

# crossword puzzles

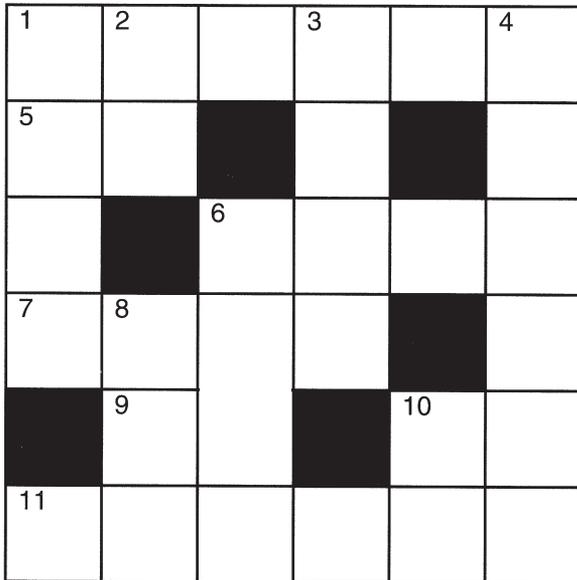
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**C**rossword puzzles are an excellent vehicle for cooperative learning. The crossword puzzles in this section are graded into the categories of easy and challenging, based upon the difficulty of the words required for completion.

**TEACHING TECHNIQUES.** Working with a classmate, students can share their knowledge of English in solving the various vocabulary or grammatical questions posed in the puzzle. After students have completed the puzzle (in class or as homework assigned to be done with a classmate), the teacher should discuss the solutions with the class as a whole. Give students examples of sentences in which some of the new words are used, and ask them to write sentences of their own.

# Easy Crossword Puzzles

## #1. Openings



### Across

- Made of a very precious metal
- Article
- Not sweet
- At any time
- That is (abbr.)
- Therefore
- Opening in a wall to let in light and air

### Down

- Opening in a wall or fence for a passageway
- Upon; above and supported by
- Entrance to a room or building
- Not wide
- Observed
- Seven (Roman numerals)
- Thus

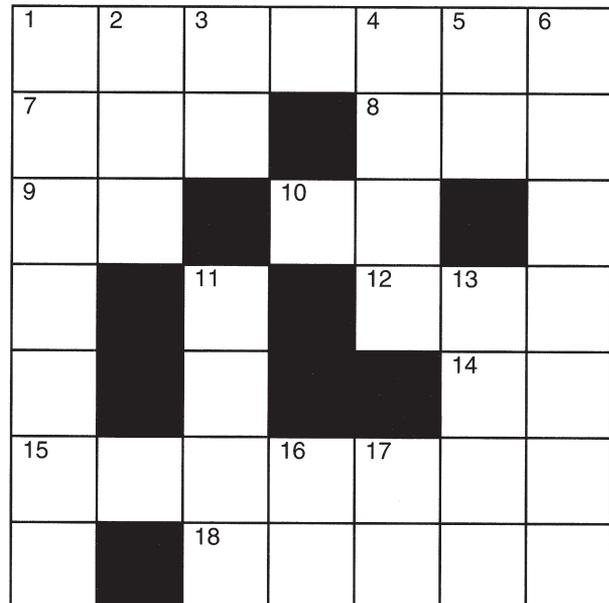
## #2. Education

### Across

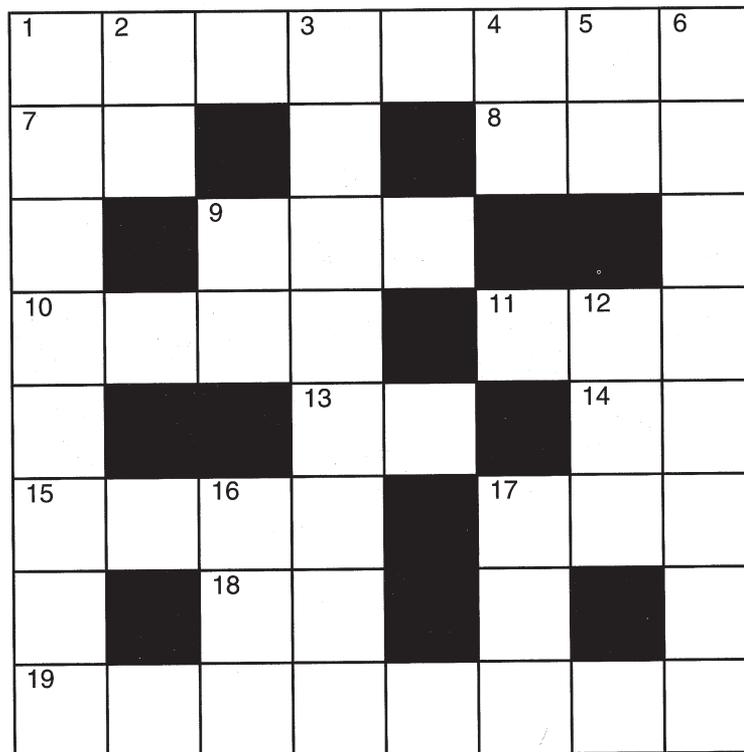
- Learner; one who studies
- Opposite of *bottom*
- Female deer
- Preposition meaning "over and in contact with"
- For example (Latin abbreviation)
- And the others (Latin abbreviation)
- Exclamation of surprise
- Test; inspect closely
- Not ever

