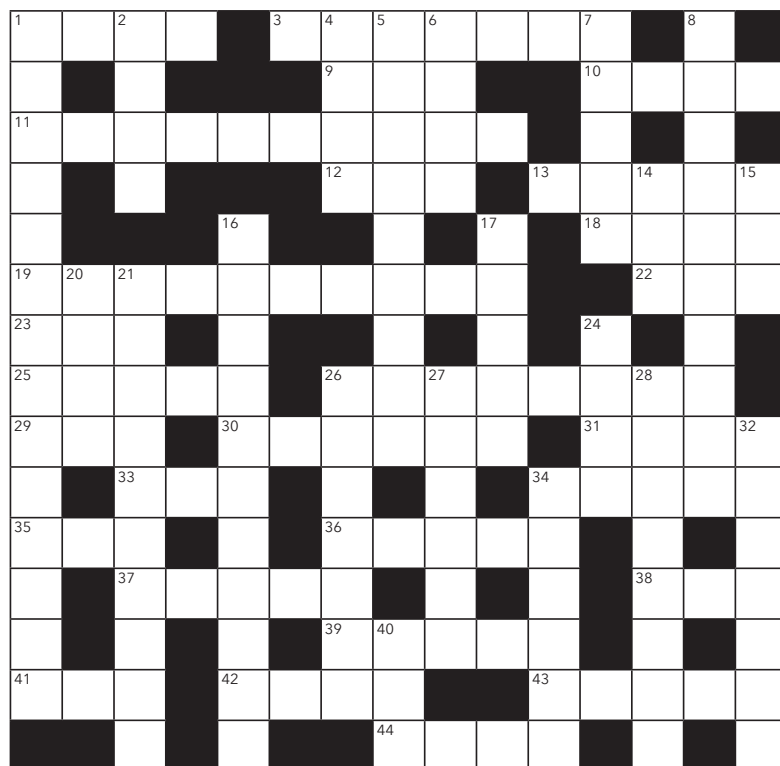


September 2026 crossword



September 2026 wordoku

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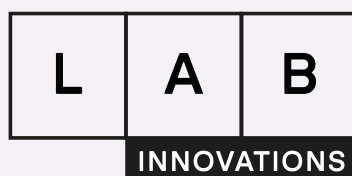
Solve this wordoku in the same way as a sudoku with letters instead of numbers (each of the nine letters in each row, column and nine-square cell). Once solved, one of the overall diagonals can be rearranged to give the name of a chemist who received a science diplomacy award this year.

An innovative quick crossword

There's no cryptic crossword this month as we're looking ahead to this year's Lab Innovations event with a bumper quick crossword. Several of the clues and their solutions relate to the industries and activities you could expect to encounter if you attend Lab Innovations in Birmingham in November.

Across

- 1 Heavy metal (4)
 3 Antiseptically clean (7)
 9 Beef extract brand originally developed by the German chemist Justus von Liebig (3)
 10 Trigonometric function (4)
 11 Location of our sponsor's exhibition and conference in November (10)
 12 Target (3)
 13 SI unit of frequency named after a German physicist (5)
 18 ____-earth elements (REE) (4)
 19 Building professional relationships (10)
 22 Brownish-grey colour seen in birds like the ____lin and the ____nock (3)
 23 Parent rock (3)
 25 Outspoken (5)



- 26 Computer program (8)
 29 Burnt remains (3)
 30 Build up (6)
 31 Numbers that form the basis of decimals (4)
 33 Point of a pen (3)
 34 One of the senses used in organoleptic testing (5)
 35 Old UK chemical company (acronym) (3)
 36 Extract from a chromatography column (5)
 37 Crystalline triterpenoid compound extracted from beeswax or cork (5)
 38 Famous heavyweight boxer (3)
 39 Greek island (5)
 41 Large body of water (3)
 42 Large plant (unless a bonsai) (4)
 43 Russian country house (5)
 44 Tryout or presentation (4)

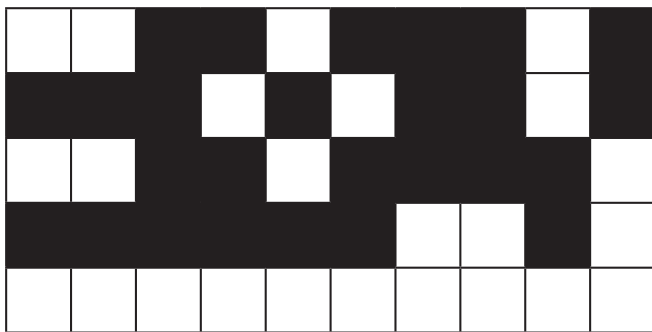
Down

- 1 Our sponsor (3, 11)
 2 Ambience (4)
 4 Roman garment (4)
 5 Stand holder (9)
 6 Wander (4)
 7 Organic compound with the general formula $RC(=O)OR'$ (5)
 8 Analytical apparatus (10)
 14 SI unit of angle (3)
 15 Branch of Buddhism (3)
 16 Work together (11)
 17 Multicoloured chalcedony (5)
 20 Statue in Piccadilly, London, the first major public statue in the world to be cast in aluminium (4)
 21 Lab worker (10)
 24 Information (4)
 26 Discipline whose etymology comes from the Latin for 'knowledge' (7)
 27 Tomorrow (6)
 28 Scientific exploration (8)
 32 Workshop (7)
 34 Shipworm (6)
 40 Strontium flame test colour (3)

