

# Cluedoku

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## Solution and explanations

Where clues contain definitions independent from wordplay, the definitions have been underlined, with additional clarifications (where needed) underneath the clues.

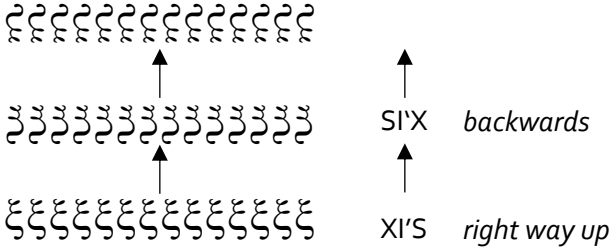
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47	4	3	8	5	1	7	2	6
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56	1	4	3	8	2	9	5	7
64	3	9	7	4	1	5	8	6
65	9	7	4	1	5	8	6	2
73	5	8	2	9	6	7	3	4
74	8	2	9	6	7	3	4	1

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| 1. <u>Amount</u> that's due to the mafia, for example  | 3 <u>due</u> is Italian for 'two'  |
| 2. Mr Eriksson gets English into second place  | 7 SVEN ('Mr Eriksson') containing E[nghlish]   |
| 3. It goes before the decimal place  | 9 9 comes before 10  |
| 4. Vinegar essence on battered <u>sole</u>   | 1 Anagram ('battered') of E (the letter which is the 'essence' of [vin]E[gar])+ ON   |
| 5. Fido ending up as fur coats   | 4 FUR covers or 'coats' [fid]O ('Fido ending'). ('Ending up' is supposed to mean the final letter is used or perhaps 'called up', unlike the others which are dismissed) |
| 6. Received a bite on the ear  | 8 Homophone ('on the ear') of ate ('received a bite')  |
| 7. Axis revolves without beginning to accelerate   | 6 AXIS is reversed ('revolves') without A[ccelerate] ('beginning to accelerate')   |
| 8. <u>Prime</u> cut from sloth reeks   | 3 Hidden (the letters can be 'cut from') 'sloTH REEks'   |
| 9. Charge conducted by nickel  | 5 In US coinage you might pay a 5 cent charge with a nickel  |
| 10. One of a couple seen on a romantic date  | 4 [1 and] 4 are seen on 14 <sup>th</sup> February, Valentine's Day – 1 could also be the answer, but 'one' is mentioned in the clue                                      |
| 11. <u>After a new phone company?</u> Here: T-Mobile<br><i>After the anagram you're left with a new phone company in addition to the one already mentioned</i> | 3 Anagram ('Mobile') of HERE+ T  |
| 12. With a change of heart, this could be it   | 6 With a new middle letter ('change of heart'), SIX becomes SEX ('it', as in 'they're doing it')   |

13. <u>Daily fruit target</u> is a third of Seville quince <i>We're supposed to have 5 fruit (or veg) a day, aren't we?</i>	5	5 is a third of 15, known in Spain as <i>quince</i>
14. <u>Binary digit</u> encrypted in network <i>'binary' in the sense of 'having to do with 2', not in the sense of base 2 counting using 0s and 1s</i>	2	Hidden ('encrypted') in 'neTWOrk'
15. Dial "M" viewed with Vertigo?	9	9 may be marked W for West on a sun dial, so viewing it 'with Vertigo' or with vertical disruption might turn the W upside down to an M instead
16. <u>I am 13</u>	1	Double definition: I the Roman numeral and 'am 13' meaning the hour which is the AM equivalent of 13:00
17. Second square <u>number</u>	7	S[econd] + EVEN
18. Hourglass figure	8	Visual description of the numeral 8
19. Last to sink below in pool	8	The black 8-ball should be the last to go down beneath the table in a game of pool
20. <u>V</u> Festival cut out parts of last broadcast	5	Anagram ('broadcast') of FESTIVAL with the letters from LAST ('parts of last') removed ('cut out')
21. State succeeded <u>her majesty</u> <i>The overly formal first-person pronoun 'one' is often parodically associated with the Queen</i>	1	Homophone ('state') of 'won' ('succeeded')
22. Scenes in X-Men Origins reveal <u>how many claws</u> <u>Wolverine has!</u> <i>The X-Men character Wolverine has three claws on each hand, which extend from the gaps between each pair of non-thumb fingers</i>	6	First letters ('Origins') of 'Scenes In X-Men'
23. Event finishes early on Saturday	7	EVEN[t] ('finishes early') following ('on') S[atursday]
24. Could it be an early number – in the forties, perhaps?	3	Indirect anagram ('Could it be') of ETHER ('early' anaesthetic or 'numb-er' first widely used in the 1840s)
25. Drop odd ingredients in stewpot	2	sTeWpOt ('drop odd ingredients')
26. It comes back in the evening	9	Hidden and reversed ('It comes back in') in 'evENINg'
27. UFO demolished third of Parliament <u>Square</u>	4	Anagram ('demolished') of UFO + [pa]R[liament] ('third of Parliament')
28. River runs from river	7	R[iver] leaves ('runs from') SEVERN (another 'river')
29. Number of Romans in the New Testament?	6	Romans is the 6th book of the New Testament
30. Height reduced by a quarter of an inch	8	HEIGHT without inc[h] ('a quarter of an inch')
31. <u>Swan's neck brace</u>	2	Double definition: resembling a swan's neck and brace, an old word for a pair, as in hunting
32. Handily, it can be represented without a single digit	9	When using ten fingers to count/represent numbers (i.e. 'handily'), 9 requires all fingers except one, so it can be represented "without a single digit" but <i>with</i> all the others
33. Balfour saw off Lab opposition	4	BALFOUR minus ('saw off' – as an instruction to the solver) a reversal ('opposition') of LAB

