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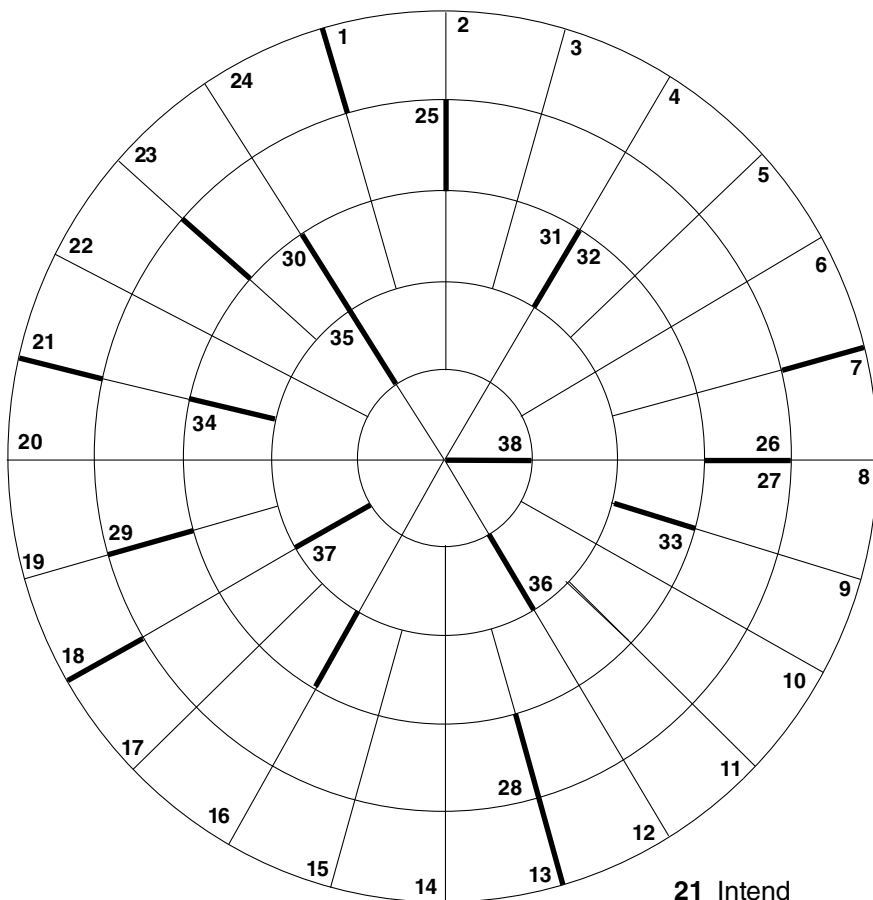
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PUZZLER COLLECTION SECTION

Roundabout

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Solutions to Radial clues (1 to 24) either start from the outer edge of the circle and read inwards, or start from the inner ring and read outwards to the edge (so they are all five-letter words). Solutions to Circular clues read in either a clockwise or an anti-clockwise direction round the circle.



RADIAL: INWARDS

- 2 Sin of idleness
- 3 Our planet
- 6 Remarkable achievements
- 8 Blended metal
- 10 Delay leaving
- 11 All individually
- 12 Raise objections, show reluctance
- 16 Leo ____, popular 70s singer
- 17 Situated above
- 19 Willow used in basket-making
- 20 Aladdin's spirit friend
- 21 __ Curie, Polish-born physicist
- 22 Select group
- 23 Become less intense

OUTWARDS

- 1 Vital organ
- 4 More secure
- 5 Burst of gunfire
- 7 Agitates, starts to move about
- 9 Country bumpkin
- 13 Guide for straight lines
- 14 Lift up
- 15 US cattle farm
- 18 Drive back or away
- 24 Long-legged wading bird

CIRCULAR: CLOCKWISE

- 7 Preserved in brine
- 18 Record of a journey

- 21 Intend
- 27 Depart
- 28 Break free
- 29 Fish-eating marine mammal
- 32 Threshing tool
- 33 Famous Moscow citadel

ANTI-CLOCKWISE

- 6 Large wood
- 17 Wedding attendant
- 25 Steal from
- 26 Uncover, make known
- 30 Tune, melody
- 31 Noise of a lion
- 34 Sharply cold
- 35 Bind
- 36 Turn about an axis
- 37 French word for 'water'
- 38 Aperitif

Dilemma

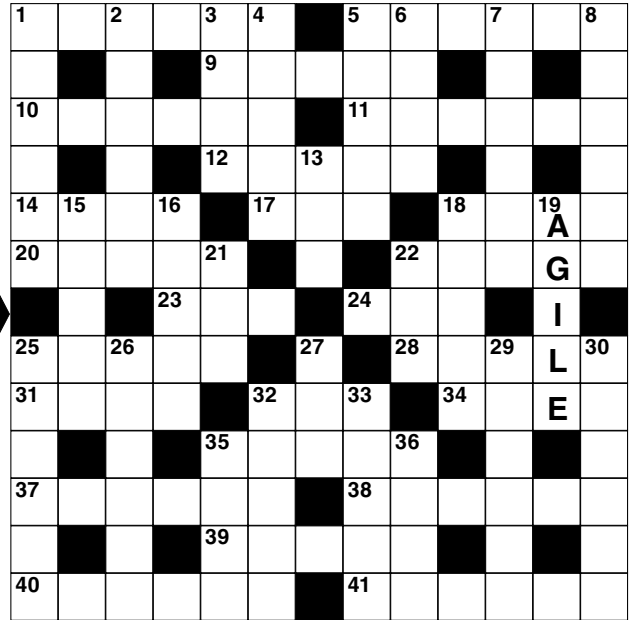
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Two straight crosswords — but their clues have been mixed up.

You have to decide which clue belongs to which pattern, but two words have been entered to give you a start.

