# Hard Sudoku

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**Hard #1**

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

**Hard #2**

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

**Hard #3**

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

**Hard #4**

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

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**Hard #5**

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

**Hard #6**

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

**Hard #7**

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

**Hard #8**

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

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### Hard #1

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

### Hard #2

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

### Hard #3

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

### Hard #4

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

### Hard #5

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

### Hard #6

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

### Hard #7

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

### Hard #8

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