September 2026 elements grid

For this puzzle, use the clues to assign each column of the grid a unique element symbol, so that each row spells out a solution to its own clue, and the final row includes all ten symbols.

B	C	Er	F	H	K	La	N	S	U
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Clues:

- 1 Pastries (4)
- 2 Someone else's (4)
- 3 Bed (4)
- 4 Criticism (4)
- 5 Laboratory filtration equipment (7, 5)

September 2026 coronene puzzle

Place each of the seven elemental symbols in one hexagon of coronene to spell three words, one horizontally and two diagonally. Plural words are allowed, but you may not switch the order of the letter in any two-letter symbols (eg, sodium must be Na, not aN). The four symbols in the central hexagon of each of this month's coronenes can be combined to spell out name of a mineral.

Elements:

A. Li, Pa, Po, S, Ta, Ts, Y

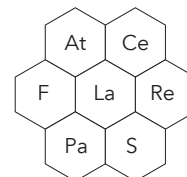
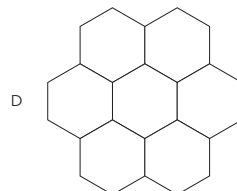
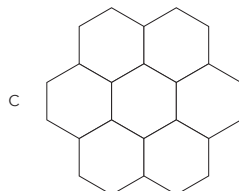
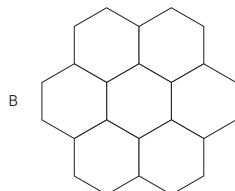
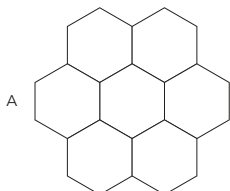
B. Al, Es, Ga, Na, P, S, Se

C. As, C, Ds, F, He, N, S

D. Co, Es, K, Mo, Ne, S, Y

For example:

Answers:



Atlas
Flare
Palace

August 2026 solutions and winners

Cryptic

D	I	O	R	A	M	A	S	A	D	S	O	R	B
M	M	N	L	I	E	B	I						
I	T	E	R	A	T	I	O	N	P	E	S	T	O
T	E	G	L	B	S	T	E	T					
R	E	A	D	Y	I	R	O	N	H	O	R	S	E
I													
M	A	I	N	T	A	I	N	E	D	M	A	C	H
E	N	S	N	N	G	N	N						
N	E	O	N	T	I	N	T	O	R	E	T	T	O
D	E	R	C	T	I								
E	N	D	R	A	V	I	N	G	G	E	C	K	O
L	A	S	A	I	N	A	G						
E	R	N	S	T	O	S	C	A	N	I	N	I	
E	I	R	E	M	R	R	E						
V	I	C	T	O	R	M	O	R	D	A	N	T	S

Quick

D	I	M	E	T	H	Y	L	O	P	I	O	I	D
O	E	A	O	S	A	E	A						
N	A	T	U	R	A	L	L	Y	R	E	S	O	W
N	E	T	K	P	S	O	N						
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T	O	R	R	I	C	E	L	L	I	G	A	I	A
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I	O	T	A	D	I	S	S	E	C	T	I	N	G
C	I	P	C										
K	A	O	L	I	N	I	T	E	R	E	N	I	N
L	N	C	R	T	E	E	E						
A	G	A	T	E	U	N	H	I	T	C	H	E	S
N	L	N	S	E	E	R	S						
D	I	E	S	E	L	B	R	A	D	B	U	R	Y

Wordoku

The an antihistamine drug MECLIZINE

Coronene puzzle

- A. Ligase, Negate, Regain
B. Baby, Hobos, Mobs
C. Ambry, Cobras, Libral
D. Clots, Floe, Nose

The igneous rock running across is Gabbro

Elements grid

				O		Ra	Te	S
		T		O			Te	S
			I	O	N			S
	Ac	T	I		N			
Re	Ac	T	I	O	N	Ra	Te	S

August winners

Coronene
Tanja Van Mourik
Leven, UK

Wordoku
Rachel Sirotnina
Cambridge, UK

Cryptic crossword
Sue Matejtschuk
Lea, UK

Quick crossword
Peter Ham
Cardiff, UK