### Down

- Tales; short fictional narratives; anecdotes
- 2,000 pounds
- Opposite of *down*
- Rim; border; lip
- Negative response; opposite of *yes*
- Instructor
- Conjunction used with comparative adjectives and adverbs
- Vocal or musical sound; a particular pitch in an intonation
- Objective case of the pronoun "I"
- Roman numeral for *four*



## #3. Communication



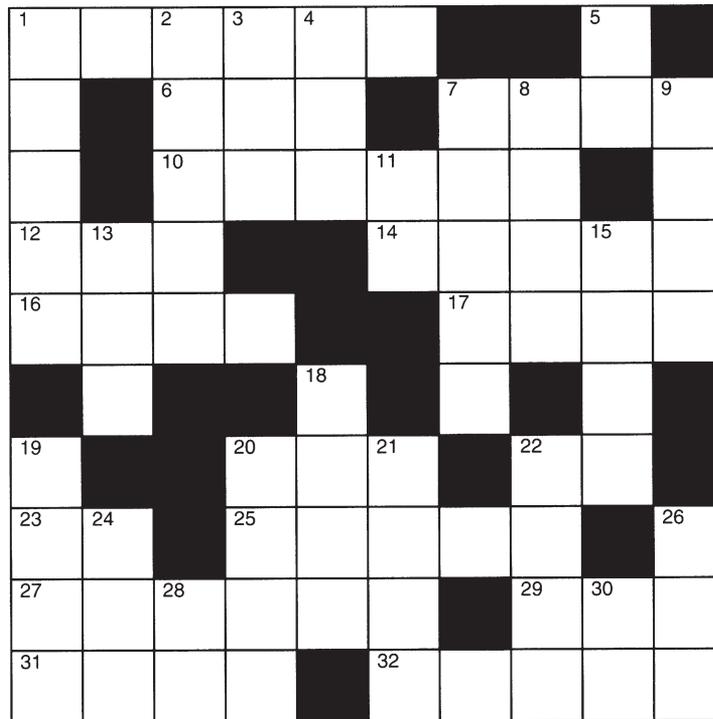
## Across

1. Vehicle of communication; tongue; the speech (and writing) of a particular country, nation, or group
7. Form of *to be*
8. Movement of the head to signify agreement, understanding, or assent
9. Express in words; speak; state; utter
10. Better than average; suitable; proper, not bad
11. And so forth; and others of the same kind (abbr.)
13. You and me
14. Half of a laugh
15. A thought; mental picture
17. Put in a place or position; a group of related items; fixed, established, firm
18. Preposition
19. Patient; untiring; indefatigable

## Down

1. Language specialist
2. Equally; in the same amount or degree; in the same manner; while
3. Complete a school course; obtain a degree
4. Article
5. Move; proceed
6. Teaches; develops the mind or character by training
9. Thus
12. Article
16. Organ of hearing
17. Observe; use the eyes; have the power of sight; understand

## #4. Collocations



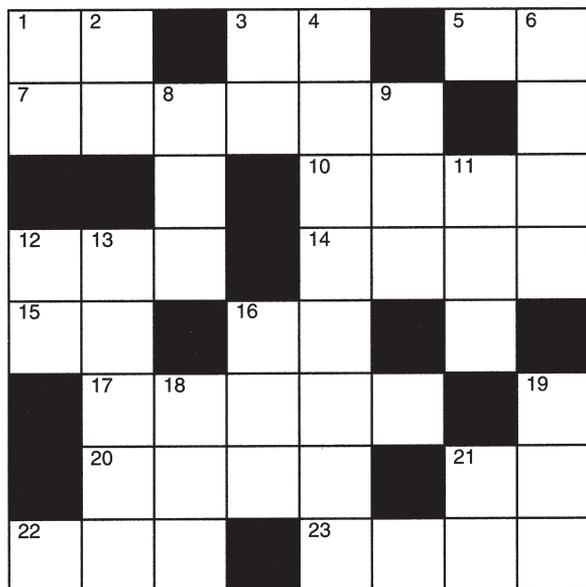
## Across

1. Bread and \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ and hers
7. Hat and \_\_\_\_\_
10. Comeback
12. Cease to live
14. Shoes and \_\_\_\_\_
16. Always; at any time
17. Past tense of *go*
20. Past tense of *sit*
22. Exist
23. Preposition
25. Test
27. Macaroni and \_\_\_\_\_
29. Country in North America
31. A group that works or plays together
32. Short and \_\_\_\_\_

## Down

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and groom
2. Number
3. Shirt and \_\_\_\_\_
4. Superlative ending
5. Ma and \_\_\_\_\_
7. A large group of people
8. One time
9. Examination
11. You and me
13. I have
15. Part of the leg
18. Automobiles
19. \_\_\_\_\_ and fiction
20. Part of a plant that comes up from the roots and supports the flowers and leaves
21. Fastens with a rope, cord, etc.
22. Color
24. Article
26. Chew and swallow
28. Each (abbr.)
30. Southeast (abbr.)

