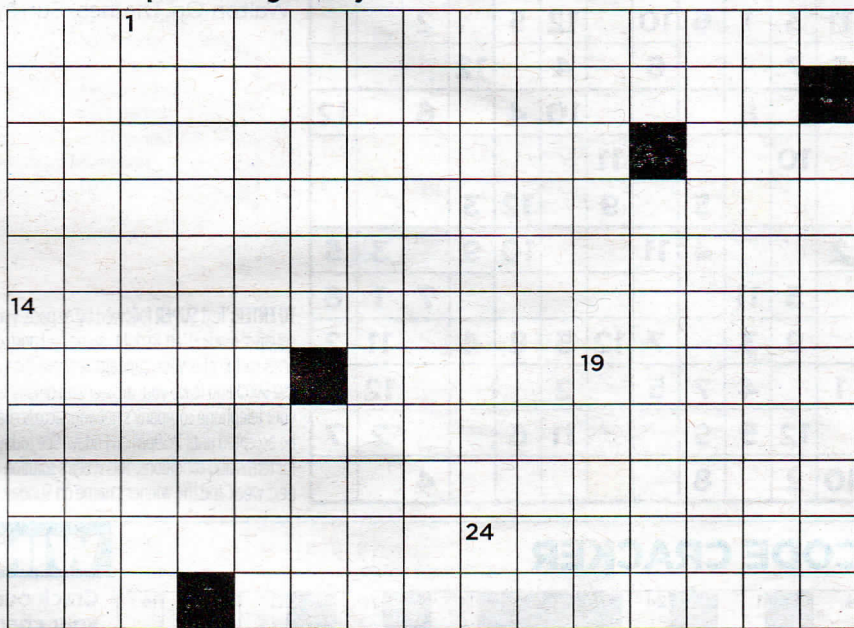


# BARE BONES

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 959, The Mail on Sunday, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries must arrive by Friday, September 4 (photocopies not accepted). The winner's name will be published on September 20 from the first correct entry drawn.

Winner of Bare Bones No 956: Mrs Glynis Jones, of Northampton.

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## Across

- 7 Tiny amount of time
- 8 Firework often found in salad
- 11 Pressure on international organisation to get joke
- 12 Opportunity left in part of church
- 13 Noticed something cold inside
- 14 Beams in lift, by the sound of it
- 15 Herb that makes money
- 20 Creative work in modest frame
- 21 Reading French article written about truce

- 22 Steel mechanism conceals a tree

- 23 Not broken during diplomacy
- 24 Tom has changed his full name

## Down

- 1 Organs acquiring pulses for food (Two words)
- 2 Eat a great deal around noon
- 3 Honour for being lamed, unfortunately
- 4 Mark has registered a knack
- 5 Climb seen in proportion

- 6 Shaman involved in mime dance (Two words)

- 9 Bird causes fight and argument
- 10 Change borders – new occasion, old money
- 16 If you don't mind, say entreaties
- 17 Notes about reduction being sharp
- 18 Place empty toy into something malleable
- 19 Form of code unknown, but it's a red herring