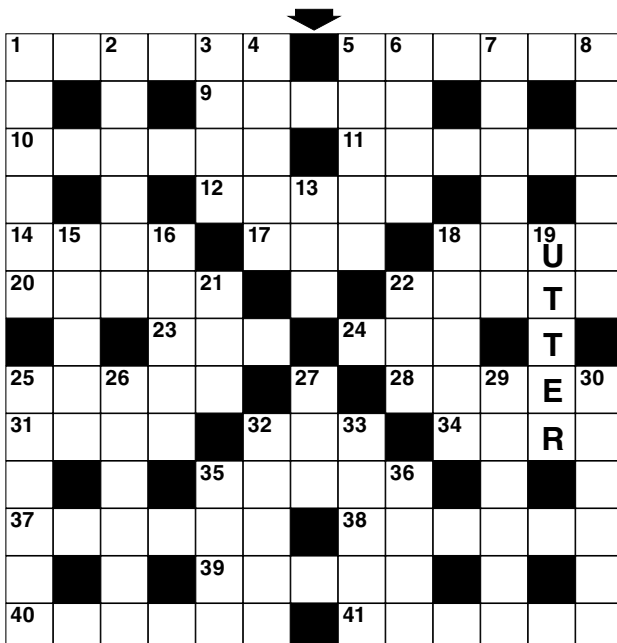
ACROSS

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 Gastropod that clings to rocks | 1 Skiers' accommodation |
| 5 Port employee | 5 Clergyman |
| 9 Discourage | 9 Manservant |
| 10 Beer cask | 10 American alligator |
| 11 Orange root vegetable | 11 Car's engine cover |
| 12 Ethical | 12 Batman's assistant |
| 14 Good quality soil | 14 Encourage |
| 17 Fish trap | 17 Beam of light |
| 18 Clock face | 18 Astonish, astound |
| 20 Panache, verve | 20 Waterside plants |
| 22 Gatehouse | 22 Eighth Greek letter |
| 23 Part of a pen | 23 Jewel |
| 24 Honey-maker | 24 Part of the mouth |
| 25 Navy | 25 Centre of the trunk |
| 28 Narrow back lane | 28 Distributed cards |
| 31 Princess Royal | 31 In the middle of, surrounded by |
| 32 Total | 32 Deity |
| 34 Produced a sketch | 34 Travel ticket price |
| 35 Gap between work sessions | 35 Rose to one's feet |
| 37 Person in charge | 37 Stick |
| 38 Summer shoe | 38 Say again |
| 39 Die down | 39 Idled |
| 40 In a profound way | 40 Make angry, infuriate |
| 41 Grab, seize | 41 Unhappiness |



DOWN

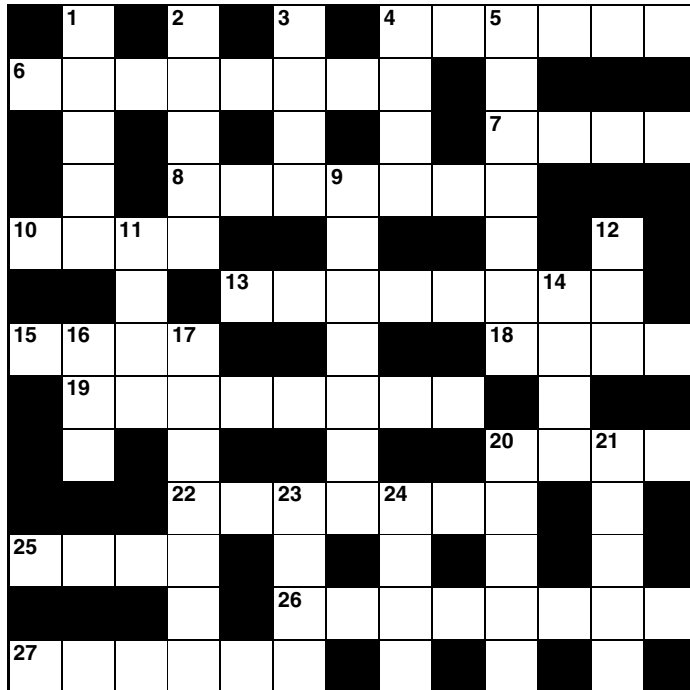
- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1 Witch's laugh | 1 British political party |
| 2 Beast | 2 Desert illusion |
| 3 Always | 3 Red-skinned cheese |
| 4 Male singing voice | 4 Claw |
| 5 Payment from an account | 5 Rot |
| 6 English public school | 6 Spoken exam |
| 7 Japanese martial art | 7 Frank |
| 8 Stinging plant | 8 Part of the eye |
| 13 Implore, entreat | 13 Long-tailed rodent |
| 15 Kingdom | 15 Vast expanse of water |
| 16 Moved cautiously | 16 Church house |
| 18 Ledge for books | 18 Administered a sedative |
| 19 Speak, say | 19 Nimble |
| 21 Become solid | 21 Acrobatic bird |
| 22 Hot drink | 22 Cover |
| 25 Cried, howled | 25 Front of a building |
| 26 Any of two | 26 Enter by military force |
| 27 Pair of performers | 27 Weeding tool |
| 29 Food store | 29 Take into custody |
| 30 Jerk, move spasmodically | 30 Primary colour |
| 32 Freshwater diving bird | 32 Wander off |
| 33 Old Testament prophet who received the Ten Commandments | 33 Pub game |
| 35 Boast | 35 Exchange for money |
| 36 Decorative rail | 36 Eager, enthusiastic |



Missing Links

4

The answer to each clue is a word which has a link with each of the three words listed. This word may come at the end (eg HEAD linked with BEACH, BIG and HAMMER), at the beginning (eg BLACK linked with BEAUTY, BOARD and JACK) or a mixture of the two (eg STONE linked with HAIL, LIME and WALL).



