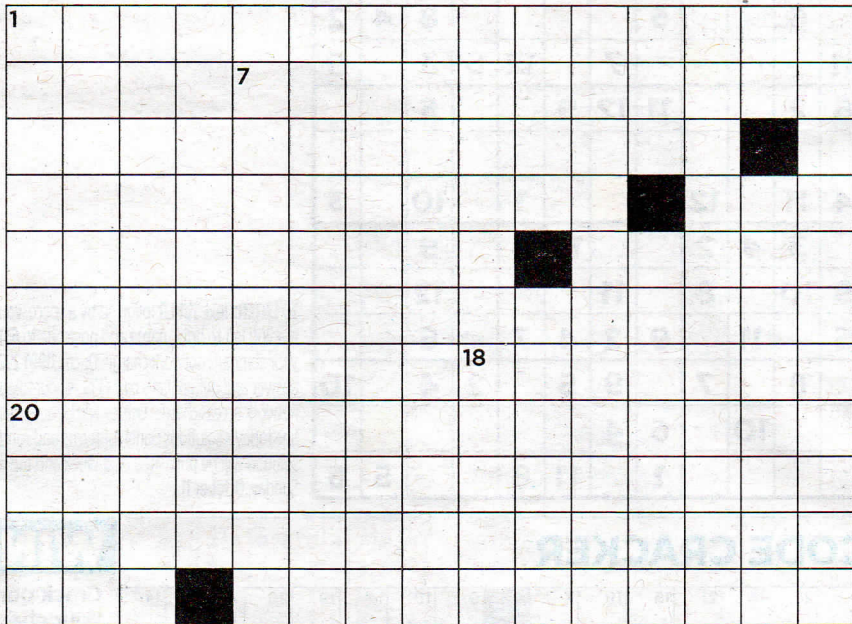


BARE BONES

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 962, The Mail on Sunday, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries must arrive by Friday, September 25 (photocopies not accepted). The winner's name will be published on October 11 from the first correct entry drawn.

Winner of Bare Bones No 959: John Turnbull, of Erdington, Birmingham.

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Across

- 5 Cool breeze from a barrel
- 8 Very little money for a cartoon
- 11 Whole time, hiding permit
- 12 Revealing monarch the other side of field
- 13 Guy doesn't finish, so is a failure
- 14 City guides, by the sound of it
- 15 Log transported by railway in splendour
- 20 You and I have nothing but sadness

- 21 Old coat wrapped round his middle revealing interesting things
- 22 Milking container for that sort of thing
- 23 Old moss formation is a gradual assimilation
- 24 Always set out to reach the highest point

Down

- 1 Road, ultimately, conceals no child
- 2 Cut seller's top wood
- 3 Stem betting on equipment
- 4 Away from a team
- 6 In control, managing the hamlet (Three words)

- 7 Girl talk - daughter's missing garment (Two words)
- 9 Divine way to end a meal? (Two words)
- 10 Being attacked for foreign articles on conflagration (Two words)
- 16 Succeeded, came first, needing oxygen, faint
- 17 Hippo is expected to have equilibrium
- 18 Provided information around four
- 19 Second woman to have fish