## #5. Abbreviations



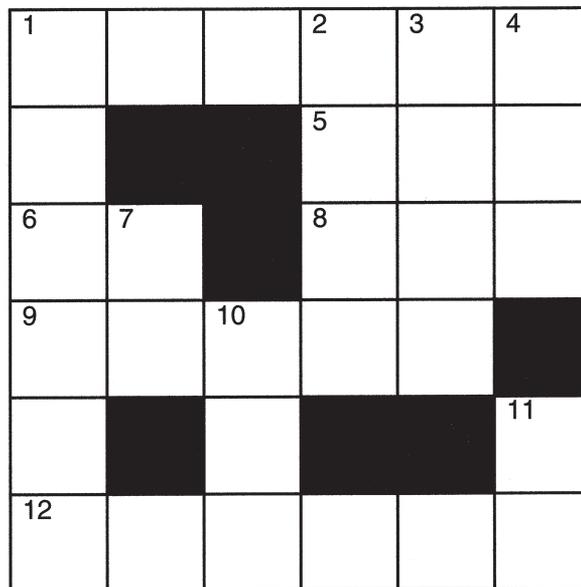
## Across

1. In the location of; by; near
3. Exclamation of surprise
5. Abbreviation for *milliliter*
7. Small horselike animal; ass
10. Thing to sit on; bench; chair
12. Small container to drink from
14. Poetic word for *island*
15. Above; over
16. Abbreviation for *street* or *saint*
17. Loose outer garment
20. Past tense of *lend*
21. Thus; in such a way; very
22. Up to now; so far; still
23. Flat; smooth; level; uniform

## Down

1. Abbreviation for *advertisement*
2. In the direction of; as far as
3. All right
4. Pause; delay momentarily
6. Stringed instrument
8. Short sleep during the day
9. Affirmative response
11. Everything or everyone; the whole quantity
12. Abbreviation for *company*
13. One's mother's brother
16. Male offspring
18. Allow
19. Past tense of *win*
21. Abbreviation for *southeast*

## #6. Language Learning



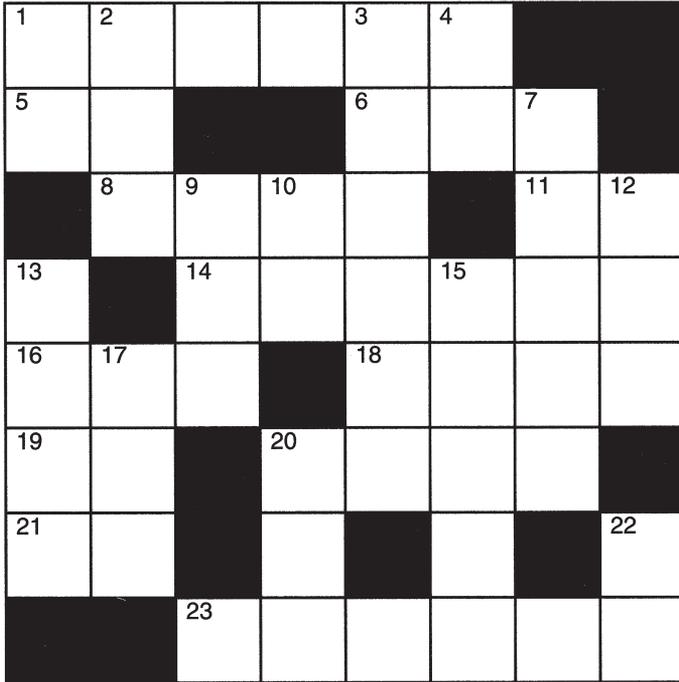
## Across

1. A procedure or systematic plan of instruction; way; approach
5. Make a mistake; stray ("To \_\_\_\_\_ is human; to forgive, divine.")
6. Abbreviation for Maryland or doctor of medicine
8. A beam of light radiating from a bright object
9. An example that serves as a pattern for imitation
12. Up to date, contemporary, recent

## Down

1. Mimicry—memorization (abbreviation)
2. In this place
3. Spoken; uttered by the mouth or in words
4. Not wet
7. Perform; act; execute; carry out (also used as a substitute verb and to express emphasis)
10. Past tense of 7 down
11. Indefinite article

## # 7. Colors



Across

1. A sunny color
5. Abbreviation for *right*
6. A "hot" color
8. \_\_\_ cola
11. Abbreviation for *road*
14. Not as short
16. Showed the way; went before and guided
18. A dull color
19. United Nations (abbr.)
20. Appear to be true
21. Past-tense ending
23. Applies color to; tubes of different color

Down

1. 12 months (abbr.)
2. And the rest, and so on (abbr.)
3. A color/a fruit
4. You and I
7. Something imagined during sleep
9. Not new
10. Abbreviation for *company*
12. Not wet
13. The color of the sky
15. The color of grass
17. Opposite of *begin*
20. A body of water
22. You and me

