

UCONGAMES 9x9 Challenge

A double Sudoku/Slide puzzle designed by Kate Jones
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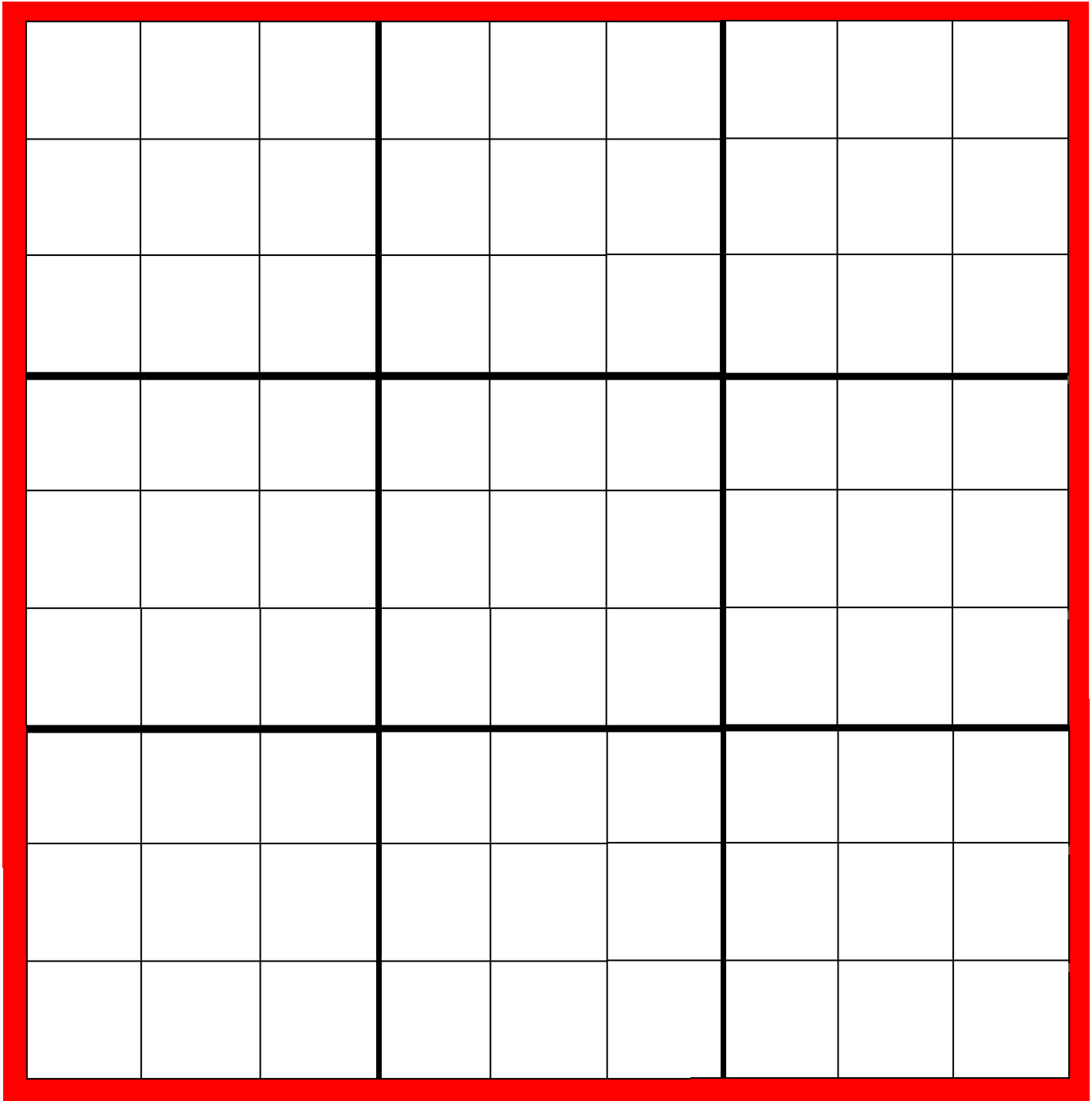
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1. Cut out the 81 letters above and place them on the 81 spaces of the grid. Arrange them to meet either or both of these goals:

- ◆ Each of 18 rows—9 horizontal, 9 vertical—and all nine 3x3 quadrants contain all nine letters, in any order.
- ◆ All horizontal and vertical rows and nine 3x3 quadrants have all 9 colors (no two of the same color in any row or 3x3 square).
- ◆ First one to send me a simultaneous solution for both colors and letters wins a prize!

2. After you've found a solution to Challenge 1:

- ◆ Remove any one letter from your solution and set it aside. Now slide the letters on the grid one by one into a neighboring empty space (no diagonal moves) until you've rearranged them so that all horizontal rows spell UCONGAMES in the correct order, and each row has a single color, leaving one space in the right spot to replace the letter you removed.
- ◆ Find a sliding solution from any scrambled position of the 81 letters on the grid; remove any one letter at the start and replace it at the end.



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