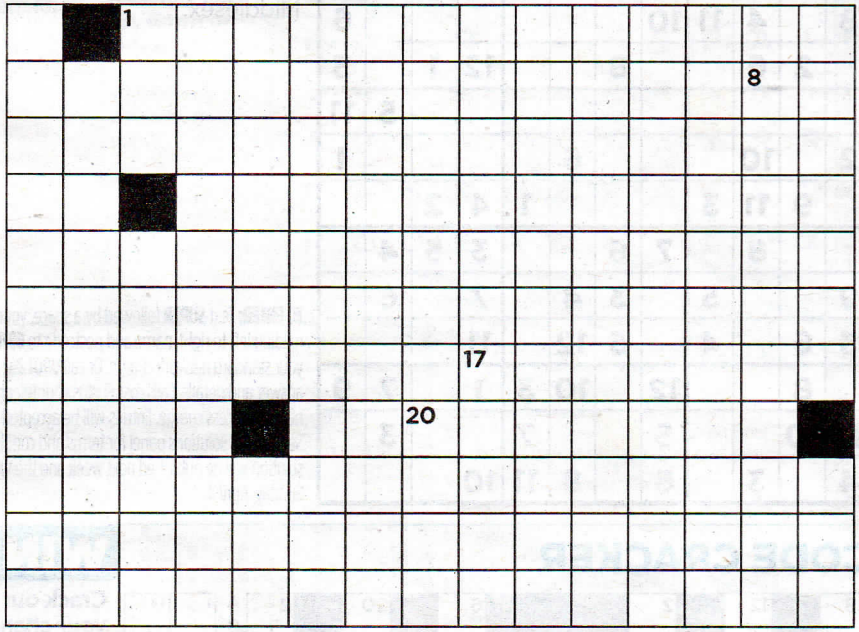
BARE BONES

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.



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 987, The Mail on Sunday, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries must arrive by Friday, March 19 (photocopies not accepted). The winner's name will be published on April 4 from the first correct entry drawn.

Winner of Bare Bones No 984: Dawn Dunn, of Millfield, Sunderland.

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Across

1 Church fellow, the Spanish prince, say (Two words)
9 William provided an invoice
10 Article on feet is a crime
11 Sarcasm not finished in press
12 Whiskers remaining after harvest
13 See big manoeuvre by European mob
14 Post her off a bit of poetry
17 Patriarch find actor behind some underwear
21 Request, in snow, is hard
22 Dance to nag about
23 Curse out of loathing
24 Nemeses are opponents of architecture (Two words, hyphenated)

Down

2 Not all mind having republican as a relative (Two words)
3 Plate-shaped bit of a flower
4 Left to see about dregs
5 Improper route is worked out
6 A swine at home gets a nudge to get an unseen purchase (Five words)
7 Tried working without English filth
8 Keep on griping about the smell
15 Follow the story audibly
16 Shut chains around cage
18 Cleaner and bishop reaching chamber
19 New star of film and music
20 Soon to get a French negative