ACROSS

- 4 ELECTRICITY • SHIP • TEACHER (6)
- 6 BROWN • PADDED • WINDOW (8)
- 7 CAST • CURTAIN • MAIDEN (4)
- 8 DRUMMER • JAM • RECORDING (7)
- 10 FLAT • GAUGE • SPARE (4)
- 13 COMMUNITY • PARLIAMENT • UNITY (8)
- 15 FISH • POLE • QUALITY (4)
- 18 BOUND • HEAVY • STAMP (4)
- 19 BRACELET • CARD • THEFT (8)
- 20 CONE • GAY • PUG (4)
- 22 CIVIL • MECHANISM • SELF (7)
- 25 CAB • DRIVER • RANK (4)
- 26 BEARER • ISSUE • LAMP (8)
- 27 EYED • LIGHTS • SPARK (6)

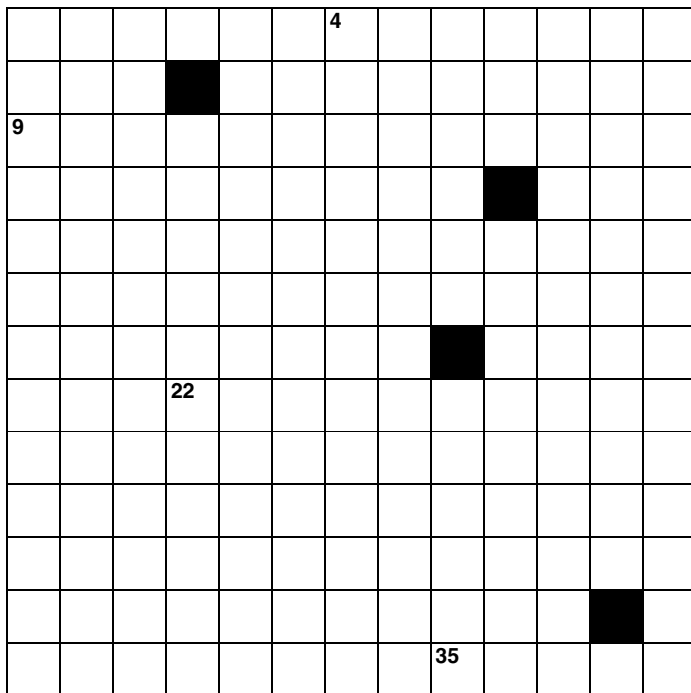
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- 1 ARCH • PUBLIC • SWORN (5)
- 2 COMMON • HORSE • MAKE (5)
- 3 ADJUSTER • DEAD • LEADER (4)
- 4 CIRCLE • COLON • QUAVER (4)
- 5 REMARK • OUT • HAT (7)
- 9 CIVIL • SECRET • STATION (7)
- 11 SHOW • SURFACE • TRUNK (4)
- 12 HILL • RED • SOLDIER (3)
- 14 CROSS • CUE • PILOT (4)
- 16 FELT • TOE • WING (3)
- 17 GLASSES • LAMP • POETRY (7)
- 20 BASIC • MUST • SPECIAL (5)
- 21 DEPARTMENT • ROOM • SECRET (5)
- 23 COLOUR • FOOD • STEAD (4)
- 24 DRAW • MISS • SIGHTED (4)

Skeleton

5

The black squares have to be filled in as well as the words. For a start, four black squares and four numbers have been inserted. The black squares form a fully symmetrical pattern.



ACROSS

- 1 Woven fabric
- 5 Mistake
- 8 Employees' association
- 9 Colloquial speech
- 10 Dartmoor's county
- 11 Squeeze
- 14 Stately grand display
- 17 Breathe hard
- 19 Carry out (the law)
- 20 Undergarment
- 21 Strap of a bridle
- 22 Rushing stream
- 23 Titled woman
- 25 Unit of measurement of horses
- 28 Decimal fraction
- 31 Perfume, fragrance
- 32 Actor in a crowd scene
- 33 Expression of displeasure
- 34 Use your voice
- 35 Celebratory get-together

DOWN

- 1 Thin slice of fried potato
- 2 Narcotic from the poppy
- 3 Camel's bulge
- 4 Climbing grape-plant
- 5 Brings to a close
- 6 Opponent, challenger
- 7 Bring up to date
- 12 Football match umpire
- 13 Snake
- 15 Last Greek letter
- 16 Unimportant, trivial
- 17 Place to sleep, usually in a ship
- 18 Vegetable that makes you cry
- 23 Hurdles
- 24 Went by car
- 26 Make adjustments
- 27 Personal journal
- 28 Chore
- 29 Recess, corner
- 30 Aid, assist

Frame-Up

6

Solve the clues and then fit the three nine-letter words around the outside of the pyramid, two words starting from the top and one across the base. Do the same with the three six-letter and three-letter words. The shaded letters will spell out a spice.

3 letters

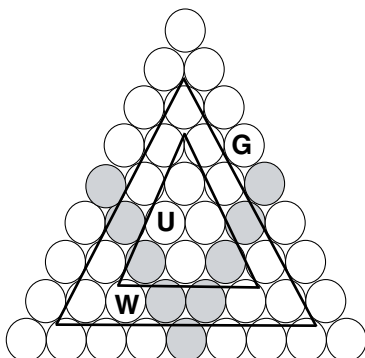
Animal's coat
Fisherman's stick
Temporary fashion

