

# Difficult Sudoku 1: *Watch Your Fish*

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

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猫に鯉節

**Japanese Proverb:** Fish to a cat.

*Watch out - something you have is very tempting to someone else.*

## Difficult Sudoku 2: *Watch Your Eggplants*

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

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秋茄子は嫁に食わすな。

**Japanese Proverb:** Don't let your daughter-in-law eat your autumn eggplants.  
Don't let someone take advantage of you.

# Difficult Sudoku 3: *Don't Give Up*

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

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## 三日坊主

**Japanese Proverb:** Three day monk  
*Someone who gives up without trying.*

# Difficult Sudoku 4: *Goofing Off*

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

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## 油を売る

**Japanese Proverb:** To sell oil.

*To spend time in idle talk instead of attending to the task at hand..*

# Solutions

## Difficult Sudoku 1

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

## Difficult Sudoku 2

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

## Difficult Sudoku 3

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

## Difficult Sudoku 4

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