Sudoku is a Japanese number puzzle that is an excellent exercise for sharpening your critical reasoning skills—those skills that make the difference between a good score and a great score on the SAT. To complete a sudoku, fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every $3 \times 3$ box contains the digits 1 through 9. For example, the first box by the arrow must contain a 5. Why? Look at the placement of the other ‘5’s in the puzzle.