

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

Clues

1. If a disease could pass through air _____, that would be truly terrifying. Perhaps little comfort, but COVID-19 absolutely cannot do that.
2. Internet figure who makes deliberately incendiary comments, thus unnecessarily and unfortunately adding an element of worry to human exchange.
3. They are a form of tax on imports, sometimes enacted through economic fears.
4. Measure of contagiousness.
5. It's hard to keep the proverbial _____ upper lip and not let oneself be consumed by fear.
6. _____ation Therapy, aka Sensory Deprivation, is said to reduce anxiety.
7. Name of pizza shop in 1980s film where increasing racial tension and fear culminated. Also, in a nice Setka coincidence, the initials of that film's director.
8. Worried? Nu? _____! _____! (translation from Yiddish: Eat! Eat!)
9. According to many Ted Talks (by people with lots of economic security?), _____ is good for us and fearing it is worse than experiencing it. Case in point: your puzzle constructor was inspired to submit a satiric piece to McSweeney's this week called "_____s where I'm still waiting for the growth mindset benefit to kick in", and it was rejected. (But write us if you want to see it!).