

JCS Sudoku Savvy Solving Tips

Choose a level to suit the challenge you want today.

These simple guidelines are the keys to logical solving of JCS Sudoku:

- Sudoku puzzles are made up of 81 cells that make up nine rows, nine columns and nine 3x3 blocks;
- You must use every number from 1 to 9 only once in each row, column or 3x3 block;
- No column, row or box can contain two squares with the same number;
- Each JCS Sudoku puzzle offers a set of clues or “givens” on the grid in a symmetrical pattern;
- Start by looking at the puzzle in parts and focus on just one section at a time;
- A solving tip: the blocks, rows or columns with the most givens are often the easiest to start with;
- It doesn't matter whether you solve a whole row, column, or box first. Just keep going in a methodical way and everything will work out eventually;
- Scan the puzzle for extra clues and pencil them in;
- Keep track of options in a way that suits you, such as writing them in the blank cell.
- If you get stuck, lightly pencil in the options (if there are more than three options, leave that square, try a different section then come back to it later).