6 letters

Ebb, diminish
Sudden pain
Answer back sharply

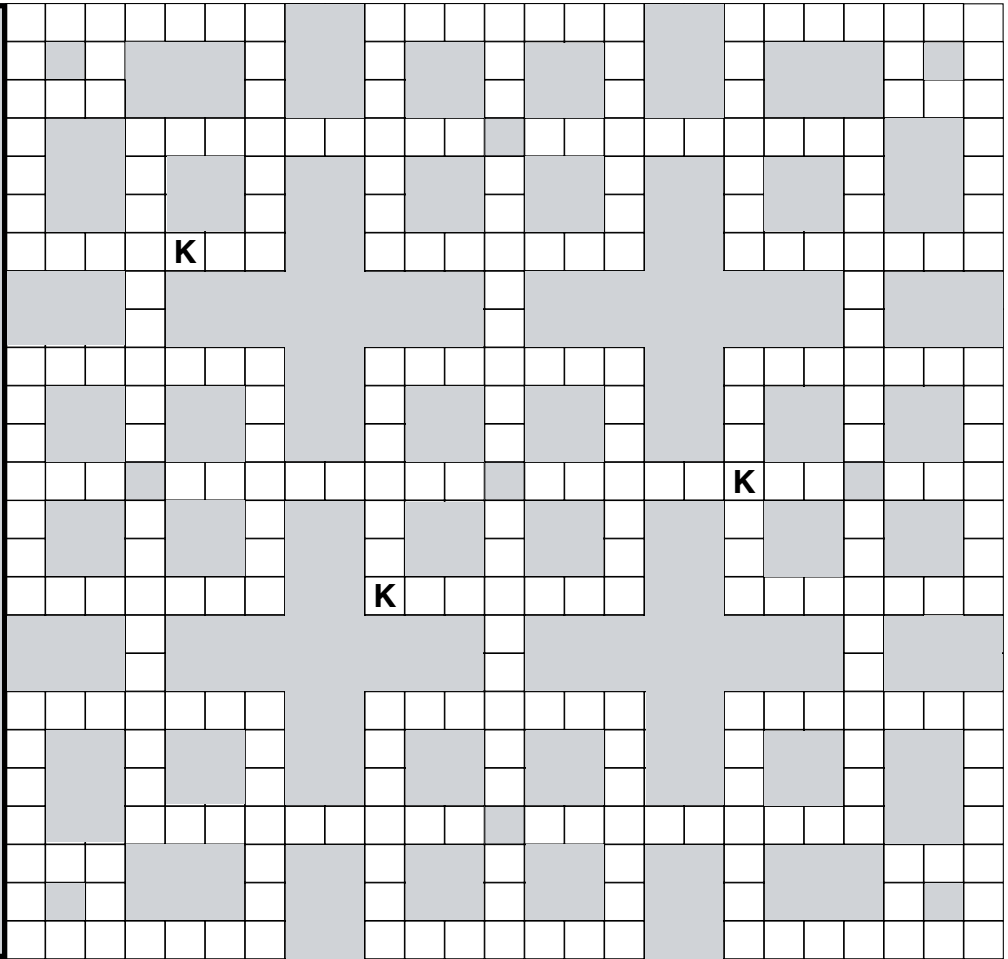
9 letters

Perfume
Savagely fierce
Mingle, interact with other people



7

J
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G
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A
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L
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N
K



3-letter

COB
COO
DID
ENT
HUM
INN
NOD
NOR
SAL
SON
TIC
WAD

7-letter

AMALGAM
CALYPSO

CHOISYA
CLOTHES
COCKILY
DRUNKEN
FITNESS
FORESAW
FORSOOK
FROGMAN
GRAPHIC
GRAVITY
HAWKISH
HERETIC
HOMBURG
KIDNAPS
KINDRED
KNOBBLY
KOWLOON

MEERKAT
MUMBLES
NASTILY
NEWBORN
OFF-PEAK
OUTGROW
OVERARM
ROCKERY
SAVIOUR
SECRETE
SENDING
SLAMMED
SOAPBOX
THEROUX
WELCOME
WOBBLES
YIELDED

8-letter

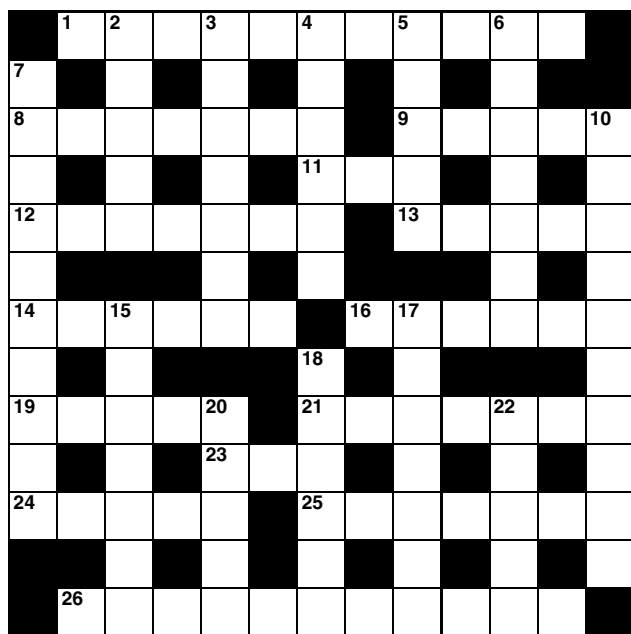
CONVEYED
INTREPID
JOKINGLY
UNBUCKLE

9-letter

DISPARITY
EVACUATED
HOBNOBBED
MOONLIGHT
MORBIDITY
MURDEROUS
REVERENCE
VALUABLES

TEA-BREAK CROSSWORDS SECTION

8



ACROSS

- 1 Formal cessation of hostilities (5,6)
- 8 Disentangle (7)
- 9 Jump in shock (5)
- 11 Large flightless bird (3)
- 12 Very cruel (7)
- 13 Steer clear of (5)
- 14 Using a keyboard (6)
- 16 ___ O'Connor, Irish singer (6)
- 19 The length of (5)
- 21 Beasts (7)
- 23 Finale (3)
- 24 Dress in, clothe yourself in (3,2)
- 25 Follow suit (7)
- 26 Protection for bikers (5,6)

DOWN

- 2 Soil (5)
- 3 Neanderthal, perhaps (7)
- 4 Natural gift (6)
- 5 Follow on from (5)
- 6 Currant bun (3-4)
- 7 Holiday venue for naturists (6,4)
- 10 Homer epic (3,7)
- 15 Intriguer (7)
- 17 First letter of a name (7)
- 18 Small red salad plant (6)
- 20 Class, species (5)
- 22 Traditional saying (5)