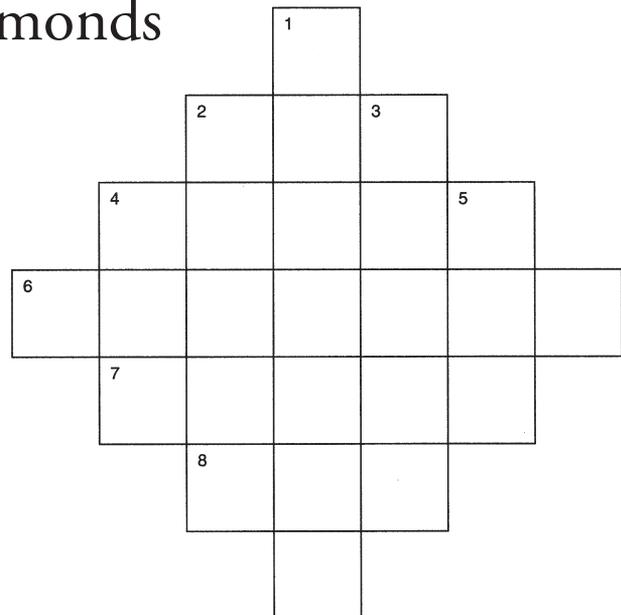
## # 8. Diamonds

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2. Petroleum
4. Means of transportation
6. A square that stands on its point
7. Rock
8. Being (philosophy)

