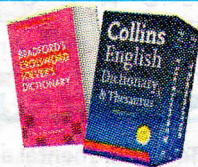


BARE BONES

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

Winner of Bare Bones No 980: Stephen Kloppe, of Croydon.

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Across

- 5 Warn a count about grasping current
- 7 Complaint by squad, not finishing drink (Two words)
- 9 Poet accepts vote, missing first post
- 11 Bert worried about a great deal in writing pad
- 12 Imagine reserve in children's edition (Two words)
- 15 Excuse on behalf of present

- 17 Fought to have Republican shown mercy outside

- 19 Flower, a big one, wild
- 20 Parasite broke my pearl

Down

- 1 Stick to prohibition outside
- 2 Vulgar person is a pig, by the sound of it
- 3 Students following notes for instrument
- 4 Dissuade daughter on tree cultivation

- 6 Addressing heartless couple in reprimand (Two words, hyphenated)

- 8 Suitable for rejection, exhausted (Three words)
- 10 Put out some medicine around university
- 11 Makes beer when injury is pronounced
- 13 Building a pickup van
- 14 Favourite queen and disciple
- 16 Grave injustice containing vital supplier
- 18 Ramp designed for infantile conveyance