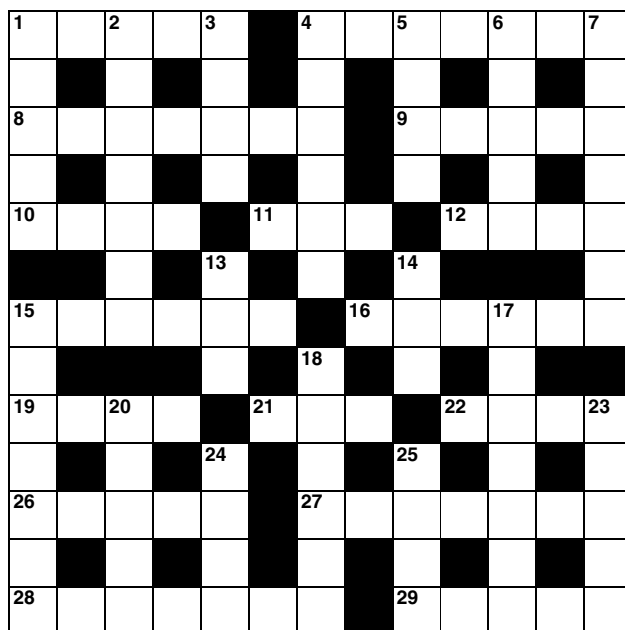
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ACROSS

- 1 Pointed missile (5)
- 4 Inspection (7)
- 8 Imitation drug (7)
- 9 Bring up to date (5)
- 10 Gape tiredly (4)
- 11 Sneaky (3)
- 12 Wise person (4)
- 15 Disburse (3,3)
- 16 Human arm joints (6)
- 19 Short sharp knocks (4)
- 21 Church seat (3)
- 22 Hypocrisy (4)
- 26 Heedful (5)
- 27 Interpret (7)
- 28 Train storage tracks (7)
- 29 Pilfer, purloin (5)

DOWN

- 1 Put into practice (5)
- 2 Thoroughfare (7)
- 3 Hone (4)
- 4 Ailing (6)
- 5 ___ McIlroy, Irish golfer (4)
- 6 ___ Rykiel, fashion designer (5)
- 7 Solicitors or barristers (7)
- 13 Cuddle (3)
- 14 Plural of 'is' (3)
- 15 Social outcasts (7)
- 17 Legislation (7)
- 18 Adjournment (6)
- 20 Entreat (5)
- 23 Affected by sea levels (5)
- 24 Astound (4)
- 25 Composer's numbered work (4)



These mini puzzles are our Ultra Quick Crosswords. How quickly can you solve them?

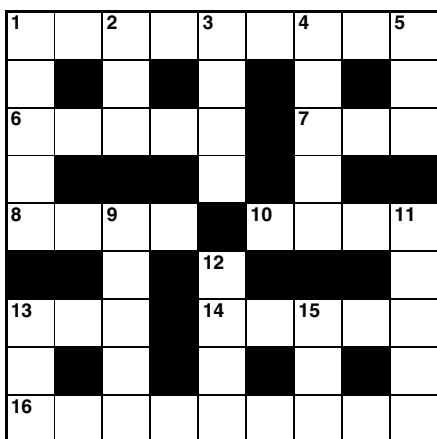
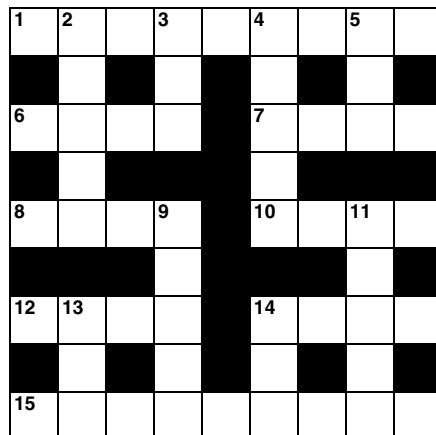
ULTRA QUICK CROSSWORD 10

ACROSS

- 1 Knorr product (5,4)
- 6 Animal's skin (4)
- 7 Topped, as a cake (4)
- 8 Thrust with a knife (4)
- 10 Electrical cord (4)
- 12 Ship's steering post (4)
- 14 Drug (a racehorse) (4)
- 15 Calmly and uncomplainingly (9)

DOWN

- 2 Larceny (5)
- 3 Slice (3)
- 4 Main, most important (5)
- 5 Cricket extra (3)
- 9 Disney deer film (5)
- 11 Permanently exclude from school (5)
- 13 Distinctive period of time (3)
- 14 Animal's lair (3)



ULTRA QUICK CROSSWORD 11

ACROSS

- 1 Not playing well (3,2,4)
- 6 Royal head-dress (5)
- 7 Common climbing plant (3)
- 8 Allergy spots (4)
- 10 Untidy heap (4)
- 13 Travel across snow (3)
- 14 Passageway between pews (5)
- 16 Comfy seat (4,5)

DOWN

- 1 Hollywood award (5)
- 2 Pair, couple (3)
- 3 ___ off, parry (4)
- 4 Black or green cocktail fruit (5)
- 5 31-day month (3)
- 9 ___ roll, jam-filled cake (5)
- 11 Fleece (a sheep) (5)
- 12 Body dusting powder (4)
- 13 View, look at (3)
- 15 Health resort (3)

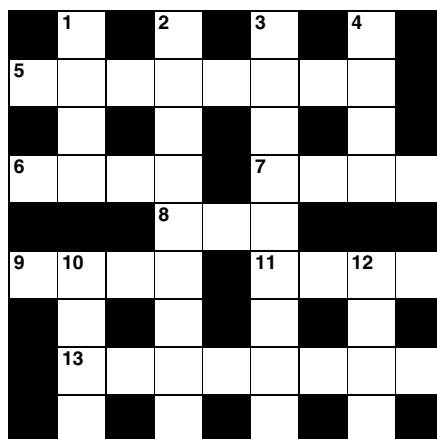
ULTRA QUICK CROSSWORD 12

ACROSS

- 5 Inhabit (a country) (8)
- 6 Goodyear product (4)
- 7 Or ___, otherwise (4)
- 8 Match official (3)
- 9 Dishonest scheme (4)
- 11 Friend during a conflict (4)
- 13 Tottery (8)

DOWN

- 1 Sacred (4)
- 2 Furthest away (9)
- 3 ___ lie, blatant untruth (9)
- 4 Not as much (4)
- 10 Buddy, pal (4)
- 12 Outdoor swimming pool (4)



13 Jolly Mixtures

In this puzzle each clue is simply an anagram of the answer - but watch out! There might be more than one possible solution to each clue. For instance, the clue "TALE" might lead to the answer "LATE" or "TEAL". You'll have to look at how the answers fit into the grid and find out which alternative is correct.

