

# 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 990, The Mail on Sunday, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries must arrive by Friday, April 9 (photocopies not accepted). The winner's name will be published on April 25 from the first correct entry drawn.  
 Winner of Bare Bones No 987: Douglas Williamson, of Crossgates, Fife.

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- Across**
- 1 Improvises some pasta
  - 5 Number happening to be found in Saxony's borders
  - 9 Old rope, for an artist
  - 10 The ram's turned into a pet
  - 12 Avid sort of performer
  - 13 Nurse has right fashion
  - 14 Moose getting seafood, discarding first couple
  - 15 Turned to small joke
  - 17 Some dictators have their own doctor
  - 19 Conveyance starts to buckle in kinetic energy
- Down**
- 2 Animal all right next to a Greek character
  - 3 Health worker used lantern inappropriately (Two words)
  - 4 Build upright
  - 6 Antelope from eastern country
  - 7 Seasonal character playing tunes nearby (Two words)
  - 8 Adjustment puts wife in wood
  - 11 Set to scan your head
  - 16 Stage changed shape
  - 17 Frenzy gives fellow excellent return
  - 18 Incantation from church worker
  - 20 Returning old king managed to find holy book