

FOOD COURT

SOLUTION

Each grid is a traditional sudoku grid: nine characters must be placed into the cells of each grid so that each column, row, and 3x3 block contains exactly one of each nine characters. In regular sudoku puzzles, those characters are 1-9. The first of the two grids uses the letters in ANCHOVIES. The completed grids are as follows:

A	I	E	S	C	O	V	H	N
H	C	S	I	N	V	A	O	E
V	N	O	H	E	A	S	C	I
I	A	H	C	V	E	O	N	S
E	O	C	N	A	S	H	I	V
N	S	V	O	I	H	E	A	C
O	E	N	A	S	C	I	V	H
C	V	A	E	H	I	N	S	O
S	H	I	V	O	N	C	E	A

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

The use of the letters in ANCHOVIES and the salad mentioned in the flavor text hint at “Caesar,” which is given explicitly in the flavor text of the intramural version. Each letter along the shaded diagonal in the sudoku grid of letters must be Caesar-shifted forward in the alphabet by the corresponding number along the diagonal in the sudoku grid of numbers. The result spells the solution: DISHCLOTH

- A + 3 = D
- C + 6 = I
- O + 4 = S
- C + 5 = H
- A + 2 = C
- H + 4 = L
- I + 6 = O
- S + 1 = T
- A + 7 = H