

## ANAGRAM SUDOKU (NO. 1)

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The Anagram Sudoku is a new type of word puzzle that I invented recently. It officially makes its debut in this issue of *Word Ways*, and will later appear, with others, in my work-in-progress book, *101 Enigmatic Puzzles*.

In an Anagram Sudoku, each square contains one letter instead of a number, and every row, column, and smaller square (within the darker lines) contains letters that can be anagrammed into a word. Unlike its numerical cousin, however, where the numbers 1 through 9 are used repeated in every row, column, and 3×3 square, all 27 words used in a 9×9 Anagram Sudoku are different. For example, here is a small, 4×4 grid, complete with a word list for the puzzle:

Words used in the puzzle:

beam	game
beat	gate
debt	rods
foam	sale
four	sled
fuel	urge

R	U	G	E
O	F	A	M
S	L	E	A
D	E	T	B

In the 9×9 puzzle, every row, column, and 3×3 square contains nine letters that can be anagrammed into a word. No word can be used twice, and all the words are of the Scrabble-legal variety (no proper names, hyphenated words, acronyms, and so forth). As in numerical Sudoku, several letters have been entered in the grid to limit the possibilities to a single solution.

<b>J</b>								
						<b>C</b>		
				<b>P</b>				
								<b>N</b>
			<b>G</b>					
	<b>L</b>							
							<b>M</b>	
		<b>V</b>						
					<b>G</b>			