

What is sudoku?

Sudoku is a kind of logic puzzle where the goal is to fill in a 9x9 grid with the numbers 1-9. The challenge is that each row, column and 3x3 block can contain each number once and only once. The faster you can complete a puzzle, the better you are at sudoku!

Basic techniques

Try to look for nearly-complete rows, columns and blocks. Then look at what numbers are missing and see if you can work out where they could go without contradicting the existing numbers.

Look at a square and think about which numbers are missing from the row, column and block - these are the possible numbers for that square. You can use the notes feature to write these numbers in so you remember them. Once you get more numbers elsewhere, you might be able to cross off some of these possibilities until there is only one possible answer!

There are dozens of techniques for solving sudoku puzzles - try to come up with your own! You should never need to guess to solve a sudoku.

Controls

The controls are context sensitive.

On the level select screen and in the pause menu the D-pad will move the selection around and the A button will submit that choice.

During a game the D-pad will move the cursor around. When the cursor moves over a square it will automatically highlight it. You can then press A to enter the value you think goes there, press B to clear the square or press L to enter a note of what could possibly go there. If you want to remove a single note but keep the others, simply press L and enter the note again. You can also press R to toggle the HUD on or off and START to pause the game. To unpause the game, just press START again or press B.

When entering a number on the keypad, the D-pad will move the selector around and you can press A to make your selection, or B to cancel the entry.

When entering your name for a new best time, the D-pad will again move the selector around. Pressing A will add the currently selected letter or space or, if the selector is on one of the icons in the lower right, go back one space, clear all the text or submit the text. You can also press B to go back one space or START to submit the text.

