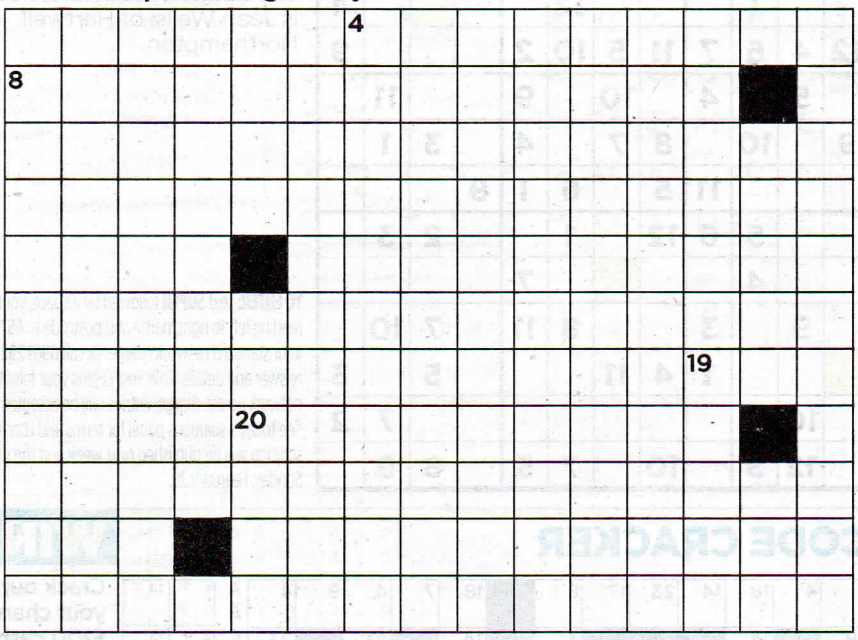
BARE BONES

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

Winner of Bare Bones No 979: Mrs Jennison, of Bournemouth.

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Across

1 Figures there's no energy in prestige
5 Survey facial features and point
10 Drinks supplier and common thief (Two words)
11 Mention corrupt military establishment (Two words)
12 Impetuous complaint
13 Fuel for Staffordshire city
14 Predator going backwards in stream
15 Supporter of foul nature
17 Loud note played outside, frequently
18 Flag a recipe containing a thickener
22 Tooth, incorporated, is gold
23 Exact summary, at the end
24 Belief in financial standing
25 Park-keeper gets scope right

Down

2 Smart form of transport
3 Long journey, often following star
4 Cooking stir-fry feast without recipe? Caution! (Two words)
5 Gloomy on investment for every condiment (Two words)
6 No arsenal would include sculls
7 Son finding shopping centre unimportant
8 Top student in astronomy? (Two words)
9 Maybe a minor yet vital employee (Two words)
16 Resort on front of Riviera is more pleasant
19 Reported chaps' appearance
20 Employed American journalist
21 Regarded as part of the play, say