C) maddeningly                      D) primarily  
E) professionally
7. It was such extraordinary news that it ---- in almost all newspapers, both nationwide and abroad.  
A) incorporated                      B) appeared  
C) incorporated                      D) spread  
E) interpreted
8. I had no intention of seeing him again but my friends ---- me to give him a second chance.  
A) exerted                      B) interpreted  
C) appeared                      D) avoided  
E) prompted
9. The computer company has ---- user-friendly features into the already existing software.  
A) evolved                      B) interpreted  
C) incorporated                      D) published  
E) prompted
10. Teenagers are ---- the Internet so much so that they hardly go out to enjoy cultural events.  
A) burst onto                      B) called on  
C) looked after                      D) made up of  
E) hooked on