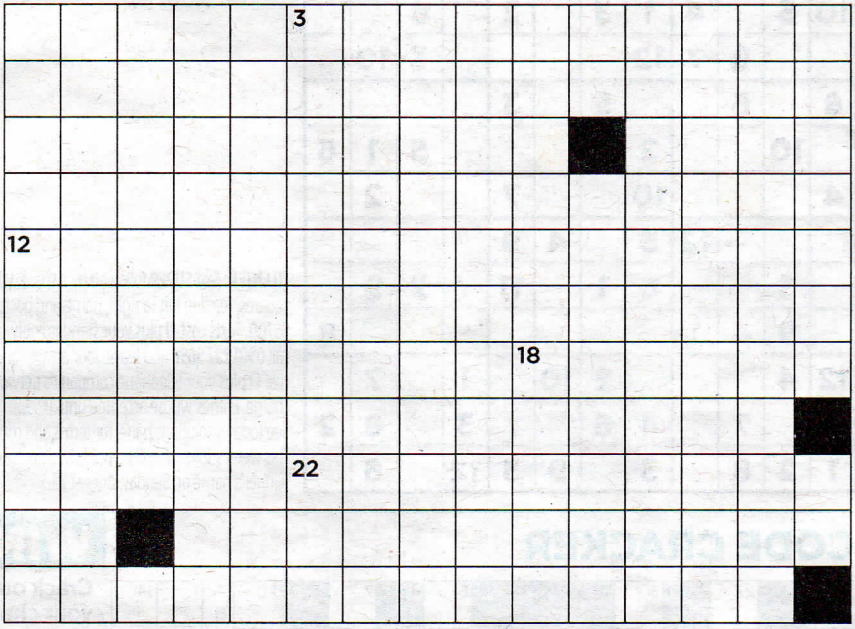
BARE BONES

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 955, The Mail on Sunday, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries must arrive by Friday, August 7 (photocopies not accepted). The winner's name will be published on August 23 from the first correct entry drawn.

Winner of Bare Bones No 952: Tina Barnwell, of Dawlish, Devon.

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Across

1 Replanted in broken bit of crockery (Two words)
9 British lad travelled without cover
10 Stop woman getting an instrument
11 Bunk conceals a piece of glass
12 Dismiss travel by an insect
13 Kind group to prepare for publication
14 Bill is singing well
17 Wicked old soldiers – not a good sign (Two words)
21 Musical professorship is a non-starter
22 Man confused cube with front of rectangle
23 Run inside, play in ancient city
24 Indentation refashioned, not by bullet (Two words)

Down

2 At home, expected series of lessons before long (Three words)
3 Why one has to knock, we hear, for prize guy?
4 Call for some jewellery
5 Devious ploy contains nothing silly
6 Both getting list in romantic setting (Three words)
7 Aim to wander around large country
8 The matter of the bag
15 Not far from one arsenal
16 Plotters get taxi to take a left
18 Nowadays, pet is trained to be skilful
19 Some hero satisfied god
20 Onion, say, is light