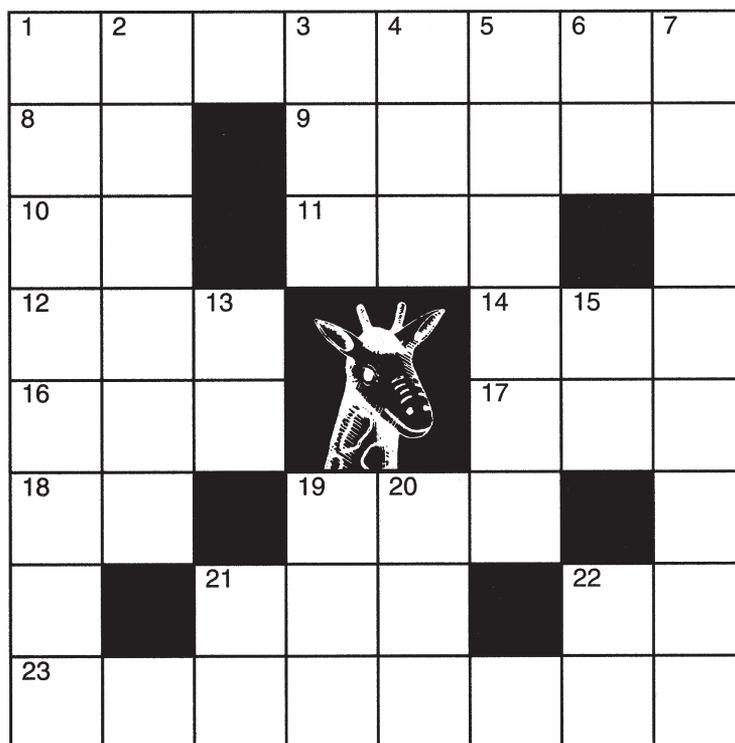
DOWN

1. A very hard precious stone
2. Give a formal speech
3. Jungle cats
4. It is (poetic)
5. Compass point



# Challenging Crossword Puzzles

## #9. Geoffrey Giraffe



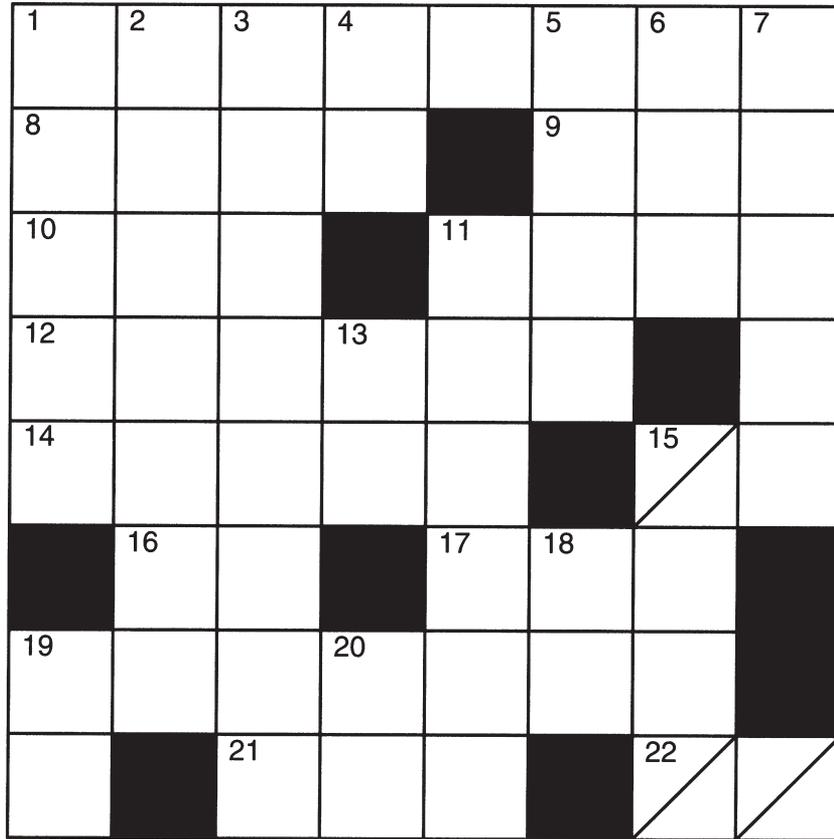
### Across

1. Tallest animals
8. Ending of some past participles
9. Earliest; highest in rank; preceding all others in time, order, or importance
10. Preposition
11. Prefix meaning three
12. Preposition
14. An immeasurably long period of time; a geologic age; eternity
16. Cook in hot oil
17. A quick downward movement of the head, often indicating agreement or approval
18. Room (abbreviation)
19. Help; give assistance; something that provides assistance
21. Nothing
22. Indefinite article
23. Lasting through a twelve-month period

### Down

1. Man's name
2. Tell; give information or knowledge to; make aware
3. Toward or in the rear part of a ship or aircraft; abbreviation for the part of day between noon and sunset
4. Kind of evergreen tree
5. Someone you like; a loved acquaintance; companion
6. Plural ending
7. Being in an upright position on one's feet; the position in which 1 across usually sleep; tolerating or bearing courageously
13. Railway (abbreviation)
15. Two-thirds of 100
19. Atmosphere; what we breathe; the invisible and odorless gases that surround the earth
20. Sick; indisposed; not well; ailing
21. North America (abbreviation); not applicable (abbreviation)
22. Article

## #10. Writing systems



For the starred entries, two sets of answers are possible, an "a" group and a "b" group. For these three words, all "a" answers or all "b" answers must be used together. Split squares permit recording of both sets.

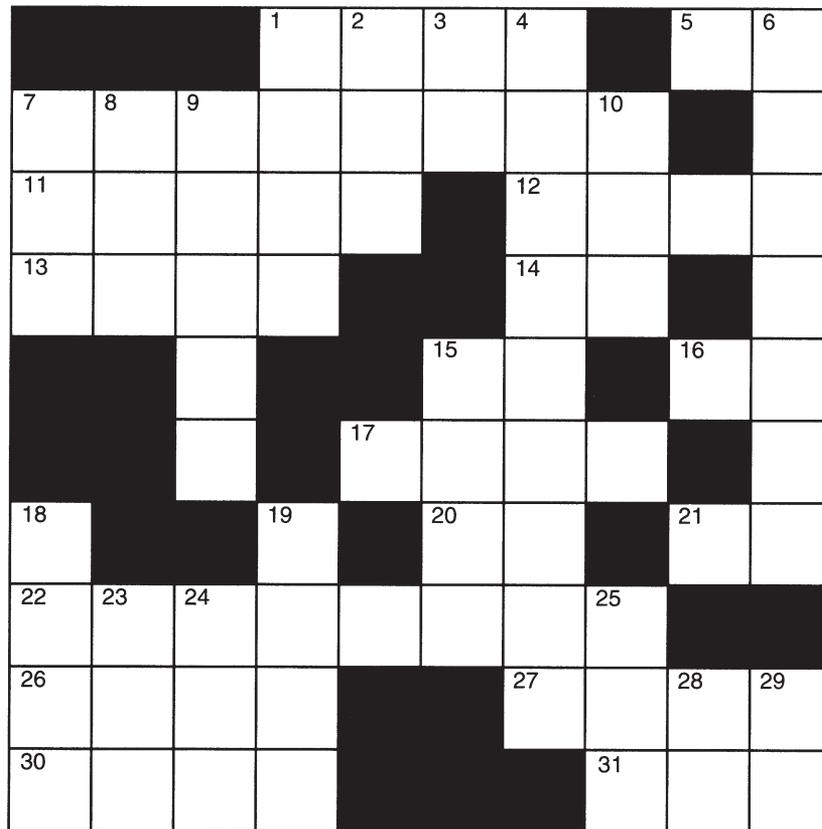
## Across

1. The 26 letters
8. One who inherits
9. An individual
10. And so forth
11. Stair; to walk
12. Fasten (something to something)
14. 40-40 in tennis
15. a. Doctor of Medicine / b. Road (abbr.)\*
16. Railroad (abbr.)
17. New (prefix)
19. Having no purpose or practical value; good for nothing
21. Distress signal
22. a. In the direction of/ b. For example (abbr.)\*

## Down

1. Forward; in front; into the future
2. Elements of an alphabet
3. Things that preceded letters in ancient writing systems
4. Sixty minutes (abbr.)
5. The two
6. Compass point
7. Lukewarm
11. Places of actions; divisions of a play
13. Alternating current (abbr.)
15. a. Greatest amount or number / b. Flower\*
18. Plural ending
19. You and me
20. Behold! (poetic)

