

Read the story, and then try the puzzle. To help you, we have underlined the answers to the crossword puzzle clues in the story – but you will need to match the correct word with each clue!



WORLD NEWS

MARS



● Rock and roll!

NASA's Mars rover Perseverance can now roll on to its next target, after successfully drilling out its first rock sample. Last month, the rover's first attempt to store a rock sample failed when the cylindrical core crumbled to dust after it was collected.

However, Perseverance has now managed to drill out a long cylinder from the rock pictured below. "I've got it!" NASA said on Perseverance's Twitter feed.

The samples that the rover collects will eventually be studied by scientists back here on Earth, after a future mission to the Red Planet collects the samples from Perseverance and flies them back to our own planet.



CHINA



● One-hour gaming limit

THE Chinese government has disappointed millions of kids, by setting strict limits on how long children can play online games for.

The new rules mean that games can only be played for one hour a day from Friday to Sunday, as well as on any public holidays. The government will inspect gaming firms more often, to make sure that they are sticking to the rules, which have been brought in because of worries about the effects on kids of excessive gaming.

Many gamers in China seemed shocked at how harsh the new time limits are, but what do you think? Is it good to set strict limits, or are they a bit too much?



CZECH REPUBLIC



● Brainy boars

Scientists have observed a boar herd freeing a member of the group from a trap. It's the first time the creatures have been seen rescuing one another – making boars one of only a few species, including rats and ants, to have been observed performing rescues. In the research, which was published in the journal *Scientific Reports*, the scientists say that the boars' rescue shows that the creatures can solve complex problems involving teamwork and can show empathy (understanding another's feelings).



ACROSS

- 2) Intricate or complicated (adjective 7)
- 3) Not to be avoided or ignored (adjective 6)
- 4) Severe or cruel (adjective 5)
- 6) A tusked wild pig (noun 4)
- 7) Far more than is necessary or normal (adjective 9)

DOWN

- 1) The ability to understand and relate to the feelings of another person (noun 7)
- 2) Having straight parallel sides and a circular or oval cross-section (imagine a hollow tube!) (adjective 11)
- 5) The central or most important part of something (noun 4)

