

BARE BONES

WIN A COLLINS ENGLISH DICTIONARY AND THESAURUS SET, AND A BRADFORD'S CROSSWORD SOLVER'S DICTIONARY



Our Bare Bones Crossword is unique because you have to complete the grid - numbers and squares - as well. We have inserted four black squares and four clue numbers to get you going. The crossword has a four-way symmetry: both top and bottom and left and right match, so you can fill in 12 more squares straight away.

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There is a prize of a Collins English Dictionary and Thesaurus set, and a Bradford's Crossword Solver's Dictionary. Send your solution to: Bare Bones Puzzle No 984, The Mail on Sunday, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries must arrive by Friday, February 26 (photocopies not accepted). The winner's name will be published on March 14 from the first correct entry drawn.

Winner of Bare Bones No 981: Mrs Gill Yardley, of Burbage, Leicestershire.

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Across

- 1 Prisoners at home, organising teams
- 5 Old empire church book
- 9 Possess a new arrangement, for now
- 10 Thank you for being excessively generous (Two words)
- 11 Field of pleasure
- 12 Interim ruler finding charter, say, concealed
- 13 Solution disguised as sentence
- 14 Cases involved going round key entrance
- 17 Solve poem after month

21 Immense, losing gold - initial colour

22 Canoe managed excellent return around Australia

23 Creatures of same nature

24 Dorothy pursues fairy for a semi-precious stone

25 Made certain ruse worked, in conclusion

Down

1 Hero starts to inform director on latest

2 Rodents acquire new, affected walk

3 Fellow assistant after drink, very exactly (Three words)

4 Film some spirit, holding nothing

5 Rinse out means of control

6 Social group for average schoolchildren (Two words)

7 Only twisted new material

8 Filled a meringue with cheese

15 Hearten revolutionary queen

16 Sugary dessert

17 Fool caught inside hill

18 Rude murmur included protest

19 Dismissal of some meat

20 Forbidden ideas about a woman