

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.

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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 964, The Mail on Sunday, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries must arrive by Friday, October 9 (photocopies not accepted). The winner's name will be published on October 25 from the first correct entry drawn.

Winner of Bare Bones No 961: Steven Leigh, of Halifax, West Yorkshire.

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Across

- 1 Subdivision of British farm
- 4 Coniferous tree is well groomed
- 9 Reactionary did play with instrument outside
- 12 Delight worker behind space next to church
- 14 Annoy Algarve's last couple with kiss
- 15 Relish bringing large animal round
- 16 Daily pressure on pear production
- 17 Old lady removed centre behind bush
- 18 Knock with hesitation for a candle

- 20 Bully queen, then cringe
- 22 Enthusiast from Brazil, say
- 23 I'm not playing, having left one form of poker (Two words, hyphenated)
- 25 Twist round English book on drink
- 27 Principal layout of petals
- 28 Turn wives off student

Down

- 2 Raid carried out by old medium
- 3 Resting place in Scotland
- 5 Hoping to conceal secret number
- 6 Caught the French politician in vice

- 7 Tires, sending note on some paving
- 8 Drifter is crazy to like Chinese food (Two words, hyphenated)
- 10 Temporary, during winter improvements
- 11 Obvious I have overcome slight damage
- 12 Discharge former spouse onto island
- 13 Imitation of ape and feline
- 19 Scheme involves one aviator
- 21 Complain when I change
- 24 Sick of villagers
- 26 Won over for the present