

Conceptis Sudoku

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9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 9, 7, 5, 2, 9, 6, 1, 4, 6, 2, 8, 7, 1, 3, 4, 7, 2, 8, 3, 8, 1, 7.

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral.

Age, intimacy changes with age; husband wants compliments

Dear Dr. Brothers: For some reason, in the past — apart from my very early years — I never seemed to have had time to develop really close relationships with other women.



Dr. Joyce Brothers

Ask Dr. Brothers

In my college days, my boyfriend and my studies took most of my time, and then my career did. Anyway, recently in my mid-40s I have several close women friends, and I'm hearing some interesting info in those intimate sex chats over coffee or cocktails.

sex, not just when I'm leaving for work or when I come home. Why can't she talk and have sex at the same time?

wanted or enjoyed sex. Although it sounds almost impossible in today's world, she may have been raised in a culture that felt sex was unclean and only for the purpose of having children.

Dear V.C.: In my experience, women who have partners in their later years often report they're enjoying sex more than they did in their early years.

Why can't she ever talk about sex, period? — Anonymous

If this problem is to be solved, you're going to have to gently try to encourage her to share her own past and her feelings regarding sex.

But even in today's society, in many groups, females are less experienced and less likely to be able to express their particular desires.

Dear Anonymous: Have you told her what you feel and what you miss? If you haven't, it's important to do so. It might help her feel more comfortable with this subject.

It's also possible she may have been sexually abused or traumatized in some way. She's fortunate to have a man like you, who desires and needs intimacy. This happens to be what so many females miss and are looking for in a man.

Something in her past has inhibited or frightened her. It's possible she was raised in an atmosphere in which sex was never discussed, or in which "nice" women never talked about the subject, never initiated anything that would lead a man to think she

Today's puzzle

8x8 grid with numbers: 3 9 8 4 7 1 6 5 2, 6 1 7 3 2 5 9 4 8, 4 2 5 9 8 6 7 1 3, 7 3 4 1 6 9 2 8 5, 9 5 2 8 4 7 3 6 1, 8 6 1 5 3 2 4 9 7, 5 7 6 2 9 8 1 3 4, 1 4 9 7 5 3 8 2 6, 2 8 3 6 1 4 5 7 9.

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Dear Dr. Brothers: I'm a 26-year-old guy who's only been married a little more than a month. I'm new at this whole business.

I didn't sign this letter because it's private and I don't want anyone to know that I think I'm missing something — it's not something I'd ever want to talk about with my buddies. I'd like my wife to tell me that I'm good in bed. I'd like some hugs, some warmth, some kisses during

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