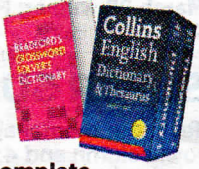
# BARE BONES

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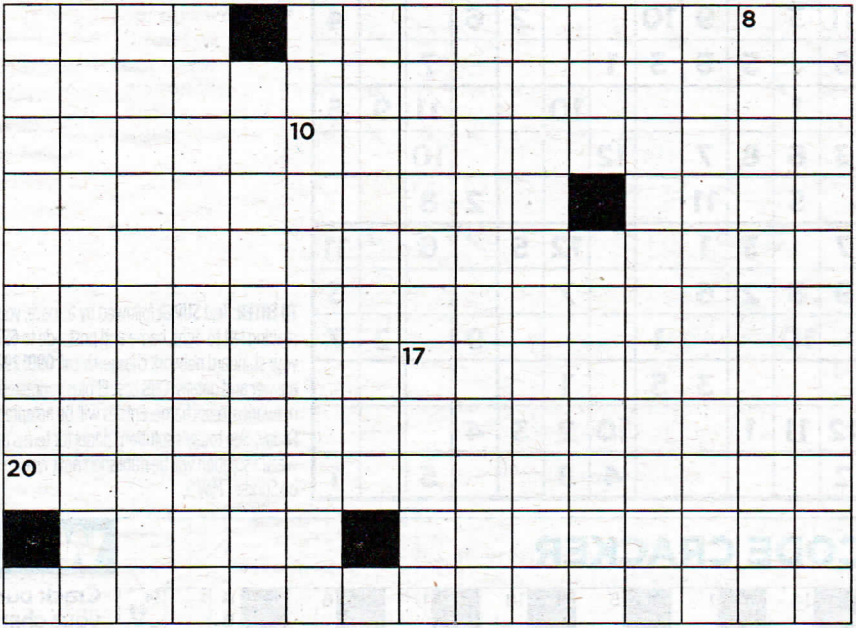
**Our Bare Bones Crossword is unique because you have to complete the grid – numbers and squares – as well. We have inserted four black squares and four clue numbers to get you going. The crossword has a four-way symmetry: both top and bottom and left and right match, so you can fill in 12 more squares 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 992, The Mail on Sunday, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries must arrive by Friday, April 23 (photocopies not accepted). The winner's name will be published on May 9 from the first correct entry drawn.

Winner of Bare Bones No 989: Graham Robertson, of Gillingham, Kent.

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**Across**

**1** The first to embrace a hooligan
**4** Misery is good, and terribly rife
**7** Elizabeth's wagers
**9** Forbidding going last next to edge
**10** Former pupil moves, yes, and complies
**11** Left group's opening number
**12** Containers holding new, light meals
**13** Change sides by mistake
**14** Stretch betting on inexperienced student
**18** Credit relaxation for groove
**20** Threw top off organ
**21** Happen to be firm about dog
**22** Gave a lesson about meat
**23** Appearing to have food
**24** Reported sudden increase in material
**25** Notice pressure – trickle

**Down**

**2** Champion gets new wader
**3** Willing to swap resistance for influential event (Two words)
**4** Before tax – that's vulgar
**5** Not moving diner tables outside
**6** Attached safety device, on the day
**7** Anxious person fobs avenger off (Three words)
**8** Pick-me-up, usually after a gin
**15** Quiet symbol – a piece of fruit
**16** Searches for an appearance
**17** People rallying first competitor
**18** Bend remedy to acquire victory
**19** Small rush to distribute