ACROSS

- 2 SILENCED
- 5 SEXIST
- 8 ARC
- 9 MARINE
- 10 IDEALS
- 12 NIB
- 13 KAYO
- 16 FATE
- 17 SEAPORT
- 18 PANES
- 20 MOOR
- 22 NIGHT

23 ROVE

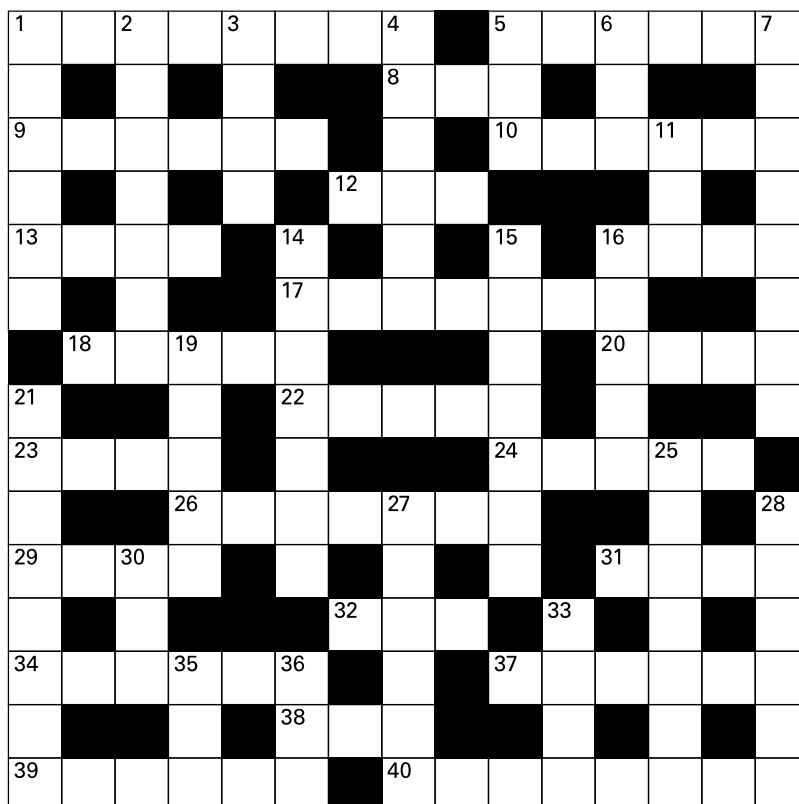
- 24 BEAST
- 26 ENDURES
- 29 DICE
- 31 PART
- 32 CAT
- 34 TEA SET
- 37 TAIPAN
- 38 SAW
- 39 ENCASE
- 40 GELDINGS

DOWN

- 1 CANOED
- 2 RESCALE
- 3 TIME
- 4 CRIMPS
- 5 ARE
- 6 SIT
- 7 MISREADS
- 11 EEL
- 14 STINTED
- 15 ABRIDGE
- 16 GOFER
- 19 DRAPE

21 FORENSIC

- 25 INTERIM
- 27 SCREES
- 28 PRANGS
- 30 TEA
- 33 DRAW
- 35 WAN
- 36 WEE

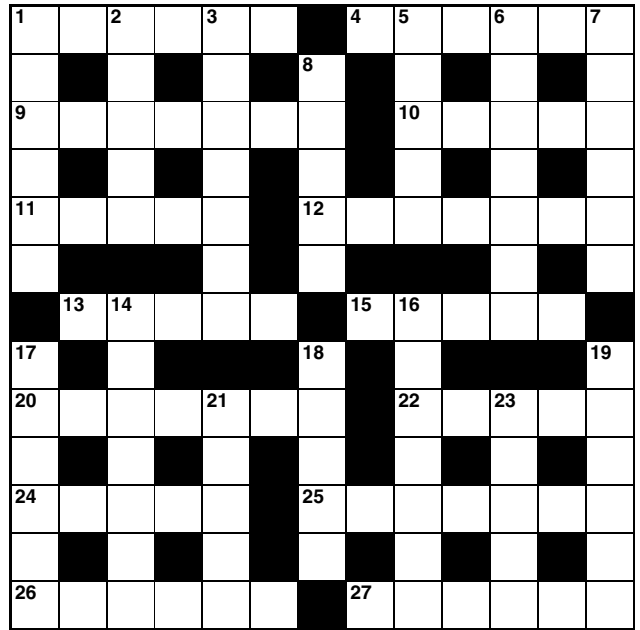


ACROSS

- 1 Caterpillars, grubs etc (6)
- 4 Catch out or stumble (4,2)
- 9 Italian red wine (7)
- 10 Big stones (5)
- 11 Manages (5)
- 12 Writer's assumed moniker (3-4)
- 13 Containers for carrying food or drink (5)
- 15 American word for chips (5)
- 20 Entertainment industry (7)
- 22 Roman god of love (5)
- 24 So as to be heard (5)
- 25 Grabs forty winks (7)
- 26 Itemised, registered (6)
- 27 ___ dioxide, greenhouse gas (6)

DOWN

- 1 Track down (6)
- 2 Royal period in office (5)
- 3 Forgiveness (7)
- 5 Repeat broadcast (5)
- 6 Bundle of things wrapped and tied up (7)
- 7 Adhesives (6)
- 8 Chilly (5)
- 14 Unruly (7)
- 16 Variety of Italian cheese (7)
- 17 Tel Aviv's country (6)
- 18 Native of Prague (5)
- 19 Famous American inventor (6)
- 21 Shift (5)
- 23 Alternative strategy (4,1)



