

GUIDANCE

For the best User experience please read the guidance below before starting

Uckfield parkrun brings you Crossword meets Sudoku: unique, exciting, fun, how did you ever get by without it

- 1 There are 52 questions
- 2 There is one question on parkrun worldwide which you will need to look up on the web. All the other relate the Uckfield parkrun and can be answered from information on our website www.parkrun.org.uk, great way to get familiar with what there is on the website
- 3 Put your answer next to the question and then answers need to be input into the grid: like a crossword puzzle but with numbers. Note you can only make input into the answer boxes next to the question and the white cells in the grid. Only input numbers
With dates the format is always 8 characters numbers only eg 01 May 2010 would be 01052010
- 4 However unlike a cross word puzzle there is no little number in each square to tell you which question relates to that square and the questions are in a random order: but help is available as you need it (for a points cost) as next point below. To assist when posting to the grid there is a column marked 'Posted (user input)' with a box next to each question so you can mark eg with Y when a number has been posted to the grid to keep track of what has been posted and what still needs to be posted.
- 5 You can either do this puzzle in Excel (if you do have Excel it means you get a more interactive experience, goody goody), or print off the pdf version

a If you have Excel:

You can test your level of expertise which starts at "Genius" and goes down to "My brain hurts a lot" depending on how many answers you get correct and how many points you spend to buy help

You start with 100 points and status Genius: in this puzzle your score can only go down: you can spend points to get help but wrong answers also cost points which are taken off at the end. In fact you can go negative and you wouldn't want that!

You can access help in any order and only use that help you want: the only exception is you must use Hint1 before using Hint2

If you can complete the puzzle without spending more than 40 points you get a special message at the end: try to spend your points carefully you wouldn't want to miss seeing the message

Whilst working on the puzzle your status will fall (Xbox eat your heart out) each time you spend points by pressing a help button.

The status shown before finalising the puzzle is currently level of difficulty you are working at.

This is the maximum status you can achieve as it will be further adjusted by how correctly you have completed the grid:

To finish on Genius you must use no assistance (ie spend no points) and fill in the grid with all figures correct.

Further points are deducted for each incorrect number when you press the Final score button: sorry but you cannot be a Genius if you got half the question wrong can you.

There are 6 buttons for help (if they do not work check you have enabled macros: also if you have more than one window open for the workbook the buttons only work on the first window ie ends in:1)

i *Hints on where to find answers*

Will give you general guidance on where to find the answers

A message is displayed which you read and then close but there is no further cost if you wish to redisplay the message

Cost 3 points

ii *Hints by Question*

Note you must press 'Hints on where to find answers' before you can press this button

Will post a reference against each question and show table below the grid explaining where to look for each reference

Cost 3 points

iii *"Check my answers"*

Will show a tick or cross against each answer (or box if blank)

This will update when answers are changed so you can see if the new answer is correct

Cost 10 points

iv *"Clue for grid"*

It will give you a clue on how to start populating the grid

A message is displayed which you read and then close but there is no further Cost if you wish to redisplay the message

Cost 5 points

v *"Add next Q Ref"*

A reference will be posted next to a question eg A1 so you know what cell that number goes in, when you press the button again a reference will be added to the next question and so on.

Cost 1 point for each press (max Cost 52)

vi *"Check my grid"*

Will show Green if an input is correct or Red if not

Once activated as you input each number it will show you if the input is correct; it is a great help so this is a pricey option

Cost 30 points

There is no option to undo: so think do I really want to press that button

"Final Score button"

Only press this once you have completed the puzzle: it will show you percent correct and deduct a point for each incorrect answer and for each incorrect number in the grid

Once you have pressed the Final Score button no further input can be made!

If you have **retain at least 60 points** you get to see a special display when you press the button

How good is that

b If you are doing this on the pdf there are additional pdf files which will replicate assistance as above.

To start with ONLY open/print off the following three FILES

- 1) A1 Guidance
- 2) A2 Questions
- 3) A3 Grid

You will need to manually (and honestly record your score counting down from 100 points)

The full answer for the grid will be posted late on Sunday afternoon (24 May) on our Facebook page: to replicate ii) or iii) above you need to get someone to check your answers against this when available.

You can access help in any order and only use that help you want: the only exception is you must use Hint1 before using Hint2

The points cost is also stated in the name of each pdf file.

- i *Hints on where to find answers: File B1... Hints1.pdf*
Will give you general guidance on where to find the answers
Cost 3 points
- ii *Hints by Question: File B2 ...Hints2 only After Hints1.pdf*
Note you must first look at 'Hints1" on where to find answers' before look at Hints2
Shows a reference against each question and a table where to look for each reference
Cost 3 points
- iii *Check my answers: File B3...Answers.pdf*
A pdf is provided with the answers to the questions: to replicate you need to get someone to check your answers against this (on Excel it tells you whether the answer is correct or wrong but does not show the answer)
Cost 10 points
- iv *Clue for grid: File B4Clue for Grid.pdf*
It will give you a clue on how to start populating the grid
Cost 5 points
- v *Add next Q Ref: File B5-1.. Ref_No.pdfs to B5-11 ..Refs_No.pdfs*
A reference will be shown by questions eg A1 so you know what cell that number goes in
These are in blocks of 2 then blocks of 5. Each will show also the previous refs you could say just open no 3 which will give you the first 12: cost 12 points as you now have 12 references: note the total cost is 12 points even if you previously used an earlier block
ie if you open Q1 to 2 take of 2 point, if you then open Q1 to 7 take off 5 more points, if you just open Q1 to 7 take off 7 points.
Cost 1 point for each reference
- vi *Check my grid*
The full answer for the grid will be posted separately on our Facebook page a little later: to replicate you need to get someone to check your answers against this when available.
Cost 30 points

So if you want a challenge try to complete retaining as many of your original 100 point as possible

The 52 numbers are unique so if you are really smart you should be able to complete the puzzle without any references or assistance (so retain all points)

and if you are a Sudoku master you will probably think it is just too easy.

But if you do not want to strain your brain too much just spend some points.

Your final status is based on how many points you have less as follows

Remaining points after completing the puzzle

100	to	100	Genius
90	to	99	Master
80	to	89	Expert
70	to	79	Proficient

} Will see special finish when you complete
if doing on Excel (whether on Excel or pdf you are amazing so I suggest do a Gorilla dance

60	to	69	Competent	} to celebrate (there are some great ones on You Tube or make up your own)
50	to	59	Intermediate	
40	to	49	Advanced beginner	
30	to	39	Beginner	
1	to	29	I like an easy life	
0	or less		My brain hurts a lot	} well done on completing the puzzle And still do a Gorilla dance you have earned it

Answer

The answers will be posted to the Uckfield parkrun Facebook page tomorrow afternoon (Sunday 23 May 2020)

Prize

The person who gets it all correct with the least need to show references gets free entry to the next parkrun we run.

WOW!

Hope you enjoy this little game and please do post you final score and especially those gorilla dances to our Facebook page (pictures or video)

Graham