## #11. American and British varieties of English



*The answer to each asterisked clue is the British or American equivalent.*

## Across

1. Head coverings
5. Form of be
7. Slingshot\*
11. River in Switzerland and France
12. With 6 down, hardware store\*
13. Garden
14. Northeast
15. What comes after DE
16. Suggested unisex pronoun
17. In addition; too
20. Exclamation of delight
21. We in the United States, objectively
22. Lift\*
26. Underdone\*
27. Subway\*
30. Not shut
31. Open fabric made of string or thread

## Down

1. End of the arm
2. Large monkey-like animal
3. What comes after RS
4. Catapult\*
6. See 12 across
7. Weep
8. Exclamation of surprise and satisfaction or discovery
9. Flashlight\*
10. Alternative for *-ter*\*
15. Apartment\*
18. Nought\*
19. Used for baking
23. The front part of a seated person; to drink like a dog
24. Before {poetic}
25. Ladder\*
28. Exist
29. Extraterrestrial

## #12. The asterisk \*

1	2	3	4	5		6	7
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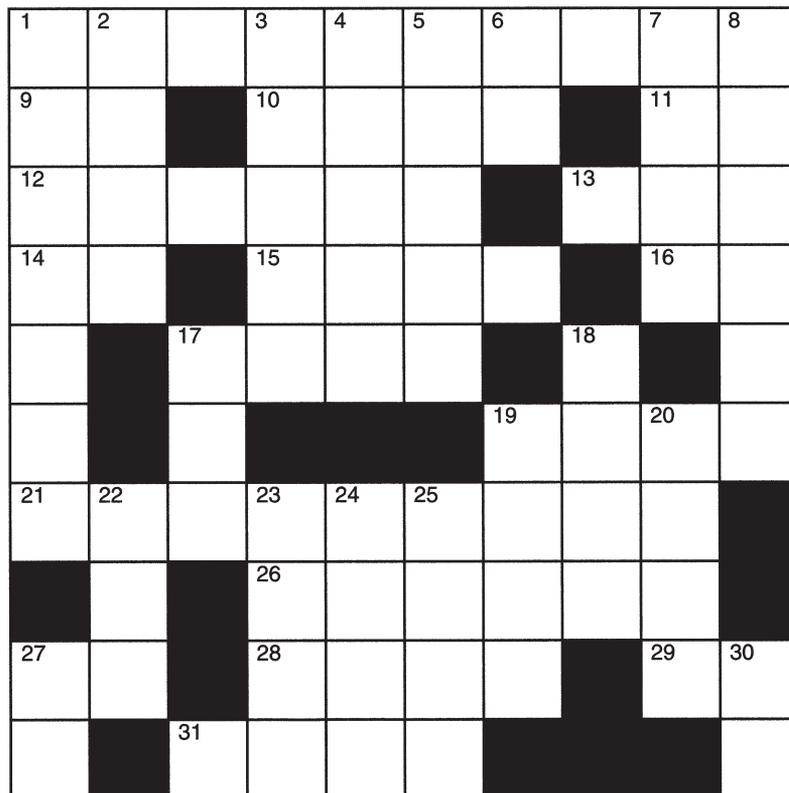
## Across

1. A starlike sign used as a footnote marker
8. A sudden or violent outbreak of wind, rain, snow, etc.
9. Preposition
10. Half a laugh
11. Any person or thing; unit
12. An enclosed space in a house or other building
15. Opposite of southwest (abbr.)
17. Put words on paper yesterday
19. Everything; everybody; completely
21. Was carried in a vehicle or on an animal
23. 1st person pronoun
24. 3rd person pronoun
25. Rim; border; cutting part of a knife
26. Negative words

## Down

1. Powdery material left after a fire
2. Heavenly body
3. Preposition
4. Mistake
5. Room (abbr.)
6. Committed a moral fault
7. Joint in the middle of the leg
13. Bird with large eyes that sleeps during the day
14. A greater amount
16. Arrived
18. Having been pulled apart; ripped
20. Went first; showed the way
22. Chew and swallow food
24. That man

