

# Sexually active teens must be responsible for birth control

**DEAR ABBY:** My 17-year-old daughter confided that she has become sexually involved with her boyfriend and asked if I would buy condoms for her. I agreed that she should protect herself and bought her a box of 12.

A week later, she informed me that she needed another 12-pack. When I asked why she had run out so quickly, she confessed that she has been supplying them to her girlfriends. Apparently they can't confide in their moms the way she can with me.

My dilemma is that condoms are expensive and, on one hand, I don't want to be the one supplying a group of kids. On the other hand, if I can help to prevent an unwanted pregnancy, maybe it's worth it. What do you think I should do? — **SAFE SEX ADVOCATE IN ILLINOIS**

**DEAR SAFE SEX ADVOCATE:** If your daughter's friends are old enough to be sexually active, they and their boyfriends should also be responsible enough to provide their own birth control. Generally, teens do not need the permission of their parents to receive information about it. Because you want to help them avoid unwanted pregnancies (as well as STDs), direct them to the nearest Planned Parenthood Center for low-cost or no-cost birth control and instruction on how to use it. There are 18 of these health centers in Illinois. To find the one closest to you, visit [plannedparenthood.org](http://plannedparenthood.org).



DEAR ABBY

**DEAR ABBY:** I am the mother of three wonderful girls. The problem is my husband thinks the way to make them love him is by allowing them everything I don't. I'll give you some examples:

I don't let the girls eat anywhere except at the table, so my husband brings treats into the family room. I try to limit high-sugar/fat items like chips and candy, which he buys for them on a regular basis. I also try to adhere to a regular bedtime schedule, while he thinks nothing of stretching lights-out to an hour or more later.

Then he complains that the girls won't listen to him, so I must be in charge of the discipline. While this makes him Fun Daddy in our house, it makes me ... **MEAN MOMMY IN OHIO**

**DEAR MOMMY:** It appears you're not just raising three wonderful girls, but also coping with an immature, overgrown boy. Parenthood is supposed to be a united, consistent partnership, a team effort. Your husband is sabotaging you and ignoring that one of the

responsibilities of parenthood is establishing rules and limits that children should live with.

Your husband needs parenting classes, and if that's not possible, some sessions with a child behavior expert who can explain the consequences of what he's doing to his daughters in the name of being "Fun Daddy." From my perspective, there isn't anything funny about it. You have my sympathy.

**DEAR ABBY:** I work at a senior retirement community, and the residents have a Halloween party each year. In the past, there were prizes for the three best costumes. However, last year they stopped giving prizes because one of the residents is a professional artist and costume maker, and the association felt it would be unfair to the others to have him compete.

This year it was decided not to hold the contest at all. The residents are disappointed. How can they continue to have the costume contest and include the professional? — **DRESSED UP IN LOUISIANA**

**DEAR DRESSED UP:** Ask the artist/costume designer to be the judge.

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## HELOISE'S KITCHENEERING BY HELOISE

**The Danger in the Dill**  
Dear Heloise: Recently, I wanted to dry some DILL in my microwave oven. I placed a paper towel, with pretty flower designs, on a glass tray and placed the dill on top. I set the microwave for 30 seconds and pushed the start button.

Much to my surprise, after a few seconds, the paper towel was on fire! I was shocked, because I have done this in the past with success. Later, I was replacing the paper towels and noticed a warning label on the wrapper. The warning stated not to dry herbs on paper towels in the microwave oven. I wanted to alert your readers to this. — Elaine S. in Virginia

An important warning and reminder also to only use WHITE paper towels in the microwave, especially if cooking food. When drying herbs, separate the leaves from the stems, watch them closely and don't walk away! Herbs dry quickly in the microwave and can burn easily. — Heloise

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**PICKLE LID**  
Dear Heloise: I was just reading my September issue of Good Housekeeping magazine and noticed the question on deodorizing pickle-jar lids. Here's what I've found that works well.  
After thoroughly washing the lid with soapy dish-water, I place the lid outside in full sun, with the inside of the lid facing up. A day or two in the hot Texas sun seems to completely remove all pickle odors. I love using glass jars for all kinds of storage. — Linda G. in Texas  
Yep! Good old Mother Nature can deliver a wallop or a pat. The sun can "bleach" out many things and, as you mentioned, kill pickle odor! — Heloise

**TEST YOUR HINT IQ**  
Dear Readers: Poundcakes are delicious, sweet cakes that taste great by themselves or dressed up with fruits and sauces. But do you know how the cake got its name? It was named for a pound of which ingredient used in the recipe?

A) Flour  
B) Sugar  
C) Eggs  
D) Butter  
E) All of the above  
The answer is E! This EASY recipe just said to add a pound of EACH of the ingredients to make the cake. Any way you slice it, it's a good dessert. — Heloise

**SOFT BROWN SUGAR**  
Dear Heloise: I don't use brown sugar quickly, so I've tried every hint to keep it fresh. The best method is to store it in the freezer. It takes only a few minutes to thaw, and you'll find it as soft and fresh as the day you bought it. — Joan in Colorado Springs, Colo.  
Be sure to place the sugar in a sealable plastic freezer bag. — Heloise

**CATCH SPILLS**  
Dear Heloise: My family loves to eat frozen fruit pops and ice creams on a stick. To catch spills, we poke the stick through a coffee filter and slide it under the frozen treat. The filter catches the spills. — Marsha in Georgia

Instructions for play: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. It's fun. It's challenging. It's addictive!  
Solving time is typically from 10 to 30 minutes, depending on your skill and experience. The solution for today's puzzle will be published in Saturday's paper. Or you can go to [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com) to find the solution.