34. Top score in Scrabble	5	In Scrabble, the word 'TOP' would score 5. 1 for T, 1 for O, 3 for P.
35. <u>French figure</u> seen in Around the World in 80 Days and 20,000 Leagues Under the Seas	1	The French for 1 is hidden in 'AroUNd the World in 80 Days' and '20,000 Leagues UNDER the Seas'
36. Good place to get bronzed	3	Third place gets you a bronze medal
37. Neoliberalism serves <u>the individual</u>	1	Anagram of NEO ('Neo_liberalism')
38. Called out to tow Fiesta	2	Two bits of wordplay: Homophone ('called out') of 'to' + anagram ('Fiesta') of TOW
39. 192+284	5	Reference to <i>Nineteen Eighty-Four</i> , where the government is able to declare that $2+2=5$ . So the clue is '2+2 in 1984', literally 2+2 'in' 19__84.
40. Second person, not the first, living in sin	7	'Second person, not the first' in the word 'sin', so S{I→EVE}N
41. Tarantino's Hitchcock remake exceeded expectations... initially	3	First letters ('initially') of 'Tarantino's Hitchcock Remake Exceeded Expectations'
42. One might well oppose it in a game of chance	6	In a game of chance involving a six-sided die, 6 would be on the opposite face to 1
43. 'ive loc8d info u require', texted withheld number	4	Hidden ('texted withheld number') in 'inFO U Require'
44. Set up Ringo <u>Starkey on keyboards</u> <i>On most computer keyboards, the asterisk appears on the button for the number 8. With a bit of a leap 8 may be said to be the 'star key on keyboards', which with a lot of a leap can become 'Starkey on keyboards'.</i>	8	RING + O, or O + O, set upwards
45. Gnasher, say, could be made from this and calcium	9	NINE + Ca[lcium] could make CANINE – 'Gnasher' could be a tooth or Dennis the Menace's dog
46. Total taken from inverse of minus one minus zero	9	Reversal of MINUS ('inverse') without the letters of SUM ('total taken') + [o]NE ('one minus zero')
47. We hear it's behind, but also at the front	4	Two homophones ('we hear'): FOR (to be 'for' something or 'behind' its cause) and FORE (at the front)
48. Man's arms' legs' digit	3	The Isle of Man's coat of arms, features THREE legs, so 3 is the digit you would use to enumerate the legs on the arms of the Isle of Man
49. Knock back last of pint with oddly huge ice <u>cube</u>	8	[pin]T ('last of pint') + HuGe lCE ('oddly'), all reversed ('Knock back')
50. <u>17 after PM May's number for "speed-dating"?</u>	5	Double definition: the hour of the day called 17PM in 24-hour clock, and the number written to signify the month of May when writing short form dates (a process you fancifully call "speed dating")
51. Finished without beginning	1	[d]ONE ('Finished without beginning')
52. Number of syllables	7	7 is the only one-digit number with two syllables, so it's the only one you could accurately call a 'number of syllables' (where 'of' means 'consisting of' – as in phrases like 'heart of gold' and 'house of cards').