## #13. The seven continents



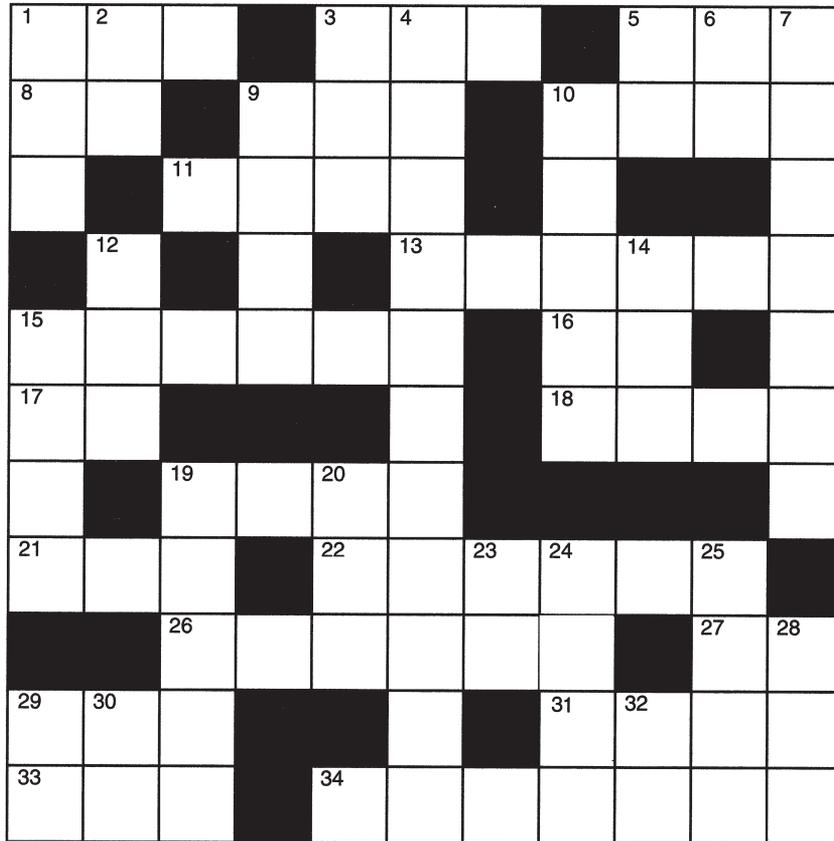
## Across

1. Coldest continent
9. Missouri (abbr.)
10. Brave; confident
11. Preposition
12. Continent
13. Organ of hearing
14. Registered nurse (abbr.)
15. Intensifier
16. Eleven (Roman numeral)
17. Table for writing or studying
19. Sodium bicarbonate; carbonated water; soft drink
21. Island continent
26. Without difficulty; with facility; in a smooth, free manner
27. 1st person pronoun
28. Dry; lacking moisture; parched by heat
29. Thus, in the same manner or way; to a great extent or degree
31. Region; extent of space or surface; scope

## Down

1. Second word of two continents
2. Part of speech
3. Over; on top of; higher than
4. Heavy cords; twisted or braided strands of fiber
5. An office worker who keeps accounts and records; a salesperson in a store or shop
6. Touchdown (abbr.)
7. Persuade by kindness, patience, or flattery
8. Second largest continent
17. Negative prefix
18. Bubble up; reach the temperature where a liquid changes to gas
19. Past tense of *slide*
20. 24-hour periods
22. Employ, utilize
23. Pull apart or to pieces; damage by pulling sharply; drop of salty water coming from the eye
24. Unusual; uncommon; not often occurring
25. Largest continent
27. Possessive pronoun
30. Correlative of *either*; function word used to indicate an alternative

## #14. I♥NY



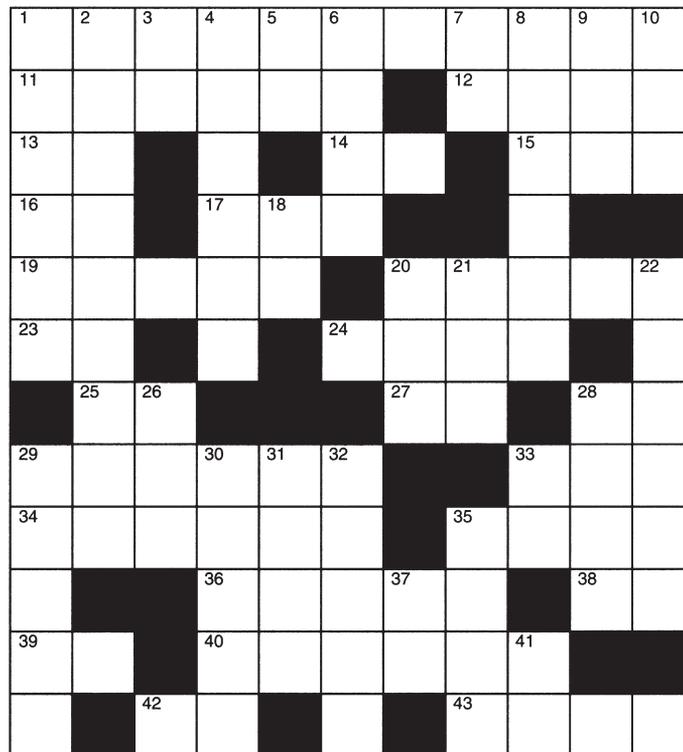
## Across

1. Male human being
2. Head covering
5. Light brown
6. Like
9. Second person
10. Roof formed of rounded arches
11. Information about recent happenings
13. Twice ten
15. Not as empty
16. Thus
17. From a lower to a higher position
18. Heavenly body
19. Part of a wind-powered boat
21. Not high
22. Boundaries
26. Land surrounded by water
27. Each (abbr.)
29. That man
31. Act of lending; something lent
33. Belonging to it
34. Freedom

## Down

1. Representation of the earth's surface
2. Correlative of as
3. In what manner
4. Winning yacht
5. Part of an infinitive
6. Form of *to be*
7. Largest U.S. city
9. Cry out loudly; cheer
10. Woman's clothing
12. Drinking vessel
14. Negative
15. Completely filled
19. Moves through water with arm and leg movements
20. Sick; not well
23. Middle of the alphabet
24. Not busy; unemployed
25. Thing to sit on
28. Some
29. Informal hello
30. That thing
32. Correlative of *either*

