

# 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 991, The Mail on Sunday, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries must arrive by Friday, April 16 (photocopies not accepted). The winner's name will be published on May 2 from the first correct entry drawn.

Winner of Bare Bones No 988: Patricia Blakemore, of Aldridge, West Midlands.

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**Across**

- 7 Smile about taking pressure - easy
- 8 The first composer to go abroad
- 11 Era of pageantry
- 12 Expenses exceeding income for fisherman (Two words)
- 13 Long river almost produces nothing
- 14 Part of tree is in field, note
- 15 Sun shows beginning, but no ending
- 20 Krypton, say, generates gossip

- 21 I shall repeatedly include women's hostility (Two words)
  - 22 The woman in his head
  - 23 Unexpectedly asleep, if you don't mind
  - 24 Ember is new in drink
- Down**
- 1 Somehow upscale item, and it's set aside for posterity (Two words)
  - 2 Mention old tree
  - 3 Plane, plaything, lacking round dock
  - 4 Bend round and halt outside

- 5 Create affair around university
- 6 Detest working after method is given financial assessment (Two words, hyphenated)
- 9 Transportation makes time drag first
- 10 Warned lad tree is wobbling
- 16 Viral spread for opponent
- 17 Exhaust affable editor outside
- 18 Steal a tiny bit
- 19 Move furtively, making small connection