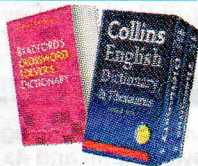
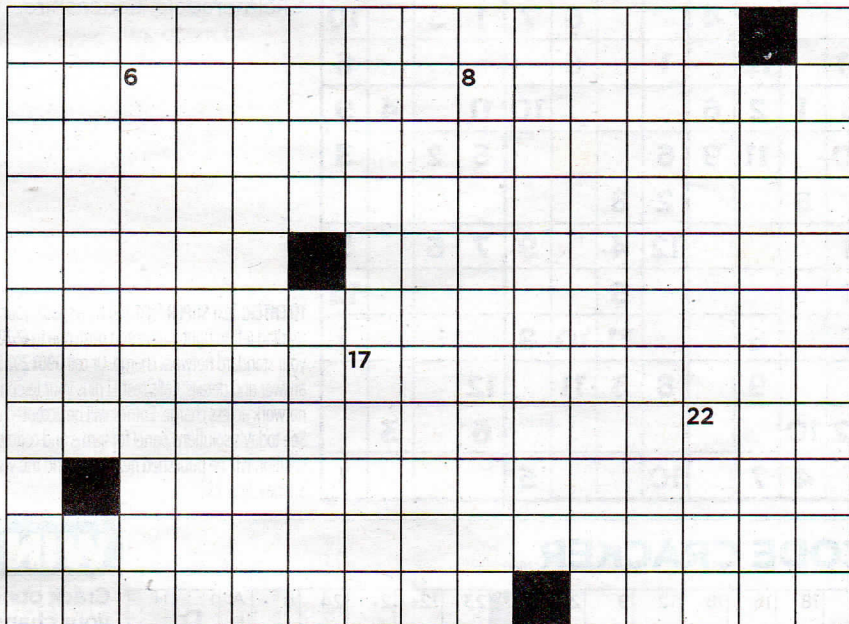


BARE BONES

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 994, The Mail on Sunday, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries must arrive by Friday, May 7 (photocopies not accepted). The winner's name will be published on May 23 from the first correct entry drawn.

Winner of Bare Bones No 991: Mrs M Lewis, of Beaworthy, Devon.

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ADDRESS

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Across

- 5 Any curve inside brings disorder
- 8 Building threat wasted energy
- 11 Appealing to remove last injury
- 12 Woman sculpted tin first, to be honest (Two words)
- 13 Claim a tenant concealed a rug
- 14 Tolerate a stream
- 15 Look happy, having sprinted initial distance
- 20 Sign of whole ownership

- 21 Methodical, about to get swapped for article that's pointed
- 22 Ruin found in Denmark
- 23 Hold first murderer, not free, inside
- 24 Hailed a large duet's performance outside

Down

- 1 Contrive to make a door
- 2 Instrument is mostly artificial
- 3 Second salesman is plump
- 4 Is better than pulses

- 6 Fear not - no problem for two, say
- 7 Oil patch spread around a sausage
- 9 Help a mere adjustment that's fleeting
- 10 Deadline for when clock needs winding (Two words)
- 16 Crowd makes fellow bolt
- 17 Earlier, name unknown pain
- 18 Confrontation about whip
- 19 Puritan finds parking discourteous