53. A follower in the pack	2	2 is the 'follower' of A[ce] in the sequence of cards in a pack of cards
54. Sunday Times covers semi-finalist	6	S[unday] + X ('times', as in 3x2) covering the letter i, the 'finalist' in the word 'semi'
55. <u>Group of cubs</u> start Scouts before turning eleven	6	S[couts] ('start Scouts' – as an instruction to the solver: 'start writing the word Scouts') + IX ('turning eleven')
56. Give 2c - π	1	O[pi]NE ('Give two cents' without the letters in 'pi')
57. <u>Old Italian number</u> from Vivaldi in valid arrangement	4	The word 'Vivaldi' contains the Roman numeral IV inside an anagram ('arrangement') of VALID
58. Pub-goer might aim to get there at 6 o'clock	3	On a dart board, commonly found in pubs, 3 is at 6 o'clock on the board, so a pub-goer might aim in that direction to get their dart there
59. <u>Number of reindeer</u> hides in sleigh to be skinned <i>Traditionally there are 8 reindeer – ignoring Rudolph</i>	8	Hidden in 'sLEIGH To' ('hides', with 'be skinned' as a secondary indicator of the hidden letters)
60. <u>More than a wee number</u> reared in the undergrowth <i>In toilet talk, a 'number 2' is more than a wee</i>	2	Hidden and reversed ('reared in') 'undergrOWTh'
61. Sounds like a veto from Merkel	9	Homophone ('sounds like') of 'nein' ('veto from Merkel' – as 'nein' is German for 'no')
62. Number of lines taken by bar staff	5	Number of lines used by the staff in sheet music, which you might call a 'bar staff', as bars are written on it
63. 'Ignore the bottom line' (from Introduction to Zen)	7	Z[en] ('Introduction to Zen'), ignoring the horizontal 'bottom line' at the bottom of the letter Z, making 7
64. Veni, vidi, vici. Last ones standing proclaim <u>this Roman figure</u>	3	Final letters ('last ones standing') in 'venl vidl vici'
65. <u>Time for Dolly to start working</u> in a town in Essex <i>Dolly Parton once sang about 'Workin' 9 to 5'</i>	9	Hidden ('in') in 'towN IN Essex'
66. Suárez header stops the Spanish starting XI	7	S ('Suárez header') prevents EL (the 'Spanish' for 'the') from starting ELEVEN ('XI')
67. With only seconds remaining, Officer Columbo outwits crook	4	Second letters in 'oFficer cOlumbo oUtwits cRook'
68. Italian family doctor struck off	1	MEDICI ('Italian family') with MEDIC 'doctor' removed ('struck off'), leaving i or l
69. Jive opener scrapped in favour of a foxtrot	5	The J in JIVE ('Jive opener') replaced by an F ('Foxtrot' in the NATO phonetic alphabet)
70. It should be rounded up and down	8	Another reference to the visual form of the numeral
71. Two thirds of it is three halves of itself	6	Two thirds of SIX is IX, the Roman numeral for 9, which is 150% or 'three halves' of the number 6
72. He has this table number	2	2 is the atomic number of He[lium] on the periodic table
73. Hidden Figures to be screened in BFI venue	5	FIVE and V (figures <i>plural</i> ) hidden ('screened') in 'bFI VEnue'
74. They might start a row	8	Referring to a rowing crew of eight
75. <u>Traditional gospel number</u> for Mark Twain	2	Double definition, the first referring to the Gospel of Mark's position as the second of

		the Gospels, the second being the archaic term for two, 'twain'
76.		<p>9 The clue uses the Greek letter ξ, or 'xi'. A string of multiple ξ's might be referred to as XI'S, but in the clue this string has been horizontally reversed, suggesting S'IX, or SIX. Finally, the string has also been rotated upside down, giving the answer of 9, as the numeral 9 looks like an upside-down 6.</p>
77. Domino's topping with the most pips		6 In a typical domino set each domino is made up of two square ends, each of which can contain between 0 and 6 pips.
78. <u>There were once so many wonders</u> wrapped up in Christmas Eve night <i>There were 7 Ancient Wonders of the World</i>		7 Hidden ('wrapped up') in 'ChristmaS EVE Night'
79. Second person in history to get quadruple heart transplant		3 THEE ('second person [pronoun] in history') containing [quad]R[uple] ('quadruple heart')
80. Foul might result if right-back is tackled by the other side		4 If the 'back' letter of the word FOUR – which is an 'R', for right – were replaced by 'the other side', i.e. 'L' for left, FOUR would become FOUL.
81. It's next to nothing		1 1 follows 0