## #15. Tools



## Across

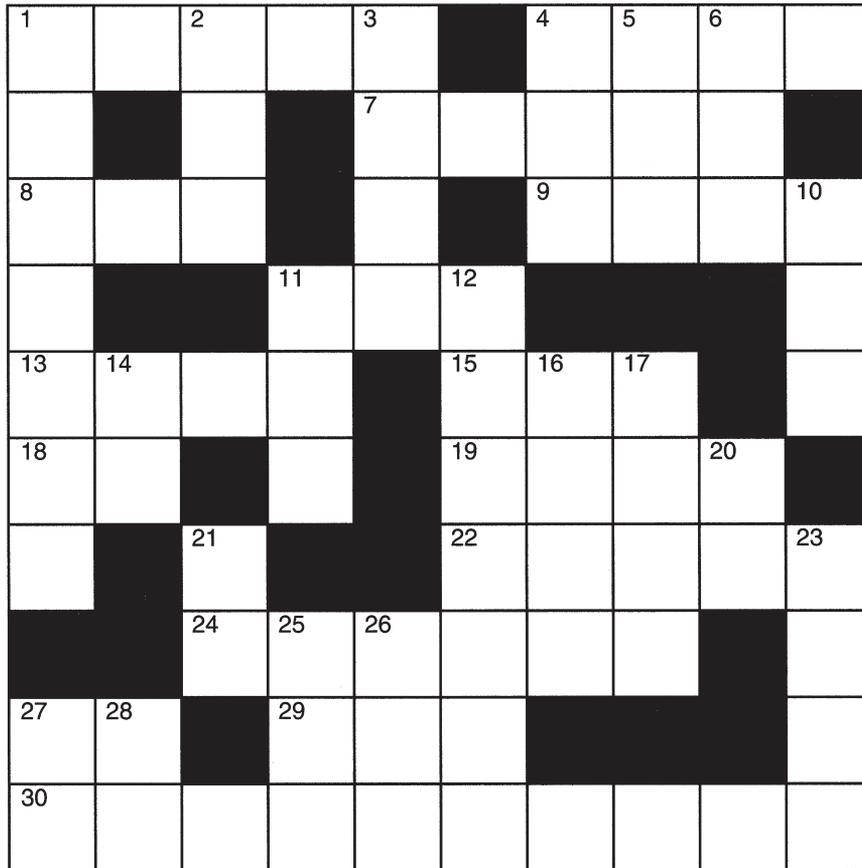
1. A tool for tightening screws
11. A tool for pounding nails
12. Belonging to me
13. Alternative conjunction
14. Preposition of possession
15. Not even; strange
16. Opposite of *down*
17. Part of the mouth
19. A sour yellow fruit
20. What you use with 11 across
23. Abbreviation for 24 across
24. Opposite of *up*
25. Preposition of direction
27. You and I
28. Correlative of *either*
29. Says it isn't true
33. Contraction of *I have*
34. A tool for twisting and turning
35. In a new or different way; again (literary)
36. A tool for making holes; a language practice
38. What comes between Q and T
39. Pound (abbreviation)
40. A continent
42. A tool for chopping
43. A large, bright heavenly body; a five-pointed figure; a celebrated performer

## Down

1. Past tense of *shall*; ought to
2. A person who uses tools to build cabinets
3. Room (abbreviation)
4. Use; give a job to
5. 1st person plural
6. Let fall
7. Contraction of *I am*
8. A musical instrument with four strings
9. Finish; the part that comes last
10. A color
18. Preposition of place; inside of
20. At this time
21. Deep reverence; wonder
22. What you use with 1 Across
26. Individual; a single unit
28. Above; on top of
29. To live (in a place); remain
30. An alphabetical list of things telling what page they may be found on
31. A light beige color
32. An article of clothing
33. Opposite of *out*
35. Mountains in Switzerland, Italy, France, and Austria
37. Look! (poetic)
41. Extraterrestrial (abbreviation)



## #16. Time



## Across

1. Twelve of this make a 23 down
4. Seven days
7. A fruit pressed for its oil, especially in Mediterranean lands
8. A straight line of objects
9. Say
11. Part of a circle
13. Opposite of 27 across
15. Make a mistake
18. Opposite of *yes*
19. Middle part of the day
22. The day after yesterday
24. Sixty of this make 3 down
27. Opposite of 13 across
29. Correlative of *neither*
30. The number of 3 down in a day

## Down

1. The early part of the day
2. At this time
3. 30 across of this make a day
4. Mental resourcefulness; verbal ingenuity
5. Short for *evening*
6. A snake-like fish
10. Allow, permit
11. Past tense of *eat*
12. One hundred 23 down
14. Therefore
16. Underground part of a plant
17. Past tense of *ride*
20. North America (abbr.)
21. Contraction of *I am*
23. One one-hundredth of 12 down
25. Resting place for travelers
26. Negative
27. Not *he* or *she*
28. Opposite of NE