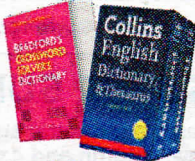
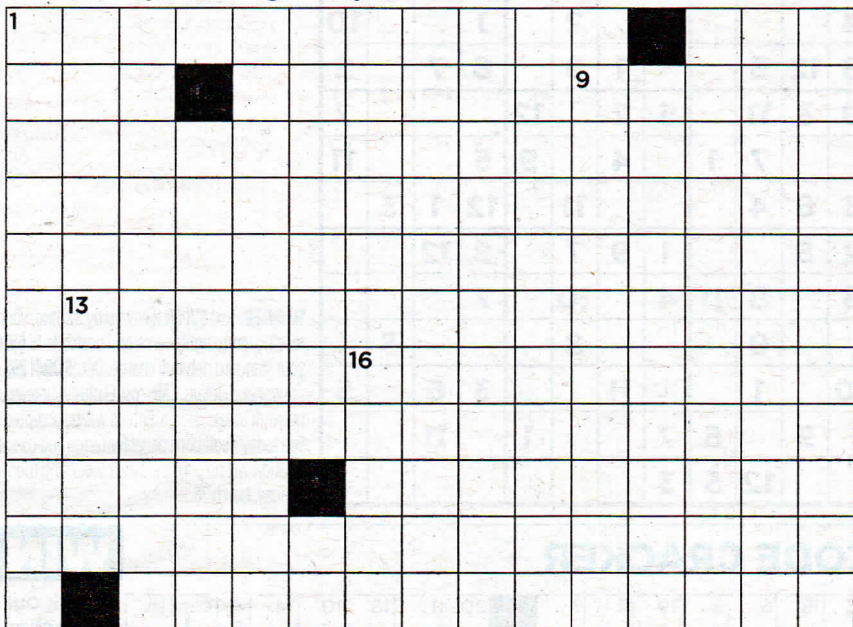


BARE BONES

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 986, The Mail on Sunday, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries must arrive by Friday, March 12 (photocopies not accepted). The winner's name will be published on March 28 from the first correct entry drawn.

Winner of Bare Bones No 983: Martin Rodney-Smith, of Ringwould, Kent.

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Across

- 7 Hope answer includes a vegetable
- 8 Advantage around everyone getting an airship
- 10 Laugh quietly and jump
- 11 Realise pain is outside - that is victory
- 12 Changing to straw, in the most serious case (Two words)
- 13 Note reservoir shows some snow
- 14 Remedy includes small oath

- 19 Fellow moron running in for insulin, say
- 20 Hinder composition by cross guitarist
- 21 Speciality with spies
- 22 Book name - 'Love adapted to city'
- 23 It's true - no longer cold and overweight

Down

- 1 A keyboard is endless, like bees
- 2 Composer unexpectedly paroled in his home (Two words)
- 3 Works and answers - first couple is missing

- 4 Using voices, losing hard colour
- 5 Quick dismissal for summer attire by hospital division (Two words)
- 6 Catches sight of acne
- 8 Pause, depressed, and seize up (Two words)
- 9 Fresh, old coin for a country (Two words)
- 15 Reporter follows son into cabin
- 16 Wait to play the first shot
- 17 Wife and husband get moose or seafood
- 18 Leaves former spouse to sit around