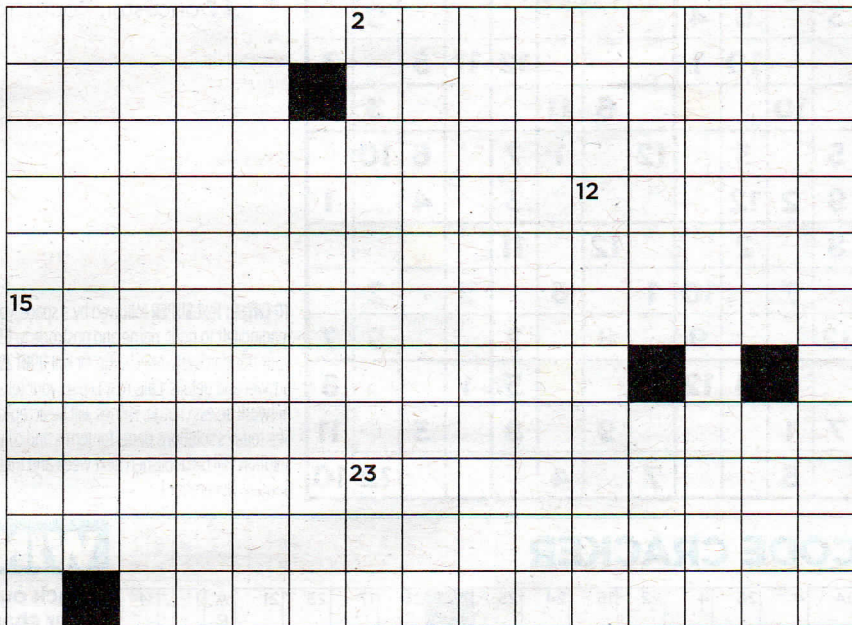


BARE BONES

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 965, The Mail on Sunday, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries must arrive by Friday, October 16 (photocopies not accepted). The winner's name will be published on November 1 from the first correct entry drawn.

Winner of Bare Bones No 962: Nick Collier, of Sandwich, Kent.

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Across

- 1 Feel he may be guilty
- 5 Work backwards - it's awkward in advance
- 7 Surpass open air event
- 10 He's on the staff!
- 11 Learn layout of the kidneys
- 12 Done away with fellow - enough said (Two words)
- 13 Members get secret number in delivery (Two words)
- 15 File involved a long sentence
- 16 Dour general conceals desire
- 17 Socialist head shows colourful quality

- 21 The first ceremony is hardly original
 - 22 Shop around, getting nothing for bands
 - 23 Talented consuming a drink
 - 24 Scoundrel has sensitive edges packed
 - 25 Late start is a fabrication at home (Two words, hyphenated)
 - 26 Pay to go round a city
- Down**
- 1 It makes spirits quiet
 - 2 Show indifference to an outer garment
 - 3 Finish directions to get daughter informed (Two words)

- 4 Number contains adequate symbol
- 5 Drunken soldier - tickly problem, lacking potassium
- 6 Society also travels to find insects
- 8 Moved orders out for royal symbol (Two words)
- 9 Leaving to add salt when there's no sport (Two words)
- 14 Boy of resonance
- 17 Rushes to get some instruments
- 18 Attorney takes sheep to a play
- 19 Vote during the lecture
- 20 Rock is small and healthy