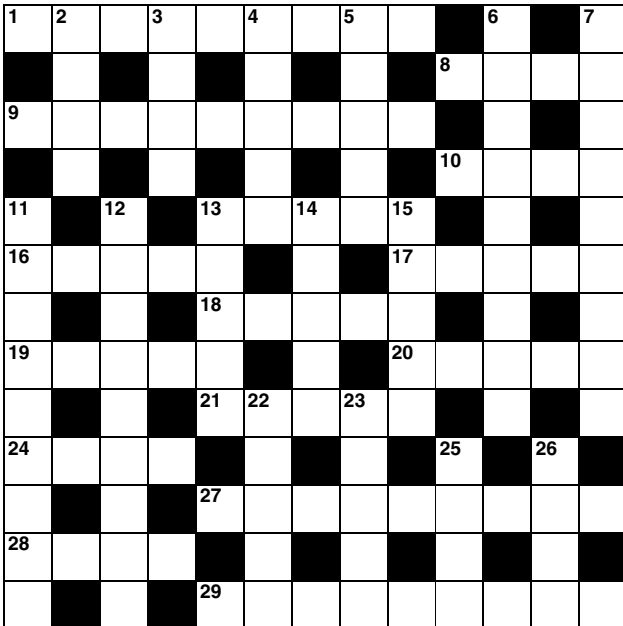
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ACROSS

- 1 Track and field events (9)
- 8 Give for a time (4)
- 9 Capital of the Netherlands (9)
- 10 World's longest river (4)
- 13 Roosters (5)
- 16 Concerning the kidneys (5)
- 17 Boon (5)
- 18 Utopian (5)
- 19 Husks separated from wheat (5)
- 20 Yarns, stories (5)
- 21 Over-particular, finicky (5)
- 24 Baked birthday treat (4)
- 27 SE Asian state (9)
- 28 Minute (4)
- 29 Encroachment (9)

DOWN

- 2 ___ Raider, computer game (4)
- 3 Behind schedule (4)
- 4 Human trunk (5)
- 5 Petula ___, 1960s singer (5)
- 6 Land jutting out from a mainland (9)
- 7 Make known (9)
- 11 Brilliance (9)
- 12 Revealing (9)
- 13 Steep rock face (5)
- 14 Ships' companies (5)
- 15 Seasoned with sodium chloride (5)
- 22 ___ Jack, flag (5)
- 23 Tea sweetener (5)
- 25 Gorillas, eg (4)

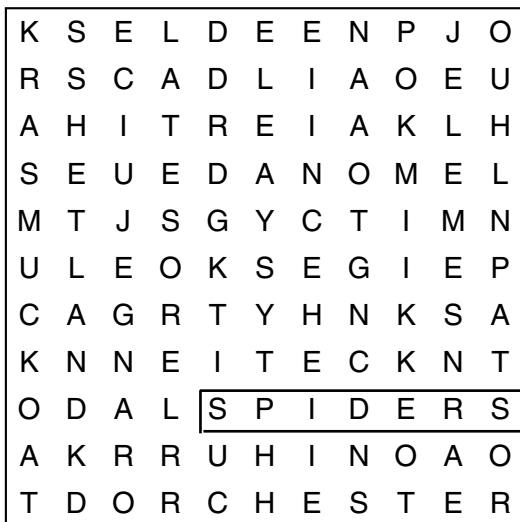


PUZZLER WORDSEARCH SECTION

16 PORTLAND...

This puzzle takes us on a trip to Dorset.

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| ARNE | PORTLAND BILL |
| BEAMINSTER | POUNDBURY |
| BRANKSOME | PUDDLETOWN |
| CANN | RADIPOLE |
| CHARMOUTH | RIVER CHAR |
| CHRISTCHURCH | SANDBANKS |
| CLOUDS HILL | SHAFTESBURY |
| CORFE CASTLE | SHELL BAY |
| CORFE MULLEN | SHERBORNE |
| DURDLÉ DOOR | SWYRE |
| EVERSHOT | THE COBB |
| FERNDOWN | THOMAS |
| GILLINGHAM | HARDY |
| GOLDEN CAP | UPTON |
| HILTON | VERWOOD |
| POKESDOWN | WEYMOUTH |
| POOLE | YETMINSTER |



Quiz Search 18

Use the clues below to search for the objects in the grid opposite. We've given you a starter to help. Some may be more than one word.

- 5 British islands ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- 4 Common phobias ● ○ ○ ○ ○
- 3 Soft drinks more than three letters ○ ○ ○
- 2 Pie ingredients ○ ○
- 1 Town in Dorset ○

Y	M	R	O	F	E	R	S	E	K	I	S	F	U	U
R	C	I	T	O	R	P	A	T	E	R	S	O	N	F
W	I	U	H	O	C	E	R	I	W	A	G	E	S	S
P	O	S	T	E	R	A	S	T	N	E	M	Y	A	P
G	I	B	U	D	L	R	C	T	I	L	A	G	I	G
M	A	F	C	L	E	N	A	U	A	N	E	I	N	L
R	K	O	O	B	T	S	I	P	D	U	H	T	A	S
C	G	D	S	N	E	M	I	B	I	A	R	G	O	S
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N	I	E	L	I	E	N	A	E	E	L	K	L	N	S
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E	O	W	E	N	T	M	H	N	O	T	N	I	L	C

The word BILL can go before or after all these words and surnames.

