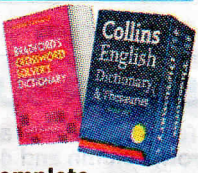
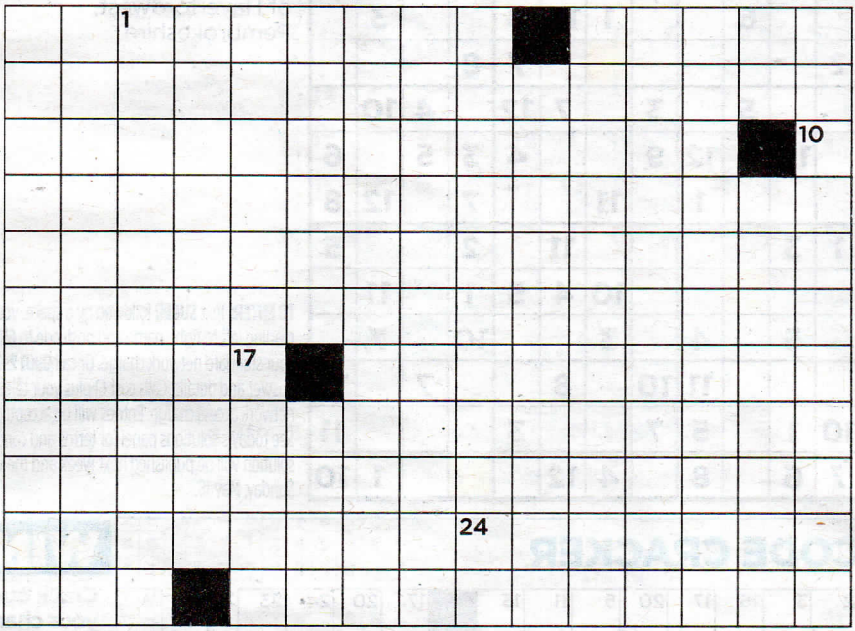
BARE BONES



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 993, The Mail on Sunday, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries must arrive by Friday, April 30 (photocopies not accepted). The winner's name will be published on May 16 from the first correct entry drawn.

Winner of Bare Bones No 990: Mr David Pollard, of Bradley, West Yorkshire.

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Across

7 Bothering about some jewellery
8 Stop working and go to bed
11 Annoying smirk spread about nothing English
12 Standing sculpture is about resistance
13 Notice page has left to get drunk
15 Manufactured domestic report
16 Go mad at acrobatic manoeuvre
18 Salesman of meagre proportions
21 Flavouring behind small, gold chipolata
22 The others finding flu treatment relaxing
23 Account repeated by one next to a shrub
24 Box on right shows sign of blast

Down

1 Portable food and drink lacked order inside (Two words)
2 Children remove king, a Cretan king
3 Catarina guesses source of internal complaints
4 Insignia at the top
5 Thong showing second catch
6 Wrong of true rebel to be without problems (Two words, hyphenated)
9 See aims get confused, like a twin
10 Stimulant for irrational students pursuing quiet record (Two words)
14 Honest about quantity
17 Confront Republican in fiasco
18 Impressive order for lager
19 Pressure put on grain cost
20 Huge vehicle gets an award