KAKURO MADE SIMPLE

A CROSSWORD WITH NUMBERS!

Kakuro combines number puzzles and crossword-style clues. Fill white squares with digits from 1 to 9 so each connected group adds up to its clue.

RULE 1 | FOLLOW THE SUM

Each clue tells you the total of a connected row or column of white squares.

RULE 2 | NO REPEATS

Within one clue group (called a run), use each digit only once. A number may appear again in a different run.

RULE 3 | USE BOTH DIRECTIONS

Every white square must satisfy its horizontal clue AND its vertical clue.

EASY EXAMPLE

A clue of 4 across in 2 squares could be 1 + 3. It cannot be 2 + 2 because repeats are not allowed!

Clue cells are split diagonally: the bottom-left number points ACROSS; the top-right number points DOWN in our practice grid.

You do not need to be a math genius. You just need curiosity.

YOUR FIRST KAKURO

Fill the white squares with digits 1-9. Make each horizontal and vertical run add to its clue. No digit repeats withi

	11	15	19
7	1		4
14		5	
24	7		9

HOW TO START

Look at the top white row: 1 + ? + 4 = 7. So the missing number is 2! Now use the intersecting vertical sums.

Tip: Lightly pencil in possibilities, then celebrate each solved square.

NICE WORK! HERE IS THE ANSWER.

Notice that each row and column reaches its target total, and none of the digits repeat within a clue group.

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7	1	2	4
14	3	5	6
24	7	8	9

CHECK YOUR SUMS

Across: 1 + 2 + 4 = 7; 3 + 5 + 6 = 14; 7 + 8 + 9 = 24. Down: 11, 15, and 19.

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