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## CROSSWORD By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Fencing swords
- 6 Courage
- 10 Open, in a way
- 11 Hall of Fame catcher
- 12 Slender
- 13 Majestic
- 14 Vegas number
- 15 Blow one's top
- 16 Turn bad
- 17 Frost relative
- 18 Pig's place
- 19 Using foul language
- 22 Zilch
- 23 Alpha follower
- 26 Worrying excessively
- 29 Small tablet
- 32 Fall behind
- 33 Conk out
- 34 Magazine worker
- 36 "Good heavens!"
- 37 Desire
- 38 Travel papers
- 39 Orchestra members
- 40 Keen
- 41 Jazz club units

42 Circus star

DOWN

- 1 Uproars
- 2 It's beside this answer
- 3 Summer quaff
- 4 Young men
- 5 Bond, for one
- 6 Turns right
- 7 Goads on
- 8 Characteristic
- 9 Like soy sauce
- 11 Lunch carrier
- 15 Floral ring
- 17 One way to decide

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Previous Puzzle

- 20 TV spots
- 21 Acquire
- 22 Nice
- 23 chunk of change
- 24 Bring to life
- 25 Ring setting
- 26 Yellow-stone sight
- 27 River to the Rio Grande
- 28 Pueblo material
- 29 Course chunk
- 30 Course needs
- 31 Layered mineral
- 32 Brewery sight

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ACROSS

- 1 Swerved off course
- 6 Ready to hit
- 11 French academy
- 12 Pale brown
- 13 Jazz dance
- 14 Conductor's need
- 15 Window type
- 17 Frank McCourt book
- 19 None too cordial
- 20 Funny fellow
- 23 Musical range
- 25 Ticked off
- 26 Chef's stirrer
- 28 Machu Picchu native
- 29 Informational file name
- 30 Chiding sound
- 31 Lush
- 32 Used to be
- 33 Tennis' Graf
- 35 Bean-bearing tree
- 38 Cowhand's place
- 41 Even a little

42 Provide with a quality

43 Davis of "Jezebel"

44 Newark's county

DOWN

- 1 "You bet!"
- 2 Play part
- 3 Noted 1969 event
- 4 Sesame Street youngster
- 5 Take away
- 6 Friar's spot
- 7 Eye drop
- 8 Smidgen
- 9 Previously
- 10 Kayo count
- 16 1984 Wimbledon winner
- 25 Relaxing site
- 27 Liberate
- 28 Smart-phone pictures
- 29 Flutes and bassoons
- 30 Kitchen come-on
- 31 Trait carriers
- 32 Nabokov novel
- 33 Fancy wrap
- 34 Pretzel topper
- 35 Summer coolers
- 36 Fare carrier
- 37 Pigged out
- 38 Lynx or lion
- 39 Pool need
- 40 Spell

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Previous Puzzle

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Daily Cryptoquote – Here's how to work it:

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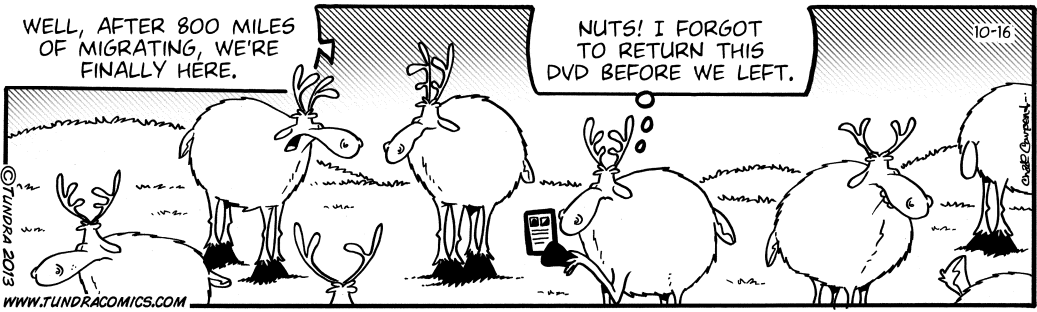
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

10-16 CRYPTOQUOTE  
A B F C W P H Z U G V Z C N . Z I F L E I ,  
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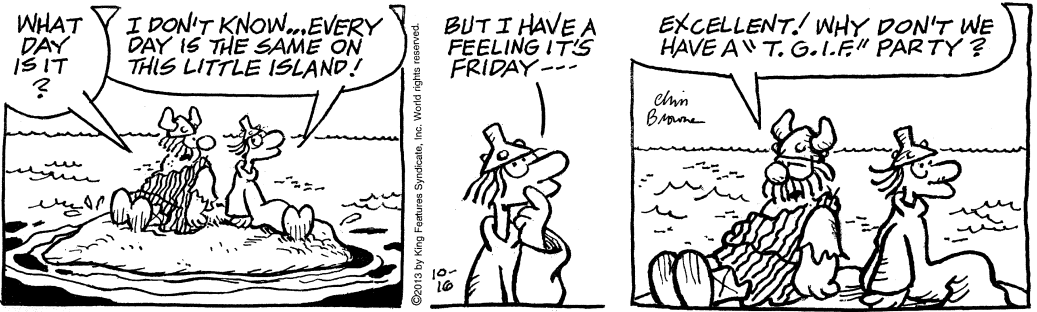
Previous Cryptoquote: EXPECT THE BEST. PREPARE FOR THE WORST. CAPITALIZE ON WHAT COMES. – Zig Ziglar

## COMICS

### Tundra



### Hagar the Horrible



### Peanuts



### Baby Blues



### Dilbert