AND BEN	OWEN
AND COO	PARROT
BAILEY	PATERSON
BANK	PAYMENT
BAR	PORTLAND
BOARD	POSTER
BOOK	REFORM
CLINTON	REPAIR
CROSS	RESTAURANT
DOLLAR	SELSEY
DOUBLE	SHOE
GAS	SIKES
GATES	STICKER
HALEY	TAX
HEN	TELEPHONE
HOLDER	TIDY
HOOK	WAGES
HOTEL	WARD
ITEMISED	WATER
LEGAL	WAX
MAYNARD	WRY
ODDIE	WYMAN

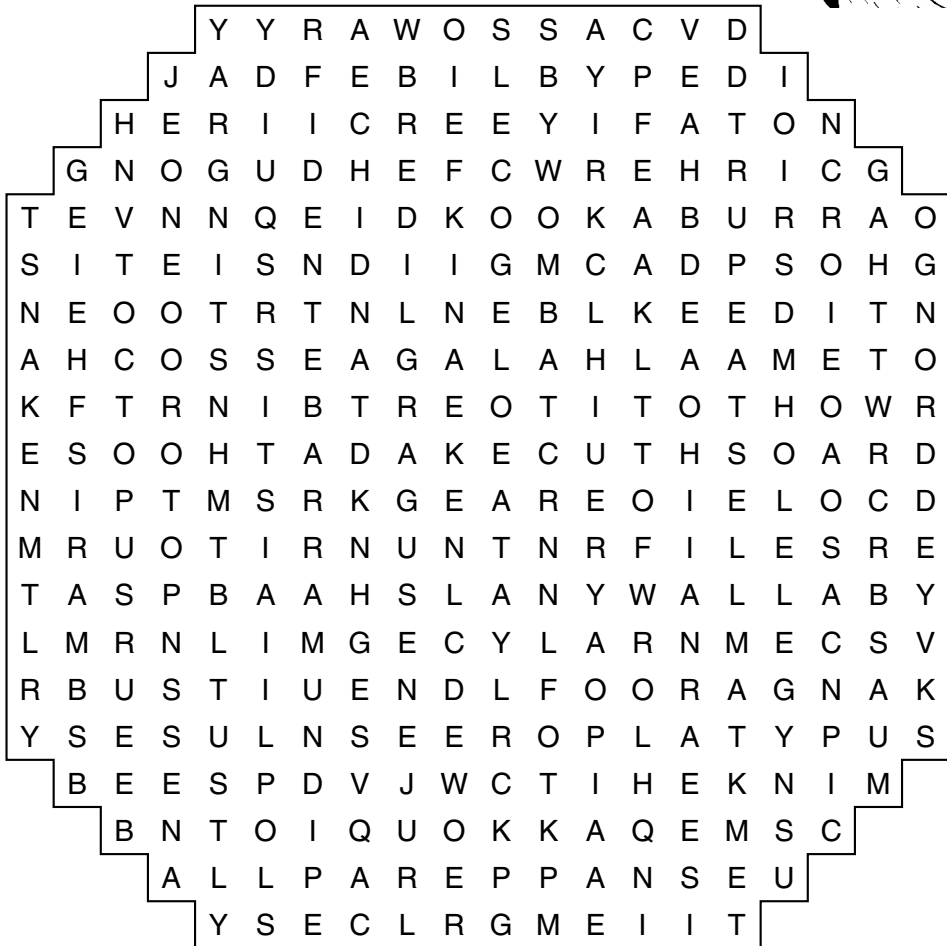
19 Linkword

DEAD	█				ADJUSTER
CAR	█				CALL
CHARGE	█				SHARK
REVOLVING	█				HANDLE
TOP	█				CAKES
CLERICAL	█				MESSAGE
SILENT	█				SAFE
GRAND	█				ELLINGTON

Enter in the grid a word that comes after the first clue word and before the second clue word to form two new words or phrases. The letters in the shaded column should spell out a seaside location (5,3).

HELLO, POSSUMS

Creatures from Australia are listed here. A quokka is a small marsupial and a galah is a pink and grey cockatoo.



ANTEATER
BARRAMUNDI
BEETLE
BILBY
CANE TOAD
CASSOWARY
COCKATOO
COD
CROC
DINGO
DROMEDARY
DRONGO

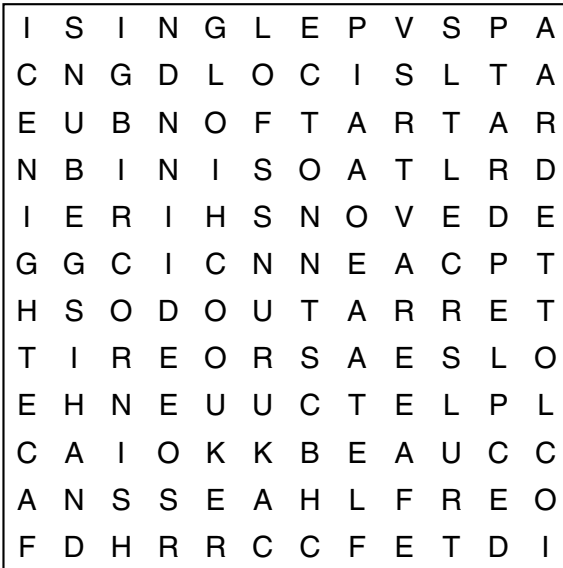
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FROG
GALAH
JELLYFISH
KANGAROO
KOALA
KOOKABURRA
LARK
MARSUPIAL
MINKE

MOTH
OCTOPUS
PARROT
PELICAN
PLATYPUS
POSSUM
POTOROO
QUOKKA
SEI
SNAKE
SNAPPER
SQUID

STINGRAY
SUGAR
GLIDER
SUNBIRD
THORNY
DEVIL
TURTLE
WALLABY
WALLAROO
WOMBAT
YABBY

CREAM...

21



The word CREAM can come before or after all these words.

BUN	DEVONSHIRE
CAKE	DOUBLE
CHEESE	FACE
CLEANSING	ICE
CLOTTED	NIGHT
COLD	OF TARTAR
CORNISH	PUFF
CRACKER	SINGLE
CUSTARD	SOUR

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...CAKES

You can't have cream without some cake!
The word CAKE can go after all these words.

ANGEL	GINGER
BIRTHDAY	LARDY
CHEESE	POMFRET
CUP	ROCK
DUNDEE	SEED
ECCLES	SHORT
FAIRY	SIMNEL
FRUIT	SPONGE
GENOA	WEDDING

